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AMPC	-The Amplified Classic Bible
TANT	-The Amplified New Translation
TLB	-The Living Bible
CEV	-Contemporary English Version
NASB	-New American Standard Bible
ISV	-International Standard Version
NIV	-New International Version
MSG	-The Message Translation
WEB	-The World English Bible
TNLT	-The New Living Translation
ASV	-American Standard Version
TEV	-Today's English Version
RSV	-Revised Standard Version
GNB	-Good News Bible
WNT	-Weymouth New Testament
NRSV	-New Revised Standard Version
MOFFAT	-Moffatt New Translation
WESNT	-Wesley New Testament
EBR	-Rotherham's Emphasized Bible
DRB	-Douay-Rheims Bible
TPT	-The Passion Translation
CJB	-Complete Jewish Bible

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Introduction

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-Pastor Chris Oyakhilome

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SUNDAY 1

SATURATE YOUR ATMOSPHERE WITH TRUTH



Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth (John 17:17).

As the words of the Lord Jesus reveal in our opening scripture, the Word of God is truth. You're responsible for saturating your own spiritual atmosphere with truth, and God's Word is truth. Therefore, every now and then, speak; release faith-filled words into the realm of the spirit. Saturate your environment with truth. Even in your prayers, pray the Word; release divine truths that create realities.

Words are powerful; they carry substance. When those words are God's truths, they go forth as spiritual missiles, shaping your world in line with your confessions. Even now, declare that you walk in victory and success continually in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Declare that you walk in prosperity and in divine health from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet.

Those are not mere words but spiritual releases; they penetrate the atmosphere of your life, influencing everything in their path. The Lord Jesus said in John 7:38,

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“...out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.” That means your words, spoken in faith and through the Spirit, flow out of you like rivers, impacting your world.

Just as water evaporates unseen into the sky and eventually condenses and pours down as rain, the words you speak may be intangible, but soon they'll pour down in results. So, speak into your city. Speak into your nation. Speak God's truths over your ministry, your family, job, business and finances. Don't relent. Keep pouring truth into the realm of the spirit. It'll obliterate the darkness, for the Bible says, ***“...the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not”*** (John 1:5); and the Word of God is light. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the power of your Word in my life and its transformative impact in my environment. I have a glorious life; I walk in success, prosperity and divine health. As I speak, rivers of living water flow from my spirit, causing your will to be established and the atmosphere charged with life, light, victory and righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Job 22:28; Isaiah 55:10-11; Mark 11:23

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 22:15-46 & Exodus 22-23

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 14:8-18 & Job 34-35



MONDAY 2

REAL SPIRITUAL TRAVAIL



Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved (Romans 10:1).

Before you minister God's Word to people, whether to an individual or to a group, I recommend that you pray fervently in intercession for them to receive the Word. Recall what the Bible says happened to seeds (the Word) that were sown into uncultivated ground; they choked and died (read the Parable of the sower in Luke 8:5-15).

The message you bear is too precious to be handled casually. You can't share such weighty truths without first ploughing the ground in the Spirit. The right prayer is vital for the message to bring transformation. In Colossians 4:12, Paul said, "***Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.***"

The underlined phrase is from the Greek verb "agonizomai", and it means to struggle, to contend, to fight; it's as one contending for something. During such prayer, it's as though you're seizing lives out of Satan's grip. You look at one who's yet to know the Lord or already

a Christian but doesn't take the things of God seriously, and your spirit refuses to let them remain in that state.

Therefore, you cry out to the Lord in their behalf, praying for them to be stirred in their hearts and to set their affection on Christ and His love. You pray that they walk in the fear of the Lord, guided by His Word, with their priorities aligned with His divine will. You intercede for their establishment in righteousness, their fervency in spirit, and their fruitfulness in every good work and that their lives bring glory to the Lord in all they do.

The most beautiful part is, as you pray for them this way, something happens in your own spirit. In those moments of intercessory tears and soul travail, the Spirit of God releases more grace into your life. You obtain help in the throne room and draw grace for others. It's how we transform lives through the ministry of the Spirit in prayer.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your grace at work in me as I labour fervently in prayer for those to whom I minister. Their hearts are prepared to receive your truth; every distraction is removed, and their affections are set on you, on things above; they are established in righteousness, fervent in spirit, and fruitful in every good work, bringing glory to you in all things, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Luke 22:44; Hebrews 4:16; James 5:16-18 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 23 & Exodus 24-25

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 14:19-28 & Job 36-37



TUESDAY 3

REFUSE SATAN'S ACCUSATIONS



And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night (Revelation 12:10).

Observe what the opening scripture tells us about Satan: he's the accuser of the brethren, the one who constantly brings charges against God's children. He accuses you before God, to others, and even accuses you to yourself. He thrives on guilt, condemnation and self-blame, whispering lies that sound like your own thoughts.

He could make you question your right-standing with God and doubt your righteousness in Christ. Maybe you've been praying about something and it hasn't yet manifested. Then, his voice comes, "The reason it hasn't happened is that you're not fasting enough; therefore, God is not pleased with you." Then, suddenly, you begin to feel guilty and start repenting and blaming yourself. No!

The Bible says we're not ignorant of Satan's devices (2 Corinthians 2:11). He's a liar and the father of lies. If God needs to talk to you about fasting, He won't need Satan's help to do it. Moreover, God never accuses or blames His children. He corrects, instructs, and guides us through

His Word and the Holy Spirit, but He never condemns or shames His own. That's Satan's strategy: to load you with guilt and make you question your righteousness.

Sometimes, you may find yourself holding someone responsible for something they never did or were guilty of. You're convinced they're guilty because Satan accused them to you. He stirs suspicion, resentment and division; refuse to give him the opportunity. Ephesians 4:27 says, ***"Neither give place to the devil."*** Don't give him the chance to peddle his lies, deceit, treachery and accusations around you. Believe only the Word and judge all things from the perspective of God's truth and His righteousness. Maintain your righteousness-consciousness and walk in love.

Righteousness-consciousness eliminates guilt, condemnation or inferiority, and places you above Satan, and his accusations. It also gives you the boldness and confidence to pray to God and expect answers. You're unafraid and unashamed before Him because you have peace with Him through the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1). Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for making me free from condemnation in Christ Jesus. My mind is filled with your Word, and I refuse to give place to the devil; his accusations have no power over me. I stand justified, sanctified and victorious in Christ Jesus. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 8:33-34; John 8:44 AMPC; 1 John 3:20

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 24:1-35 & Exodus 26-27

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 15:1-11 & Job 38-39



WEDNESDAY 4

RIGHTEOUSNESS—THE NATURE OF GOD



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).

When we talk about righteousness, it's often used so generically that many don't understand what it actually means. Righteousness is, first and foremost, the nature of God. It is His nature of rightness, His ability to be right and do right only and always. Just as we say God is love, meaning love is His nature, so is rightness His nature.

Furthermore, righteousness is God's perfection, accuracy and distinction in glory. Righteousness distinguishes God in glory from every other being. This righteousness is absolutely unattainable by man or any creature. Therefore, in His benevolence, God attributes, bestows or imputes His righteousness to man.

Romans 5:17 says, ***“For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.”*** The gift of righteousness refers to the legal righteousness that's been given to the whole world through Christ Jesus. But

righteousness is more than a legal standing; it brings us into oneness with God.

When you were born again and received eternal life, you became one with the Lord. You didn't only receive legal righteousness, you received His nature of righteousness. You became righteous with His righteousness. 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.”***

Now you can live right, walk right and talk right. He made you righteous so you can produce fruits and works of righteousness. It's your nature to live righteously before a righteous and holy God. Walk in the consciousness of this truth; you're justified, sanctified, and made perfect in Christ Jesus. You're the epitome of His righteousness. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for imparting to me your nature of righteousness. I walk in the consciousness of the truth that I'm justified, sanctified, and made perfect in Christ. I reign in life by righteousness and manifest your glory everywhere, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 5:17 AMPC; Philipians 3:7-9; Romans 4:2-5

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 24:36-51 & Exodus 28

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 15:12-21 & Job 40-41



THURSDAY 5

IT'S ABOUT FELLOWSHIP



But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly (Matthew 6:17-18).

When we fast, it's not because we want God to do something or give us something. He already did all He ever needed to do for us in Christ Jesus and has given us all things in Him. For example, 1 Corinthians 3:21-22 says, ***“Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; “Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours.”***

Things present, and even things in the future, have all been granted you in Christ Jesus. Every promise concerning you has been fulfilled in Him. With this understanding, live without any consciousness of lack. There's nothing you need that God hasn't already provided. 2 Peter 1:3 says, ***“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness....”***

Therefore, for the mature Christian, fasting isn't a tool for obtaining answers from God or seeking blessings

from Him. Rather, it's a sacred period where you withdraw from food and distractions to focus on the Lord in worship, praise, thanksgiving and fellowship. It's about fellowship. At such times, we can also engage deeper in spiritual warfare and topple forces that destroy men's lives.

Maturity in Christ brings you to this higher understanding. We pray because of our relationship with our heavenly Father, and prayer is the communion that deepens and sustains our fellowship with Him. So, don't fast and pray to get what's already yours. You're an heir of God and a joint-heir with Christ. You're the seed of Abraham. The world belongs to you. You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. Hallelujah! Therefore, pray in your love for the Master and, with fasting when required, engage the forces of darkness to deliver men from their thraldoms.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for granting me all things in Christ. I live with the consciousness that I'm a possessor of divine treasures. My prayers and fasting are expressions of love and communion with you as I walk in the reality of my divine heritage, in oneness with the Spirit, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Acts 13:2; 1 John 1:3; Daniel 9:3

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 25:1-30 & Exodus 29-30

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 15:22-31 & Job 42



FRIDAY 6

FRUSTRATE SATANIC AGENDAS



Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4).

It's important that we keep exercising our divine authority to frustrate satanic activities in our world and impede their agendas until their appointed time. 2 Thessalonians 2:7 says, ***“For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.”*** “He who now letteth” is us, the Church.

We're the restraining force against evil in the world today. We're the reason Satan can't rule this world until after the rapture of the Church. Satan knows this; remember when the Lord Jesus ministered in Jerusalem and Judea, the demons cried out to Him saying, “Have you come to destroy us before the time?” (Matthew 8:29).

They challenged Him on the matter of time, on legal grounds. They knew their destruction was certain but not yet due. They understood times and seasons, and they recognised divine legality. In the same way, we understand the legal authority of the Church in this present age. This present dispensation is the age of the Church, the Body

of Christ. We don't run concurrently with the reign of the Antichrist.

Though the spirit of Antichrist is already in the world, it can't dominate or subdue the Church. The Word declares, ***"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them..."*** (1 John 4:4). That means the Church has overcome, overshadowed and subdued the antichrist spirit, all satanic forces, and their agents.

So, when you issue decrees and command restraint over evil systems and satanic agendas, do so on the basis of this divine legality. It's perfectly consistent with God's eternal Word and His Word can't be broken. No demon can resist when you act from the perspective of the Word and divine authority. Rule, reign, and win with this truth every day. Keep Satan and his cohorts in check. Restrain them by exercising your divine authority in Christ.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for granting me the understanding of your Word and the authority to restrain evil in our world. I decree that satanic agendas are frustrated by the power of the Holy Spirit, and righteousness, peace and truth reign in the nations. The influence of darkness is broken, and the Church of Jesus Christ triumphs continually, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 NKJV; Matthew 8:29;
1 John 4:3-4 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 25:31-46 & Exodus 31

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 15:32-41 & Psalm 1-2



SATURDAY 7

AMBASSADORS OF PEACE



And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house (Luke 10:5).

From our opening scripture above, we see that our Lord Jesus made us ambassadors of peace and told us exactly how to minister peace. He said, “When you enter into a house, first say, Peace be to this house.” He didn’t say to wish it silently or to think it; He said to say it because there’s power in your words. You speak with heaven’s authority.

Then, He said, ***“...If the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again”*** (Luke 10:6). That means peace is transferable. When you speak peace, you release divine substance—the very peace of Jesus Christ Himself—into that environment. And if it’s not received, it returns to you, full and intact. Glory to God!

When you pray for nations or cities, the Lord has given us the same pattern. Speak peace to them. Say, “Peace be upon Bulgaria. Peace be upon Nigeria. Peace be upon Ghana. Peace be upon Hungary. Peace be upon Poland. Peace be upon Russia. Peace be upon the United Kingdom. Peace be upon the United States of America.”

Speak peace to the nations of the world. Declare it boldly. You're an oasis of peace in a troubled world.

Remember what the Lord said in John 14:27, ***“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”*** Speak as one that has actually been given peace by the Prince of Peace Himself. We're bearers of His peace that surpasses understanding. And His peace always comes with prosperity, for peace and prosperity are bound together in divine harmony.

Peace also means power over crisis, power over turbulence and the raging negative circumstances of life. Just as the Master declared peace over the raging tempest when He was sailing with His disciples (Mark 4:39), speak peace over your home, your family, and everything that concerns you, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for making me an ambassador of peace. I carry the peace of Christ everywhere I go. I speak peace to my nation, to its leaders, and to all people. I declare that peace and prosperity prevail in my home, in my family and amongst my loved ones, in the mighty Name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Isaiah 52:7; John 14:27 AMPC; 2 Thessalonians 3:16

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:1-30 & Exodus 32-33

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 16:1-10 & Psalm 3-4

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SUNDAY 8

HE TOOK YOUR BLAME



And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight (Colossians 1:21-22).

How gracious and loving the Lord is, to think that He actually took responsibility for your errors! He took responsibility for your sins. All that time you were blaming yourself for something terrible that you did, you actually didn't have to because God put all the blame on the Lord Jesus.

When He hung on the Cross, all your sins and mistakes; past, present and future were fully remitted. So, today, even when Satan and others blame you, or you blame yourself, it makes no difference. There's no judgment against you, for the Bible says, ***"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit"*** (Romans 8:1).

There're people who, when they do something wrong, find it difficult to forgive themselves, sinking into guilt and regret. No! Believe in the Lord Jesus and what He accomplished for you. Stop blaming yourself. The Bible says, ***"And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath***

he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight” (Colossians 1:21-22).

Think about it! He didn't say you never did anything wrong; rather, in spite of all the wrong things you've done, He's not mad at you. He reconciled you to Himself. He made you righteous, holy, sanctified, glorified and justified. That's Christianity. That's the Gospel. That's the message He sent us to tell the world; that He's not holding men's sins against them: ***“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them...”*** (2 Corinthians 5:19).

The price has been paid. The guilt has been lifted. Everyone who believes is free to live in God's righteousness, peace and joy forevermore. Romans 5:8-10 says, ***“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us...For 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.”*** Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the wonderful truth of your Word. I rejoice because Jesus took my blame; now I live free from guilt, condemnation and accusation. I'm holy, unblameable, and unproveable in your sight. I live in your presence justified, sanctified and glorified, rejoicing in the liberty of your grace, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Isaiah 43:25; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 10:14;
Colossians 1:21-22 NIV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:31-56 & Exodus 34-35

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 16:11-18 & Psalm 5-6



MONDAY 9

YOU'RE THE SOLUTION



And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).

No problem has ever existed before its solution was born. Always remember this! I've often said that problems gravitate towards their solutions. If the seed of a solution is in you, then the problem will come looking for you. That's why certain challenges find their way to you; it's because you carry the answer within you.

There may have been challenges you've faced in life; it's because God ordained them for your victory and promotion. Don't fear troubles and trials; they're the springboard to your next and higher level of greatness and promotion. The Bible says, "...Count it all joy when you go through diverse tests" (James 1:2). Why? It's because your victory is assured.

So, when you face challenges, say, "Dear Lord, thank you; I was born for this!" The Word declares, ***"...all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose"*** (Romans 8:28) This means you can never be disadvantaged. This

is the reality. 1 John 5:4 says, “whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.”

Anything born of God, whether it's you, your words, your dreams, your vision, or your ideas, they overcome the world. 1 John 4:4 says, ***“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”*** That means you're born of Him, fashioned in victory, and programmed for success. You're not a victim but a victor.

You're the answer, the solution the world is looking for. You were born to win, to reign, and to manifest the glory of God. Romans 8:19 says, ***“For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God”***; and that includes you.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your glory and righteousness that radiate and manifest through me. Your Word is at work in me, and I'm walking in the light of my victory in Christ Jesus. I live above circumstances, knowing that all things work together for my good. I'm born of you, and I've overcome the world, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Philippians 4:13; Joshua 1:9; Isaiah 41:10;
Romans 8:37-39

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:57-75 & Exodus 36-37

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 16:19-28 & Psalm 7-8



TUESDAY 10

NO SUBSTITUTE TO THE NEW BIRTH



Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God (John 3:3).

There are people who think if their good works outweigh their bad works, then God would accept them. But it's not about good works and bad works; it's about your nature. Galatians 6:15 says, ***“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.”*** Being a new creature, with the life and nature of God is what determines your place with Him.

It's for the same reason the Lord Jesus said, “You must be born again.” That wasn't a denominational idea or a church doctrine. It's your only access to eternal life. He said, ***“...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God”*** (John 3:3). In other words, that person can't access, know or understand the Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is already here in Christ Jesus, but you can't be part of it until you're born again.

John 3:6 says, ***“That which is born of the flesh is***

flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

This new birth is the recreation of the human spirit by the Holy Ghost through the Word of God. It's not a religious experience; it's the impartation of the life and nature of God into your spirit. That's why the Lord said, ***“Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again”*** (John 3:7).

There's no alternative; it's not a matter of choice or personal preference. If you're going to be part of God's Kingdom, you must be born again to experience the God-life and come into oneness with Him. It can't happen any other way. Perhaps you're reading this and you've never been born again, turn to the prayer of salvation page at the end of the book, say the words and mean them with all your heart. Right away, you'll become a child of God with eternal life imparted to your spirit.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. I affirm that I'm born again, a new creature in Christ Jesus. I walk in the reality of the divine life and function in your kingdom of light, righteousness and glory. Thank you for making me one with you, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Titus 3:5-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Peter 1:23

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 27:1-26 & Exodus 38-39

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 16:29-40 & Psalm 9-10



WEDNESDAY 11

PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT



Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered (Romans 8:26).

Praying in the Spirit is the most effective way for us to pray as Christians. But praying in the Spirit is in two parts. The first is when your spirit prays by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, giving you words in the Spirit in other tongues. As you pray in those tongues, your spirit is energised, built up like a towering edifice: Jude 1:20, ***“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.”***

1 Corinthians 14:4 says, ***“He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself....”*** This is why we tell God’s people to speak in tongues a lot. It keeps your spirit, soul and body supercharged with the power of God. You’re edified, fortified, strengthened with might in your inner man by the Spirit. Hallelujah!

But then there’s also a second level of praying in the Spirit that’s also of great blessing and benefit. This time, it’s not your spirit that’s praying but the Holy Spirit Himself praying or making intercession through you. That’s what we read in our opening scripture.

In the first one, He gives you utterance, you speak words in tongues. But in this case, there's no utterance; you don't speak in a known or unknown language; rather, what comes out of you are deep sighs and groanings of the Spirit. At that level, the Holy Spirit takes over completely, praying through you in perfect harmony with the will of the Father.

When you allow the Holy Spirit to intercede through you this way, the result is always glorious. The scripture says, ***"...He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit..."*** (Romans 8:27). It's not your mind or your understanding; it's the Spirit's mind being expressed through you. The ensuing verse 28 reveals part of the outcome, ***"...all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."*** Yielding to the Holy Spirit to intercede through you causes all things to align and work out in your favour, including adverse or challenging situations. That's the power of praying in the Spirit, amongst several other blessings and benefits. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the precious gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps me to pray according to your perfect will. Even now, as I pray in the Spirit, I'm filled with your power, and my life is aligned with your purpose, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 8:26-28 AMPC; Ephesians 6:18; Acts 1:8

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 27:27-44 & Exodus 40

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 17:1-9 & Psalm 11-13



THURSDAY 12

THE LAW OF THE DOUBLE PORTION



But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his (Deuteronomy 21:17).

Many misunderstand what the Bible refers to as the principle or law of the double portion. According to this principle, let's say a man had six sons to whom he was required to apportion his inheritance. He was required to divide his inheritance into seven equal parts or portions. Each son would receive one portion, while the extra or seventh portion was given to the firstborn.

That extra portion to the firstborn means he got the "double portion." He got double what everyone else got; it's not about receiving twice as much as what the father had. The double portion is the right of the firstborn, a mark of inheritance, a symbol of leadership and heirship in the family. The one who received the double portion became the heir and the one recognized to carry on the father's authority and name.

Genesis 48:5-6 shows that Reuben, the firstborn of Jacob, was entitled to the double portion. But he lost it due to his transgression. The inheritance was transferred to Joseph, who received it through his sons Ephraim and Manasseh. This is why there are two tribes, Ephraim and Manasseh, named after Joseph, instead of only one tribe.

The same principle is what Elisha referred to when he said to Elijah, ***“...I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me”*** (2 Kings 2:9). He wasn’t asking for twice the “anointing” Elijah had; how is that even possible? Rather, he was requesting to inherit Elijah’s position as the leading prophet, as the ‘firstborn’ as it were, among the school of prophets.

When Elijah was taken up by a chariot of fire, Elisha saw it happen. The mantle of Elijah fell, and Elisha picked it up. Returning to the Jordan, he asked, “Where is the Lord God of Elijah?” and struck the waters. The Jordan parted just as it had for Elijah. When the sons of the prophets saw this, they bowed before Elisha and declared, ***“...The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha...”*** (2 Kings 2:15). They recognised that the same spirit, the same prophetic office and authority was now upon Elisha.

That’s the true meaning of the double portion: inheriting the same authority and position, not necessarily asking for more power or “double anointing”; there’s no such thing. You already have the Spirit living in you in His fullness. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for granting me understanding through your Word. I walk in the knowledge of my inheritance in Christ, exercising authority and dominion as your heir. Your Word enlightens my path and causes me to function in wisdom and truth, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 3:34; Ephesians 3:17-19; John 1:16

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 27:45-66 & Leviticus 1-3

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 17:10-21 & Psalm 14-16



FRIDAY 13

LIVE ABOVE SATAN'S INFLUENCE



Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve (Luke 22:3).

Judas Iscariot was one of the twelve disciples of the Lord Jesus. He walked with the Master, heard His teachings, and witnessed His miracles. Yet, Judas had a weakness; he loved to take what didn't belong to him, and that opened the door for Satan to take control of his heart.

The Bible tells us Judas was the treasurer for Jesus' ministry and often stole money from the bag (John 12:6). What he didn't realise was that Satan exploits a person's weaknesses, the very sins they love, to control and destroy them. Judas thought he was being clever, but he was actually being led toward his own downfall.

The Scriptures reveal that Judas went to the leaders of the Jews and offered to betray the Master. When he led the soldiers to Jesus and betrayed Him with a kiss, Jesus looked at him and said, **"...Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"** (Luke 22:48 NKJV). Even then, Judas felt no remorse.

It wasn't until he saw Jesus condemned to death that the horror of what he had done truly struck him. Filled with despair, Judas went out and hanged himself. He was lost forever. That's how Satan works. He blinds his victims

with deception and desire until they no longer understand themselves. He drives them to commit acts they can't explain and choices they can't undo.

Judas never intended to become a murderer, but sin is a path with no safe distance. Think about how many people today, like Judas, are led astray by greed, anger, or lust! Many murderers, robbers and violent men have families, parents, or children they love. Yet they commit the unthinkable and later ask themselves, "Why did I do that?"

People can be driven by unseen influences when they yield to wrong desires. That's why it's important to guard your heart. Never allow greed, bitterness, lust, or anger to find a place in you. Fill your heart with the Word and yield yourself to the Holy Spirit. That's how to keep Satan out and live above his influence, walking in righteousness and truth.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the light of your Word and the ministry of your Spirit that keeps me walking in righteousness and truth. My heart is filled with your love, and my thoughts are aligned with your will. I refuse every influence of Satan and walk in the wisdom, purity and power of the Spirit, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 13:2; James 1:14-15; Ephesians 4:27-31

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 28 & Leviticus 4-5

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 17:22-34 & Psalm 17-18



SATURDAY 14

ADMINISTRATORS OF THE CHRIST ECONOMY



*But ye are come unto mount Sion,
and unto the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an
innumerable company of angels, To
the general assembly and church of the
firstborn, which are written in heaven...
(Hebrews 12:22-23).*

Think about the country or nation where you live; who plans its economy? You have the executive branch, Congress or Parliament, as the case may be. They decide what happens. The Bible lets us know that we belong to a higher assembly called the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn.

That means we're part of the divine body that determines what happens in the heavenly economy, the economy of Christ. Each of us has our name registered in heaven. We're not outsiders or spectators; we're participants in the administration of divine resources on earth. So, what are you doing about the Christ economy, which is God's divine system of supply and resource management intended to bring salvation, blessing, and

transformation to the world?

The Christ economy was designed for the salvation and prosperity of nations, and we're its dispensers. Stop thinking like someone waiting for financial miracles; use the Name of Jesus. When you speak, resources align, doors open, and supply flows. In the Christ economy, abundance never stops; it flows ceaselessly. That's where you live: in superabundance and overflowing grace, where everything you require is continually supplied for you to administrate for Kingdom growth and expansion. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I'm a dispenser of divine treasures, walking in continual supply and abundance. I function with heavenly wisdom, directing resources for the advancement of God's Kingdom and the salvation of nations. I live in the flow of endless increase and prosperity, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Philippians 4:19; 2 Corinthians 9:8;
Ephesians 3:8 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 1:1-20 & Leviticus 6-7

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 18:1-11 & Psalm 19-20



SUNDAY 15

THE CHALLENGE OF EXCELLENCE



Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm (Daniel 6:3).

Before I was a teenager, I said to some of my friends, “I’ll never be poor.” They laughed and said, “How dare you say that? Do you know the future?” Then I gave them an answer they probably didn’t expect. I said, “one of the reasons I know I’ll never be poor is that I can shine shoes and I can wash cars too.” Back then, I used to clean my dad’s shoes, and wash his cars, and I was very good at them because I learnt from him.

Even as a child, I added value to myself. I learned skills, developed abilities and was determined to be excellent at whatever I did. And excellence is not just about skill; it’s a mindset. The Bible talks about Daniel, that an excellent spirit was found in him, and the king made him a ruler because of it. Excellence promotes you!

In everything you do, refuse mediocrity. Develop your mind. Broaden your knowledge. Study, read, learn, and grow. Excellence requires diligence and hard work, but it’s worth it. Even the way you dress should reflect the

excellence of Christ. You're royalty. You're a child of the King; therefore, dress neatly, talk intelligently, and carry yourself with honour. Don't be late to work or for your appointments. Arrive early, plan your day, and strive to always be ahead.

God doesn't suddenly make you a king; He trains you first. Every experience in your life is part of that training. You've got to win at each level to move higher. If you're a leader, put more into your leadership. If you teach or lead a cell, study more and make your meetings richer and more impactful. Let people see growth in you. Don't be the same person you were last year; grow, improve, and advance.

If you're into sports, be the best. Be so valuable to your team that they'll do anything to keep you. Excellence makes you indispensable. Be so excellent at what you do that no one can ignore you. That's the challenge of excellence: becoming the best for the glory of God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the spirit of excellence at work in me. I'm diligent, disciplined and dedicated to improvement. My mind is alert and productive; I'm creative and innovative. I function with wisdom and distinction, and I'm continually adding value to my world. I excel in all I do, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Proverbs 22:29; Philippians 3:13-14; Colossians 3:23

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 1:21-45 & Leviticus 8

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 18:12-23 & Psalm 21-22



MONDAY 16

THE POOR IN SPIRIT



Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:3).

When the Lord Jesus said, “Blessed are the poor in spirit,” He wasn’t referring to those who lack material possessions. Rather, He meant those who, in their spirits, have given up everything to God. These are people who don’t hold anything back in their service of the Lord. You may see them surrounded by abundance, yet in their hearts, they’ve counted those things as nothing. They can give and spend anything for the sake of the Gospel.

The Apostle Paul expressed this in Philippians 3:8 when he said, ***“Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord....”*** You must come to that point in your life where the only thing that truly matters is the purpose of Christ, His eternal Kingdom, and the advancement of the Gospel of His salvation.

People may see you with beautiful possessions but those things don’t have dominion over you. The Spirit of God can tell you to give everything as an offering,

and there'll be no hesitation or argument. That's what it means to be poor in spirit; you've relinquished ownership of everything to God. You have a heart that's completely yielded to Him in love. Your satisfaction isn't in the fleeting pleasures of this world but in Christ alone.

Notice what the Lord said about those who live this way; they're the ones to whom the Kingdom of heaven belongs. The "kingdom of heaven" is the divine order of Christ's dominion established in the earth. It's the life and authority of heaven manifested here and now to bless and transform men's lives. The poor in spirit dispense the glories of the Kingdom and live out heaven's realities on earth. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for bringing me to a place of total submission to your will and purpose. My heart is yielded to you completely; nothing in this world holds my affection above your will. I live only for the purpose of the Gospel, to saturate the world with the Word. I'm a steward of divine treasures, using all that I have for your glory and the expansion of your Kingdom, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Philippians 3:7-8; Matthew 6:19-21 & 33

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 2:1-22 & Leviticus 9-10

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 18:24-19:1-7 & Psalm 23-24



TUESDAY 17

A HEART THAT BEATS WITH COMPASSION



Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted (Matthew 5:4).

In the opening scripture, the Lord Jesus wasn't referring to people mourning out of sorrow; rather, He was speaking prophetically, using the language of the prophets. In the Old Testament, when prophets mourned, it wasn't over personal grief. They mourned because of the state of God's people, for example, their disobedience, captivity, or spiritual decline. They cried out in intercession, burdened for the souls of men and the honour of God's Name.

So, when the Lord Jesus said, ***"Blessed are they that mourn,"*** He was referring to those whose hearts are moved by the things that move God. This kind of mourning is born of love and compassion. It's not sorrow for self but godly sorrow for others, an intercessory response to the spiritual condition of people and nations.

For example, you hear that someone has stopped going to church, or that a Christian has grown cold in their faith, and then your heart aches, not in judgment but in prayer. You weep before the Lord, crying out for their restoration. And thanks be unto God! The Lord assures that those who mourn like this, those who weep in prayer for others, shall be comforted.

The comfort comes when the answers manifest, when you see that person restored, when you see their lives

changed and their situations turned around. Intercession moves the heart of God. There're times in prayer when words fail and tears speak; it's part of the deep travail for souls. There're moments when the burden is so strong that all you can let out are deep sighs and profuse tears of intercession (Romans 8:26).

And as you weep, the power of the Spirit goes into operation. I have experienced that many times. I have files with names of people I've prayed for through the years, some of whom today are ministers of the Gospel and leaders in different churches. Some had bad attitudes; some were inconsistent; others faced struggles in their business or faith. I wrote their names down and interceded for them with tears.

But today, seeing their transformation, I rejoice; I'm comforted. When your heart beats deeply with compassion for others, you align yourself with the very heart of God. Your intercession becomes His channel of comfort and change in the world. So, let your heart be tender. Let compassion move you to prayer.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for giving me a heart that beats with your compassion to always intercede with passion and love for the lost, the weak, and the straying. Through my prayers, lives are changed, restored, and your Kingdom advances mightily. Thank you for the comfort and joy of answered prayer, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Ezekiel 9:4; Isaiah 66:10; Psalm 119:136

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 2:23-3:1-12 & Leviticus 11-12

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 19:8-20 & Psalm 25-26



WEDNESDAY 18

THE WORD IN YOU



...receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls (James 1:21).

The Word of God is anointed; it possesses the inherent ability to produce in you what it talks about. For example, when you meditate on the Word on protection and imbibe that message of divine preservation, you no longer need to pray for protection. The Word becomes your protector. The Bible declares, ***"..his truth shall be thy shield and buckler"*** (Psalm 91:4).

That's what the Word does; it becomes in you what it talks about. When you hear and receive the Word on prosperity, it will manifest prosperity in your life. The same applies to the Word concerning health; it produces divine health. Proverbs 4:20-22 says, ***"My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh."***

The Word is life and medicine to your flesh but only if

you keep it in your heart and in your mouth, and live by it. There are some who have been sick for a long time and aren't getting better because they haven't kept the Word in their hearts and in their mouths.

Keeping the Word in your heart and in your mouth is meditation; it'll get rid of any health issue in your body. It'll cleanse your blood vessels and get rid of the tumour. The key to divine health and whatever else you may desire in life is the Word in you; it'll produce what it talks about.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the power of your Word that's at work in me. Your Word produces health, strength, wisdom, protection and prosperity in me. I live in the reality of all that your Word says about me. Thank you for the blessing of knowing your Word and living accordingly, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Proverbs 4:20-22; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; James 1:21-25

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 3:13-35 & Leviticus 13-14

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 19:21-29 & Psalm 27-28



THURSDAY 19

CONTINUAL FELLOWSHIP WITH THE SPIRIT



For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace (Romans 8:6).

Oftentimes, people struggle to have true fellowship with the Holy Spirit because they're constantly living from their minds. They're children of the flesh, occupied with earthly consciousness, filled with worldly considerations, and driven by natural contemplations. Yet, the Bible says, ***"...to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."***

If there's anything that should be constant about you, it's living in perpetual fellowship with the Holy Spirit, recognising His person, talking with Him, and walking with Him daily. 2 Corinthians 13:14 says, ***"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."***

Talk to the Lord always. Don't pray only when you need something; instead, maintain that ongoing communion of love between your spirit and His. That fellowship is what He desires. Keep it alive. 1 Corinthians 1:9 says, ***"God is***

faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.” Fellowship is communication, communion, a drinking together.

From Genesis to Revelation, we find that God talks. He spoke creation into being. He talked to Adam, to Noah, to Abraham, to Moses, to the prophets, and through His Son, Jesus Christ. Even today, through His Word and the Holy Spirit, He’s still talking. So, learn to listen and talk back to Him in true fellowship. That’s life in the Spirit. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for bringing me into divine fellowship with you. I’m conscious of your presence in me and rejoice at the privilege and blessing of communing with you always. Through that fellowship, I’m guided, strengthened, and inspired to live the higher life in Christ and fulfil my purpose, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 1:3; John 16:13-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:17

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 4:1-20 & Leviticus 15

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 19:30-41 & Psalm 29-30



FRIDAY 20

BUILD YOURSELF WITH THE WORD



*For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...
(Proverbs 23:7).*

Take a moment to think about the kind of person you are, the thoughts you think, the way you act and respond. If someone else were exactly like you and given to you as a friend, would you like that person? Some might say yes; others might hesitate. But whether yes or no, the point is clear: you're what you have made yourself to be.

Every thought going through your mind right now is a reflection of what you have become. Over the years, what you have consistently listened to, read, and watched has steadily moulded your thinking, your values, and ultimately, who you have become. You reason the way you do because of what you have made out of yourself. You're your own handiwork.

The Scripture shows that life is from within. Who you are outwardly is only the expression of who you've become inwardly. That's why God gives us His Word, to reshape our minds and fill our spirits with divine thoughts. When you fill your heart with God's Word, you'll unveil His glory,

wisdom and excellence.

That's why the Bible says, ***“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord”*** (Colossians 3:16). Then Acts 20:32 says, ***“And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”***

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your Word that builds, trains and transforms my life from glory to glory. My thoughts, words and actions are aligned with your Word, producing excellence, wisdom and beauty in my life. I'm your workmanship, full of your glory and goodness, manifesting your righteousness everywhere, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 12:2; James 1:22-25; Proverbs 4:23

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 4:21-41 & Leviticus 16-18

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 20:1-12 & Psalm 31-32



SATURDAY 21

USE THE RIGHT LANGUAGE



For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned (Matthew 12:37).

Words are “things”; they carry spiritual substance. Oftentimes, God’s people are robbed of greater blessings because they speak the wrong words. Your language is the expression of your understanding; it reflects what you know. And sadly, many have developed a language of limitation because they’ve been wrongly influenced by their environment.

As a child of God, you must speak right. This is beyond mere positive thinking or motivational communication. It means speaking truth, and the Word of God is truth (John 17:17). When you speak the right words of God’s truths long enough, they’ll communicate a mindset to your spirit and produce results that are consistent with that mindset.

It’s not merely the words themselves that make or mar; it’s the language they form, the system of thought they represent. That’s why you must speak in accordance with the revelation knowledge of God’s Word. For example, some would say, “Oh, when we started worshipping in church, the presence of God came down upon us.” It sounds spiritual, but it’s incorrect.

The presence of God doesn't come down from heaven when you worship; you carry His presence. You're His temple, and God lives in you permanently. He doesn't come and go. When we come together in worship, His presence is manifested, not imported. Similarly, don't say, "We enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise." That was David's revelation under the old covenant. Today, we're in His presence; we live there. You don't enter and exit God's presence; you dwell there permanently. Hallelujah!

Train yourself to use words consistent with your divine nature. Align your language with the New Testament revelation of who you are in Christ, and you'd experience ever-increasing glory and consistent victory and progress in life.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the revelation of your Word that enlightens my spirit. My words are full of grace and power, producing in me victory, excellence and glory. I speak always in line with your truth, expressing your divine thoughts through my words, and I'm continually transformed from glory to glory by the power of your Word, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Proverbs 18:21; Mark 11:23; James 3:2-5

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 5:1-20 & Leviticus 19-21

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 20:13-24 & Psalm 33-34



SUNDAY 22

YOU ARE THE WAY



Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (John 14:6).

Many people say God will make a way where there seems to be no way. It's a wonderful encouragement. But such expressions aren't scripturally correct, especially when you understand who Christ has made you to be. In the New Testament, God isn't "making a way" for you; rather, He's made you the way.

The Lord Jesus said, ***"...I am the way, the truth, and the life..."*** (John 14:6). He was our way to God and the blessings of the Kingdom: deliverance, divine health, and every blessing that the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ consummated for us. He brought us to the Father in our salvation. Now that we're in Him, we are, to every sinner, the way to God.

That's why when you study the book of Acts, you'll see that the church is called "The Way." We have become the way. Why would you be looking for the way when you're the way? Moreover, the Lord Jesus said, ***"...I am the light***

of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

As He is, so are you in this world. Inside us is the way out of trouble, and the way that lights up the darkness.

We never walk in darkness or confusion; we never find ourselves out of the way. If you don't know what to do, pray in the Holy Ghost and your eyes will be opened, and you will be led. The Bible says, ***"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God"*** (Romans 8:14). So, don't quote Old Testament blessings without understanding them through the light of the New Testament. The New has replaced the Old (Hebrews 8:13). Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

Dear Father, thank you for bringing me into oneness with Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I live in the light of your Word and walk in the wisdom of the Spirit. I am never lost, never confused and never disadvantaged, for Christ is in me, and I am alive in Him. Glory to God!

FURTHER STUDY:

John 14:6 AMPC; Acts 9:2; Acts 22:4-5 NKJV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 5:21-43 & Leviticus 22-23

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 20:25-38 & Psalm 35-36



MONDAY 23

PRACTISE WHO YOU ARE



But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil (Hebrews 5:14).

When you were a child, you didn't immediately start walking the moment you were born. Your bones and muscles hadn't yet developed. No one would have tried to make you stand on your tiny limbs that couldn't yet carry your weight. But as you grew stronger, your parents began to help you sit up, and soon enough, you could sit on your own.

Before long, you started creeping, and eventually could stand unaided. Then you began learning to walk. And even when you stumbled and fell while attempting to walk, you were aided and supported until you could walk perfectly, and today you walk without even thinking about it.

That's also how spiritual growth works. Don't say, "If I were truly a child of God, how come sometimes things don't work out as I desire? Your identity isn't in question; you're a child of God, alright. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirits that we are the children of God (Romans 8:16). Therefore, it's about your training, not your identity.

You've got to be trained in righteousness and in the ways of the Kingdom. You must exercise yourself in the

Word. You must practice the Word. The Christian life is one of practise. We're Word practitioners. You practice love. You practice faith. You practice your divine authority. You practice joy, peace, and dominion until you live them effortlessly.

Practising the Word is doing the Word: James 1:22-25, ***“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”*** So, keep training yourself. Keep putting the Word to work. Keep practising who you are, and as a result, walking in victory, prosperity, health and wisdom will be as natural to you as breathing. Glory to God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for training me through your Word and by your Spirit in the way of righteousness. I walk in your truth and function from the Kingdom's perspective. My faith is strengthened, my understanding deepened, and I live every day in mastery and victory because I live in and by your Word, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Timothy 4:7-8; Philippians 4:9; Hebrews 5:12-14

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 6:1-29 & Leviticus 24

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 21:1-9 & Psalm 37



TUESDAY 24

YOU CAN HAVE GRACE MANY TIMES MORE



But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen (2 Peter 3:18).

The Bible tells us to grow in grace, to take advantage of the grace that's in Christ Jesus. Don't stay in the grace you had last year. It worked then, but there's more. God wants you to move to new and higher levels of grace. You can have grace many times more. You might ask, "How can I make this happen? The Word of God shows us exactly how.

2 Peter 1:2 says, ***"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord."*** Notice that it says "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you," not added but multiplied through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. The more you get to know God through the Word, the more His grace in your life multiplies exponentially.

The knowledge of God that multiplies His grace in your life is "epignosis" (Greek). It means full and exact knowledge, knowledge that unites you with its object.

Without that intimate, revelation knowledge or “epignosis” of Christ, your grace could be stagnant or only go from little grace to a little more grace. But as you study and meditate on the Word to know the Lord more, the increase is sudden.

That’s when you realize that your abilities have increased. Your influence, prosperity and greatness keep spreading. It’s part of the reasons He tells us to meditate on the Scriptures: ***“Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all”*** (1 Timothy 4:15).

The Word “appear” is from the Greek “Phaneros”, and it means to spread abroad, to be distinctly known to all. So, when the grace of God is multiplied in your life, apart from the increased capacity or ability to do more, your prosperity, influence, greatness, impact, and the extent of your dominion are far-reaching and unmistakably known to all. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for showing me the way of increase. I grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. My grace is multiplied through revelation knowledge. I function in higher levels of ability, favour and influence, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

James 4:6; 2 Corinthians 9:8 AMPC; Colossians 1:9-10

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 6:30-56 & Leviticus 25

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 21:10-17 & Psalm 38-39



WEDNESDAY 25

FOREVER VICTORIOUS



Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all (Psalm 34:19).

Sometimes, in life, there're trials, temptations and difficult days. There can be persecutions, hardships and crises that come unexpectedly. But the Bible says, ***"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors..."*** (Romans 8:37). You already conquered before the trouble came; therefore, refuse to be ruffled. Maintain your faith-posture and attitude of dominion.

The Lord Jesus said in John 16:33, ***"...In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."*** When He overcame the world, you were in Him, which means you've overcome the world, the adversities therein and the adversary himself. So, today, any challenge you face, "came, to pass."

The Lord Jesus said to those who came to arrest Him, ***"...this is your hour, and the power of darkness"*** (Luke 22:53). But that moment was temporary; it came, to pass. Afterwards, the crucified Son of God was out of the grave, and now He reigns forever, leading us in a perpetual victory parade: 2 Corinthians 2:14 MSG, ***"... In the Messiah, in Christ, God leads us from place to place in one perpetual victory parade...."*** Hallelujah!

When tough days come, don't question yourself or ask, "Did I make a mistake? Why is this happening to me?"

Challenges are part of life, but they're not a factor because you always win. The circumstances of your life don't define your true character or identity in Christ. The Bible says, ***"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution"*** (2 Timothy 3:12).

But in James 1:2, God tells us how to respond; He says, ***"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations."*** Why? It's because no persecution, test, trial or challenging situation can overwhelm you. You were born a victor. The Bible says, ***"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee"*** (Isaiah 43:2).

So, remain confident that no matter what happens, all things work together for your good. Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4). Be certain that victory is yours always in every situation.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your Word that strengthens and preserves me. No matter the situation, I stand firm in faith, knowing that you've made me a victor in Christ. My confidence is in your unfailing Word, love and power of the Holy Spirit at work in me. I rejoice always, knowing that in Christ I'm forever triumphant, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 4:17-18; 1 John 4:4; Psalm 91:1-7;
Romans 8:35-37

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 7:1-23 & Leviticus 26-27

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 21:18-26 & Psalm 40-41



THURSDAY 26

BORN INTO DIVINITY



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).

When you were born again, what the Bible says is that you were baptized into Christ: ***“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?”*** (Romans 6:3). Galatians 3:27 says, ***“For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”***

So, being born again, you were born into God, into divinity, by the Word, through the Spirit of God. You were actually received into Christ. That’s why the Bible says, ***“...If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature...”*** (2 Corinthians 5:17); he’s born anew with the God-life and God-nature.

Your human life was not merged with eternal life; it was replaced by it. This is what the Bible teaches. And if you don’t know it, you’ll never live in the reality of the divine life. Your knowledge of it activates the experience. That’s why in 1 John 5:13, the Spirit, through the Apostle John, tells

us, ***“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....”***

God wants you to know that you have His life in you. That life doesn't cohabit with sickness, disease, or infirmities; it destroys them. The divine life in you is incorruptible, indestructible and impregnable to failure and death. But if you don't know it, you'd live as a mere man, suffering the same afflictions as those without Christ.

That's why you must understand what it truly means to be born again. It's to have the pulsating life of Christ in you. It's to be translated or transferred from mortality into immortality, from humanity into divinity. Blessed be God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the revelation of eternal life that I have in Christ Jesus. I walk in the consciousness that I have the life and nature of God in my spirit. This life makes me superior to sickness, disease and darkness. I live victoriously always, demonstrating the divine life in me, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 3:5-7; 1 John 5:11-12; Romans 6:4;
John 1:12-13

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 7:24-8:1-13 & Numbers 1-2

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 21:27-39 & Psalm 42-43



FRIDAY 27

THE KEY IS WALKING IN LOVE



But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves (James 1:22).

Someone once wrote me a letter wanting to know how to overcome arrogance with God's help. He had been perceived as arrogant and genuinely wanted to dismiss that trait from his life and personality. That was a wonderful desire. Simply wanting to change was his first step toward victory over it.

But here's what you must do when you desire a change in any area of your life: act on the Word. Be a doer of the Word as read in our opening scripture. Respond to God's Word and live accordingly. So, in dealing with arrogance, for example, you act on the Word. Ephesians 5:1-2: ***"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love...."*** The key to overcoming arrogance is walking in love.

Then the Bible says in Galatians 5:22-23, ***"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."*** The fruit of the Spirit refers

to the natural product of the recreated human spirit, the born-again spirit. These qualities are part of your innate nature and love is one of them.

Galatians 5:19-21 lists the works of the flesh, and arrogance is of the flesh. Choose to walk in humility, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control. These qualities are already within your spirit. Cultivate and develop them by walking in love. Every so often, declare, “I will walk in love.” Make that decision, and you’ll experience the glory of God in your life in a remarkable way, because love is His nature and the way of victory.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your Word that purifies and renews my heart. Your love is fully expressed in me. I walk in humility, meekness and love toward others. Arrogance has no place in my spirit, for the beauty of Christ is seen and heard in my words, thoughts and actions, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 4:1-2; 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 MSG;
1 John 2:3-5

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 8:14-26 & Numbers 3-4

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 21:40-22:1-10 & Psalm 44-45

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SATURDAY 28

THE BASIS FOR OUR FAITH AND CONFESSIONS



We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak (2 Corinthians 4:13).

Faith isn't about empty confessions or mere repetition of words. For example, merely saying "I'm well, I'm well, I'm well" isn't what makes you well. If you're trusting in that, you've turned faith into works, a kind of spiritual labour that doesn't produce results.

Here's how it works: the Scripture says, "I believed and therefore have I spoken"; so, it starts with believing, before speaking. What's the basis upon which you're saying "I'm well?" The foundation of our faith is in what Christ has already done.

Therefore, the reason you say, "I refuse to be sick" is because He already gave you divine health, and you refuse to give it up. Regardless of how you feel in your body, when anyone asks, "How are you?" You say, "I'm well" because, according to the Word, you have the life of God in you that's impregnable to sickness, disease or infirmities.

It's the same reason you declare, "I refuse to be poor," because Christ has made you rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9 says, ***"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that,***

though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.” Your confessions are not attempts to make the Word of God real in your life; rather, they’re affirmations of what’s already true in Christ, so you declare, “I am rich in Christ.”

Our faith in who we are in Christ, what we have, and our heritage and abilities in Him is the basis for our confessions. Our faith is anchored in the finished works of Christ. Our confessions, therefore, bring them into manifestation. Furthermore, we also have the creative ability to bring forth things that never existed before. That’s a different operation; it happens by the spoken Word of God in your mouth (Greek: “rhema”).

When you speak by the Spirit, you frame new realities, whether spiritual or material. But when you affirm your health, prosperity, or victory, you’re not creating them but acknowledging and activating what Christ has already made yours. Glory to God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for granting me an understanding of the true basis of faith. My words are full of power because they’re anchored in the finished work of Christ. As I declare your Word, the realities of my inheritance in Christ; my health, wealth, and victory are activated and manifested, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Philemon 1:6; Romans 10:10; Hebrews 11:1-3;
Mark 11:23

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 8:27-38, 9:1-13 & Numbers 5-6

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 22:11-30 & Psalm 46-49

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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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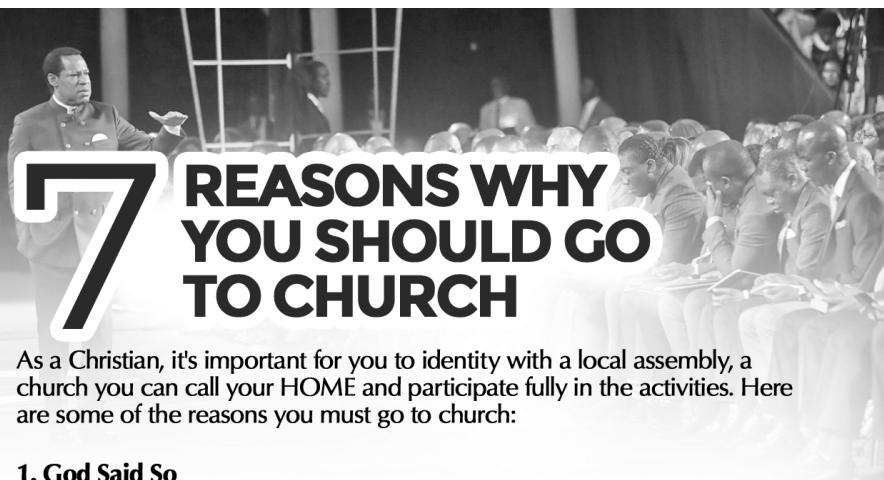


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As a Christian, it's important for you to identify with a local assembly, a church you can call your HOME and participate fully in the activities. Here are some of the reasons you must go to church:

1. God Said So

God desires His children to attend church meetings. The admonition is clear in Hebrews 10:25 for us not to forsake the assembly of the brethren.

2. Jesus Did, Showing Us A Pattern To Follow

Jesus had a culture of going to "church." It was part of His personal discipline and devotion (Luke 4:16).

3. It's The Vehicle By Which You Function In The Body Of Christ

The local assembly is a microcosm of the spiritual body of Christ. You function in that Body by functioning in the local assembly.

4. The Church Is The Pillar And Ground Of Truth (1 Timothy 3:15)

The Church is the pillar and ground of Truth where you're taught the Word of God. The teaching of God's Word is crucial for victorious living.

5. The Church Is A Place Of Fellowship With Other Christians

Fellowship with other Christians is essential to the growth of a believer. We sharpen ourselves as we fellowship together in church.

6. The Church Is A Place Where Christian Growth And Character Are Enhanced

God ordained certain offices in the Church for the benefit of the Christian; for growth and to sharpen his spiritual development (Ephesians 4:11-16).

7. The Church Is A Place Of Training

The Church is a place where discipline is imparted. God sets instructors who are able to instruct you in the truth and help you culture your life.

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Reports

“Healed Of Excruciating Knee Pain”

I came in contact with Rhapsody of Realities through my son. For years, I suffered from excruciating pain in my knees. It affected my movement and my daily life, and nothing seemed to bring lasting relief. As I consistently studied God’s Word through Rhapsody of Realities, I noticed the pain gradually decreasing. The more I stayed with the Word, the stronger and freer I became until the pain completely disappeared. Today, I move freely. Glory to God!

-M.S Port Novo

“Rhapsody Brought Peace To My Home”

It was during a visit to a friend that I was introduced to Rhapsody of Realities. At the time, I was going through a season of confusion and persistent troubles in my home. My husband and I were constantly at odds, and it affected the children deeply. There was hardly a moment of peace, and the situation became increasingly uncomfortable for both the kids and me. As I continued to study the devotional, the heaviness I had carried for so long began to lift. Peace gradually replaced it and transformed the atmosphere of my home. Today, my home is a place of comfort and safety for my family, and we are now living together as a happy family rooted in God’s Word from the Rhapsody of Realities. Hallélujah!

-N.M Cameroun

“My Miracle Baby”

I'm from a Muslim background, and at a point in my life, I suffered an ectopic pregnancy that required surgery. After the procedure, the doctors informed me that I would not be able to have children again. The news was devastating and left me completely heartbroken. In my search for a solution, God led me to Rhapsody of Realities. Day after day, I stayed with the Word. The simplicity and truth in the devotional strengthened my faith and restored my hope for the possibility of pregnancy. Against all medical expectations, I conceived and gave birth to a miracle baby. Praise the Lord!

-A.K. Kenya

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