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- KJV The King James Version
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- NASB New American Standard Bible
- NIRV New International Reader's Version
- NIV New International Version, 1984 Edition
- RSV Revised Standard Version
- TLB The Living Bible
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Pastor Chris says 🛓

"Every time you want an idea, you'll get it on your knees in prayer. It's that time your spiritual eyes are open and you begin to see....You must spend time in prayer until visions come to your spirit...It's the ideas that come to you while you are praying that will bring your vision into the material world. If you meditate upon these ideas long enough, till you are fully persuaded and they become real to you, your dreams will materialise."

- Culled from "Recreating Your World"





LIVE LIKE JESUS

Monday,

(Start The New Year Right By Following The Lord's Example)

TO THE BIBLE 1 John 4:17 "...As He is, so are we in this world."

LET'S TALK

appy New Year! Oh, what a beautiful year 2024 will be as we set our eyes on the Lord! You know, every time I read about Jesus in the Word, I'm greatly inspired. I see no greater example for life, nor a greater model. I'm inspired by His thoughts, by His deeds, by His passion, by His love, and by His excellence. His words went forth with transformative power. Men heard Him and were transformed forever. Demons heard His voice and scampered in terror. Circumstances responded to His words.

How could He be so powerful and yet so loving, forgiving, and gracious? Jesus inspires me so much that all I ever want is to be like Him. He sent us the Holy Spirit to help us act like Him, think like Him, and be powerful, loving, and passionate like Him. When you're filled with the Spirit, you're filled with Jesus. That's the Spirit that defined His earthly existence. Today, in His love, He gave us the same Spirit in full measure. Hallelujah! No wonder He said, "...As the Father has sent Me, I also send you" (John 20:21). So, we go with the same love, the same power, the same passion, the same forgiveness, and the same grace. Hallelujah!

Don't entertain anything that'll make you bitter or enraged towards someone else. Let Jesus inspire you. Walk in

love and inspire others to love. Be like Jesus! When He walked this earth, He was God tabernacled in human flesh, full of grace, glory, and truth, and the Bible says, "...As He is, so are we in this world" (1 John 4:17). That means you can think, walk, talk, and act like Him!



Go Deeper

1 Peter 2:9; John 1:16; Colossians 2:10



Speak

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for being my inspiration and the personality of my deepest affection. You're full of grace, glory, and truth—so powerful yet so loving, forgiving, and gracious! Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to make me the very embodiment of your character and personality. Your grace, wisdom, love, and righteousness are manifested in and expressed through me today and always. Amen.

Daily Bible Reading		_
ONE YEAR	TWO YEAR	
Matthew 1, Genesis 1-2	Matthew 1:1-14, Genesis 1	
Act		-

Emulate the Lord's demonstration of love and graciousness today. Choose your words carefully, speaking kindly, and greet those around you with warm smiles.





STAY FULL!

Tuesday,

(Practise Being Full Of The Spirit Always)

TO THE BIBLE Ephesians 5:18 AMPC

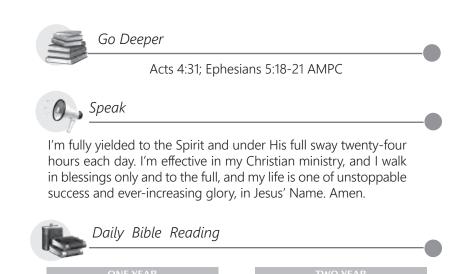
"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but ever be filled and stimulated with the [Holy] Spirit."

LET'S TALK

When I just started in ministry, whenever I had an upcoming programme or event, I always knew I had to be prepared by being filled with the Spirit. And so I practised being filled with the Spirit just as Ephesians 5:18 says. When I got filled like that, there was always a manifestation of the supernatural. But later on, I thought to myself, "If being filled with the Spirit every now and then could be so wonderful, how about staying filled with the Spirit?"

That glorious power that was available and in manifestation during those events, I wanted it always for my daily life. I discovered that being filled with the Spirit could actually be always; I went for it and stayed there! It's like swimming: there's a way one might swim and get drowned; there's also a way to swim and remain afloat. I discovered I could swim in the Spirit and stay afloat.

I discovered that was what God always wanted for us: staying filled with the Spirit, which was much easier than being filled occasionally. It's a practice. You can go from practising being filled with the Spirit sometimes to being filled every day, and then learn being filled always. Study and meditate on Ephesians 5:18–21 (AMPC) to learn how to be filled and stay filled with the Spirit. It's the best life! You can't stay filled with the Spirit and be dominated by sickness, failure, or lack. You'd discover that your results are endlessly increasing, your life is forward and upward, and you walk in blessings only. Hallelujah!



Matthew 2, Genesis 3-5

Matthew 1:15-28, Genesis 2

Act

Put into practice Ephesians 5:18-21, speaking to yourself in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, making melody in your heart, and be full of the Spirit today!



My Notes



NOT A WASTE OF TIME!

(When You Pray, You Cause Significant Changes In The Spirit)



TO THE BIBLE Ephesians 6:18 CEV

"Never stop praying, especially for others. Always pray by the power of the Spirit. Stay alert and keep praying for God's people."

LET'S TALK

"Marcia, why do you devote so much time to prayer?" Vanessa inquired.

"Yeah, is prayer your entire focus? Spending extensive hours in what seems like idleness and a waste of time won't bring about change, Marcia," Laurie remarked.

In spite of her roommates' criticisms, Marcia cherished her daily intimate moments of prayer even more, having witnessed firsthand the transformative power of prayer in her life.

Those who don't understand the power in prayer and don't understand the spirit realm are the ones who think that prayer is the lazy man's way. John Wesley, the great English minister, once said, "It appears God will do nothing except we pray." He made this important statement because he observed that changes took place in his life and ministry and in society when he and others prayed.

There're many results we'll never see except we pray. It's God's way of relating with us; He asked us to do it. Jesus prayed, and He taught us to pray. He said, "...*Men ought always to pray and not to faint*" (Luke 18:1). Why did He pray so much? It's because He was living in a world of darkness and needed to effect changes in men's lives. It's one of the reasons He was so effective. With so much going on in our world today, we should never think we're helpless; there's something we can do. Any Christian can actually effect changes. Don't be like the person who says defeatedly, "All I can do is just pray." No. We don't just pray. In our prayers, we're purposeful enough to make definite changes. God never told us to "just pray" as a form of religion. He told us to pray so that things would change to our advantage.

Remember what Jesus said: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..." (Acts 1:8). That power is the dynamic ability to cause changes and it's in you now. So, when next you take up a matter in prayer, no matter how urgent it is, don't for a second think you're wasting time by praying. Instead, be conscious that you're bringing the power of the Spirit of God to bear on that situation.



Go Deeper

1 Corinthians 14:14-15; 1 John 5:14-15; 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Pray

Dear Father, I thank you for the privilege of prayer, which gives me the opportunity to enforce your will in the earth and exercise dominion over circumstances, Satan, and his cohorts of darkness. Thank you for the blessing of praying in the Spirit, thus, praying according to your perfect will and bringing the power of the Spirit to bear in every situation, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Daily Bible Reading		
ONE YEAR	TWO YEAR	
ONE TEAN	TWO TLAK	
Matthew 3, Genesis 6-8	Matthew 2:1-12, Genesis 3	
Act		
Go ahead now and speak in other	tongues, edifying yourself in	

My Notes

the spirit and magnifying God.



READY FOR THE RAPTURE?

(The Lord Is Coming With A Shout!)



TO THE BIBLE 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 ESV

"For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words."

LET'S TALK

How I'm looking forward to the coming of the Lord at the Rapture of the Church! I hope you are too. He's coming with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God! He's coming "with a bang." Hallelujah!

This isn't going to be an ordinary shout; it'll be so loud, every Christian who ever died will hear it and come back to life! The Bible says the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we that are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air. And the Bible says, "...so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

That shout reminds me of the story in John 11: "And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes..." (John 11:43-44). Jesus shouted, and Lazarus came hopping out of the grave, still bound in gravecloth. If Jesus hadn't singled out Lazarus, calling him by name, every dead person would have heard His shout and come out of the grave! But He was specific when He shouted, "Lazarus, come forth!" He's going to shout again, and when He does, only those who had lived for Him before they died and those of us living for Him now will hear it at the Rapture of the Church!

That day is coming; are you ready? That's what all this is for! That's why we're sending Rhapsody of Realities around the world in every language: we're preparing the nations for His return. We want to reach every man, woman, boy and girl on the face of the earth with the Gospel: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14).

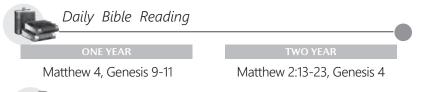


Go Deeper

1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 TPT



Dear Father, thank you for that glorious day when we will be caught up to meet the Lord Jesus in the air. I look forward to it with great faith and expectation, and I prepare others with the Gospel of Salvation in Christ Jesus, even as I am prepared, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Act

Take some time to pray for people you know who haven't received Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives, and also make specific plans to reach them with the Gospel within the next few days.





PUT HIM ON DISPLAY

(Set Forth The Virtues And Perfections Of Christ)



TO THE BIBLE 1 Peter 2:9 AMPC

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

LET'S TALK

"There's something about Anna I just can't seem to place my finger on," Doris said.

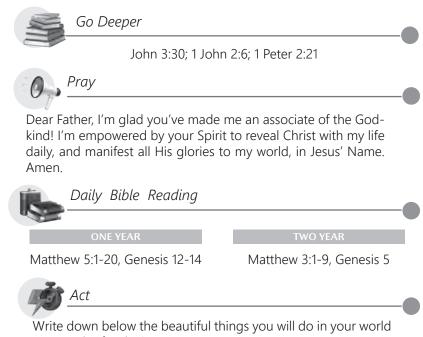
"Yeah, she's really cool; she has no airs about her even though she's at the very top of her class," Benita added.

"I know why," Rodney interjected, "She's a Christian, and shows in her character and behaviour."

Like Anna, every Christian ought to reflect God's glory in everything they say and do. As one who's born again, it matters whose character is reflected in your life. When you talk, whom do you portray? Let Christ be heard in your words, and let Him be seen in your actions. Don't let people hear you and have the impression that you're wild, arrogant or violent. If Christ is in you, let Him talk through you; let Him see through your eyes and work with your hands; let Him show up in your life!

Every time you respond to situations, let it be Christ in you responding. Remember, He lives in you; you're a "carrier" of His divine glory. You're the reflector, as well as the reflection, of His glory. That's what the Word means by "...being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person..." (Hebrews 1:3). You might say, "But that verse refers to Jesus!" Yes, but you're like Him (1 John 4:17). So, don't act in the flesh; express the beauty of God's holiness that's inside you. Express His righteousness.

Live His Word; portray the virtues and perfections of Christ with your life, because you represent Him. Think, talk, and act like Him. Meditate on His Word; His Word shows you His way of thinking; His Word reveals His personality to us. So, the more you study the Word and act on it, the more you characterise Him with your life. Portray His character of love, righteousness, goodness, and compassion with your life, because your world may never know Him until they meet you. Never forget that.



as a result of today's message.



My Notes



REFUSE VIOLENCE AND ANGER!

Saturday,

(Don't Let Them Rule You)

TO THE BIBLE 2 Chronicles 18:23 TLB

"...Zedekiah (son of Chenaanah) walked up to Micaiah and slapped him across the face. "You liar!" he yelled. "When did the Spirit of the Lord leave me and enter you?"

LET'S TALK

A hab, the king of Israel, wanted to go to war to reclaim Ramothgilead, a land he believed was rightfully his, and he invited his friend Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, to go with him. Jehoshaphat agreed but requested Ahab to call the prophets in the land to know what God thought about the decision.

Ahab called the prophets, including Zedekiah. The Bible says, '...All the prophets were staging a prophecy-performance for their benefit. Zedekiah son of Kenaanah had even made a set of iron horns, and brandishing them, called out, "God's word! With these horns you'll gore Aram until there's nothing left of them!" All the prophets chimed in, "Yes! Go for Ramoth Gilead! An easy victory! God's gift to the king!" (2 Chronicles 18:9-10 MSG).

In spite of this unanimous prophecy, Jehoshaphat still wanted some more confirmation. It was at this point that Ahab sent for Micaiah. But amazingly, the prophecy of Micaiah was different from that of Zedekiah. After Zedekiah had said to Ahab, "Go, the Lord is with you," Micaiah said, "God isn't with you on this mission." So, who was "lying" here?

The Bible shows whose prophecy couldn't have been from the Lord. Their response and disposition let us know

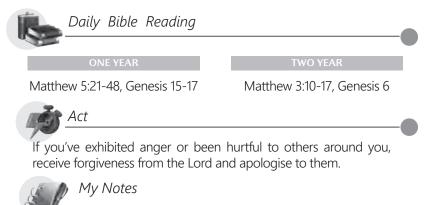
who was being moved by the Spirit of God and who wasn't. Zedekiah, in anger, slapped Micaiah in the face for daring to give a word that contradicted what he had prophesied! Evidently, Zedekiah's behavior was contrary to the Spirit of God.

Look at Jesus! The only time He responded to anybody in anger was when worshippers abused His Father's house, and it was holy anger. He had a strong zeal for His Father's house (Psalm 69:9). He never responded in anger to what anyone did against Him. No matter what was said to Him or about Him, He never responded in anger.

Don't let anger or violence rule you; be yielded to God's Spirit. Always maintain the right attitude that's befitting to your nature as the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, regardless of how pressured you might be to act otherwise.



Father, I thank you for the wisdom I've received from your Word. I subject my words, actions, and attitude to your Word. In my relationship with others, I'm propelled by your Word to respond in your love, which is shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Spirit, in Jesus' Name. Amen.





MORE THAN INSTRUCTIONS

(The Word Is Your Life, So Set Your Heart On It)



TO THE BIBLE Deuteronomy 32:46-47

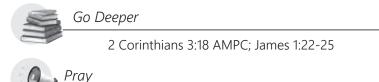
"...He said to them: "Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe—all the words of this law. For it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess.""

LET'S TALK

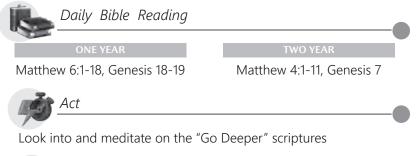
When Lewis' dad surprised him with the latest video game console, his joy knew no bounds. Eagerly, he invited his friends over for a test session. Excitement filled the air as they unpacked the console, connected it to the TV, and prepared for a gaming marathon. To their dismay, the console refused to turn on! The reason was they'd overlooked reading the manual during the setup and missed a critical step. Once they followed the instructions meticulously, the console sprang to life, and they were able to enjoy their gaming experience to the fullest.

Just as Lewis' game console came with a manual to help him operate it properly, we also have a manual for our lives—God's Word. It instructs and guides us, but it's more than a book of instructions; God's Word is life! The children of Israel saw the Law as instructions, but Moses regarded the Law as life. As a result, Moses knew the ways of God, while the children of Israel were only acquainted with His acts. The Word of God is the mirror of God that unveils His character, as well as His image of you. The Word of God mirrors you. For example, the Word says, "...count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience" (James 1:2-3). What God is showing you here is beyond an instruction; He's showing you the glory in the Word and the kind of person He's made you; you're the one who counts it all joy irrespective of the tests, trials, and tribulations, because you know you'll always triumph!

This is your life. Think, talk, and live according to the picture of you that you see in the Word! Be who the Word says you are! Satan, circumstances, and situations may try to sway you otherwise, but stick only with the picture the Word of God has presented to you. And as you keep looking into the mirror of God, you become what you see.

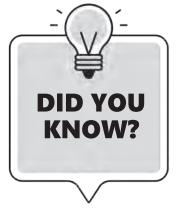


Dear Father, I thank you for the glory in your Word that is more than an instruction. As I meditate on the Word, I'm transfigured into the exact image of what I see from glory to glory in Jesus' Name. Amen.





My Notes



FUN FACTS ABOUT THE BODY

1. If you were to accumulate all the blinks of your eyes throughout your lifetime and experience them simultaneously, you would encounter darkness for a staggering 1.2 years!

2. It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes wide open.

3. The average red blood cell has a lifespan of 120 days, completing a journey around your body in less than 20 seconds.

4. Nerve impulses within the body travel at a rapid pace, exceeding 400 km/hr.

5. Our heart diligently beats approximately 10,000 times each day, totaling around 30 million beats in a year.

6. The circulatory system embarks on a daily journey of 60,000 miles, transporting blood through the body.

7. The human eye can distinguish a remarkable ten million color surfaces, absorbing more information than the most substantial telescope known to humanity.

8. Our lungs actively inhale over two million liters of air daily, boasting a surface area extensive enough to cover one side of a tennis court, approximately 98 square metres!

9. Every day, our bodies give birth to over 200 billion red blood cells.

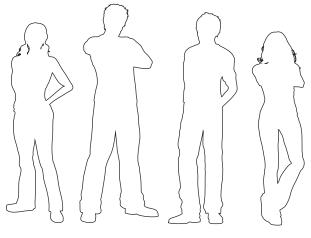
10. The human body is composed of 50 to 75% water.

11. We produce approximately 1 to 1.6 liters of saliva every day.

12. Our nose serves as a personal air-conditioning system, capable of warming cold air, cooling hot air, and filtering impurities.

13. In a mere square inch of our hand, there's an intricate network of nine feet of blood vessels, 600 pain sensors, 9,000 nerve endings, 36 heat sensors, and 75 pressure sensors.

How amazing the human body is! God created it to be so; no wonder the Psalmist said: "...You shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb. I thank you, High God--you're breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvelously made! I worship in adoration--what a creation! You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something" (Psalm 139:13-15 MSG).



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OUTSIDE THE SENSE REALM



(The Faith-Life Of A Christian)

TO THE BIBLE 2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

LET'S TALK

Everything a Christian does must be by faith to be accepted by the Lord. Romans 14:23 says, "... whatever is not from faith is sin." Romans 1:17 tells us that "... the just shall live by faith." So, faith is the conscious lifestyle of the Christian. The Word of God teaches us that faith is the victory that overcomes the world (1 John 5:4). There's a system in this world with tests, trials, and temptations that we must overcome on a daily basis, and our faith is what guarantees our victory.

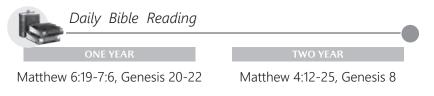
Through study and meditation on the Word, your faith grows and prevails; your focus, therefore, must always be on God's Word and not on circumstances. Refuse to be moved by what you feel or what your senses tell you. Man became a slave to his senses through Adam's transgression; his spirit became subject to his senses. Romans 8:8 tells us that those who are controlled by their senses—the flesh—cannot please God. But thank God, the ninth verse says, "... you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you..."

If you're born again, you're born of the Spirit and are therefore required to walk in the Spirit; that means living the Word and seeing only from God's perspective. Your outlook on life should be from the standpoint of faith and of the Word. A man can either walk by faith or by his senses. The Bible says, "...those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God..." (Romans 9:8). The children of the flesh are those who are ruled and dominated by their senses. Instead of walking by faith, they're controlled by what they can physically see, hear, touch, taste, or smell.

The Bible says we "...do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18). You must live as a man or woman of faith every day by disregarding temporal circumstances and focusing on the eternal realities of our heavenly Kingdom. Remember, without faith, it's impossible to please Him (Hebrews 11:6).



I refuse to let my feelings dictate the circumstances of my life; rather, I choose to be controlled by the Spirit, being led by Him and motivated by the Word, which I live by, in Jesus' Name. Amen.





Let God's Word be your guide in all your decision-making today.



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KEEP BURNING, KEEP SHINING

Tuesday,

(Go All Out For The Lord)

TO THE BIBLE John 5:35

"He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light."

LET'S TALK

When Goliath of Gath taunted the armies of Israel, they felt helpless and intimidated, until David showed up. David knew he could defeat Goliath, and he did! It wasn't about physical strength but about ideology. The difference between David and the others was his way of thinking. He started by saying, "...who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" (1 Samuel 17:26). The circumcision didn't mean anything to the others, but it sure meant something to David. He saw the armies of Israel as the armies of God. Hallelujah!

David couldn't imagine God's people being defeated; it didn't matter who the adversaries were. Think like that. Your desire should be to see the glory of God in and on His people and upon His congregations. David said, "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you" (Psalm 63:1-3 NIV). That should be your passion as a Christian: God must receive glory everywhere you are and everywhere you go. Even if others around you don't think much about soul winning, be different. Be a burning and a shining light in your home, school, neighbourhood, etc. Let your light shine so brightly that everyone may see your good works and be provoked to righteousness.



Go Deeper

Romans 12:11 TPT; Titus 2:7 NLT; 1 Timothy 4:12



I'm a burning and a shining light, standing out and standing strong for the Lord. Through my fellowship with the Holy Spirit,

strong for the Lord. Through my fellowship with the Holy Spirit, my vision for ministry is ever-expanding and my fervour everincreasing. I'm fervent, agile, and enthusiastic about the things of God. Praise God!

Daily Bible Reading		-••
ONE YEAR	TWO YEAR	
Matthew 7:7-29, Genesis 23-24	Matthew 5:1-10, Genesis 9	
Act		-

Go all out blazing for the Lord Jesus today, preaching the Gospel to every person you come in contact with.





TWO IMPORTANT VIRTUES

Wednesday

(Walk In Faith And Love)

TO THE BIBLE Romans 6:14

"For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace."

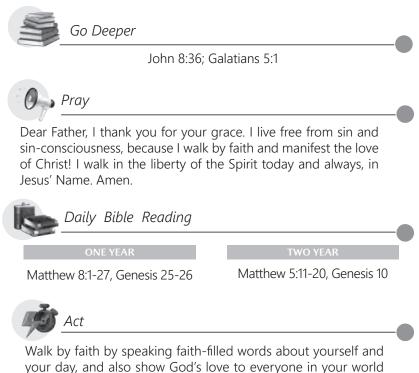
LET'S TALK

Ave you ever wondered why people sin? There are two reasons: "fear" and "selfishness." But thankfully, from the moment we were born again, God gave us "faith" and "love" to replace those two. When you walk by faith, you won't live in fear. When you walk in love, you won't be selfish. Therefore, when you function in faith and love, you won't sin; nothing done by faith and in love could ever be sin.

Love is self-giving; when you love, you give. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." (John 3:16). Selfishness thinks only of itself, while love is considerate and puts others first. 1 John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love." If you're born again, you're born of love; you have the nature of love and righteousness, and can live above sin.

However, if you do something wrong, the Bible says, "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world" (1 John 2:1-2). And also in Ephesians 1:7, it says, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."

Therefore, all you need to do is say, "Father, I know what I've done is wrong, and I'm sorry; I ask and receive your forgiveness, in the Name of Jesus." That's how you live free from sin and sin-consciousness.



your day, and also show God's love to everyone today.

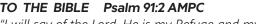




GUARD YOUR TONGUE!

Thursday,

(Your Confessions Control Your Life)



"I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely, and in Him I [confidently] trust!"

LET'S TALK

Oftentimes, we think about certain things that happened to some very "good" people and say, "If that could happen to So-and-so, what about me? That fellow was better than I am!" Well, it's got nothing to do with who's better than who. It's got to do with your personal walk with the Lord and your faith in His Word. It's about your faith-confessions. Bad things can happen to good people.

Ponder again on the anointed words of the Psalmist that we read in our opening scripture. It was David's confession, and it's got to become your confession as well. Every so often, you say, "The Lord is my Refuge and my Fortress; He's my God; on Him, I lean and rely, and in Him I confidently trust!"

Learn the power and value of thinking right and speaking right. If your thinking is wrong, it'll reflect in your words. And if your words are wrong, things will go wrong in your life. Your confessions regulate your life. The Bible says, "You are snared by the words of your mouth; you are taken by the words of your mouth" (Proverbs 6:2).

No wonder Psalm 39:1 admonishes that you guard what you say and speak only what's right: "...I will guard my ways, lest I sin with my tongue; I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle...." James 3:2 says, "...We all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body." Proverbs 15:4 says, "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life..."; a wholesome tongue is one that speaks in line with the provisions of Christ in His Gospel.

Do you want to live the awesome, transcendent life of ever-increasing glory that God has destined for you? The key is your confessions: 'For "He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit"' (1 Peter 3:10). Refraining your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking guile means that you only speak in conformity with the Word of God.



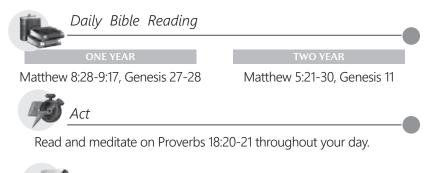
Go Deeper

Mv Notes

Mark 11:23; Proverbs 18:21; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13

) , Speak

The LORD is the strength of my life! Even if I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil because He's with me. His rod and His staff comfort me. He takes hold of my right hand and says to me, "Fear not; I'm here to help you." Therefore, I'm strong in Him and in the power of His might! Glory to God!







RIGHTEOUSNESS MAKES YOU AUDACIOUS

Friday,

(Understand The Emboldening Power Of Righteousness)

TO THE BIBLE Romans 3:22

"Even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference."

LET'S TALK

When God wanted to judge the excessively sinful city of Sodom, Abraham presented a bold argument before Him. He said to God, "Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (Genesis 18:25). Wow! How could a man have such incredible audacity to speak to God like that?

He wasn't trying to be disrespectful or impudent; no! He was expressing the power of the gift of righteousness from God Himself. Genesis 15:6 tells us, "And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness." Hallelujah! It was with the gift of righteousness that Abraham was able to intercede for Sodom when God wanted to destroy the city. God had said, "...Shall I hide from Abraham [My friend and servant] what I am going to do" (Genesis 18:17 AMPC).

The Bible says Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him for righteousness, and he was called the friend of God (James 2:23). As a result of his faith, righteousness was bestowed on Abraham as a gift, and he could boldly engage God in an intercessory discourse.

Righteousness enables you to stand in the presence of God without a sense of condemnation or inferiority. This

righteousness, according to our opening verse, is "to all and on all." That's to let you understand the bestowal—the imputation of God's righteousness to all men—the legal perspective of this righteousness. With this gift, you can decree a thing and have it established unto you.

Our righteousness is on the basis of a legal claim, yet because many aren't aware they struggle with their faith, not sure whether or not their petitions would be granted. But when you stand on His righteousness, you have no such doubts, because you have the pass! Your claims can't be refused, because you stand in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Glory to God!



Go Deeper

Romans 5:1; Romans 5:17; Romans 3:21-22 NIV

, Speak

A righteousness from God—that divine acquittal by faith—has been manifested, and it's imputed to my account! With this gift of righteousness, I have the boldness and confidence to stand before God without guilt, condemnation or inferiority, and pray to Him and expect answers. I have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!



Act Act

As you go about your day, proclaim that you are the righteousness of God and maintain a conscious awareness of it.



My Notes



ONLY ONE FAITH!

Saturday,

(Believe This: Jesus Christ Gave His Life For Everybody)

TO THE BIBLE Ephesians 4:4-6 ESV

"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

LET'S TALK

Consider this: Jesus Christ is the only One sent to save humanity. While religious leaders engaged in wars, killing and forcing people to accept their beliefs, Jesus took a different path. He sacrificed His own life for all. Think about that! Who would you think loves you? The one who punished and killed others for not listening to him or the one who gave His life for them so they could live? Jesus gave His life in your place for you to know that you're valuable to God.

Maybe you're reading this and you've never been born again; you must understand this: Salvation comes through no other name or means except by Jesus Christ: "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Since there's no salvation in any other, there couldn't be "other faiths" like some people think.

We read it in our opening verse; there's "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all...." And 1 Corinthians 8:6 says, "...For us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom *we live."* In John 14:6, Jesus was unequivocal when He said, *"...I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* He used the definite article "the"; He didn't say, "I'm a way" or "one of the ways."

This is why we preach the Gospel; it's so that everybody may know that Jesus gave His life for them; mankind is no longer lost. Now they can hear it, be saved, and be prepared for the soon return of the Lord, Jesus Christ. And we must keep at it until He comes!



Acts 4:12 NIV; Acts 13:38-39; John 15:13



Dear Father, thank you for the divine access you've granted us through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we travail in the spirit for lost souls all around the world, may they be receptive to salvation today. Let the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ shine in their hearts, resulting in salvation, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Daily Bible Reading	
ONE YEAR	TWO YEAR
Matthew 10:1-23, Genesis 31-33	Matthew 5:41-48, Genesis 13

Act

If you haven't been born again, turn to the 'Prayer of Salvation' on page 76 of this devotional and say the prayer. You can also guide others in your world who haven't done so to join you.





PAY ATTENTION!

Sunday,

(Don't Ignore The Spirit)

TO THE BIBLE Isaiah 63:9-10

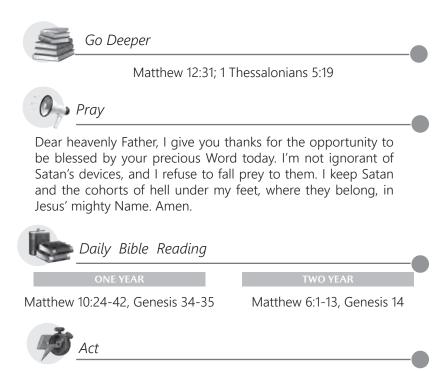
"In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of His Presence saved them; in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bore them and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; so He turned Himself against them as an enemy, and He fought against them."

LET'S TALK

The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in your life is one of the greatest blessings you have as a child of God. He's your advantage and the secret to a glorious and successful life. So you must recognise and take advantage of His ministry in your life.

It's the ministry of the Holy Spirit to guide and lead you in all your affairs; it's His ministry to grant you the wisdom and counsel you need to win every day. Consciously acknowledge His presence with you and in you, and learn to yield to Him always. Never ignore His counsel. The Bible says in Isaiah 30:21, "Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left."

Whose voice do you think that is? It's the voice of the Holy Spirit! He speaks to us daily on life's issues through God's Word, but many ignore His counsel because His voice is never harsh against us. Perhaps you talked to someone rudely and the Holy Spirit corrected you, be quick to heed His correction and make amends. Otherwise, His voice that used to be clear to you may soon become faint and distant if you continually ignore Him. Make up your mind to live your life in a way that brings honour to the Holy Spirit. Appreciate His presence in your life, and you'll be glad you did.



Speak in tongues for fifteen minutes, and meditate on John 16:13-14 throughout today.



My Notes



Across

Down

1 This king threatened to cut a child in half [Hint: 1 Kings 3] (7)

6 When Paul went to Troas to preach and Titus was not there, he had no rest in his spirit and went to ____ (9)

7 This young virgin kept the aged King David warm [Hint: 1 Kings 1] (7)

8 Moses and _____ appeared to Peter, James and John with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration (6)

9 The name of the gate of the temple where the lame man was healed in Acts 3 (9)

12 He who loves ____ loves strife, and he who exalts his gate seeks destruction [Hint: Proverbs 17:19] (13)

15 James wrote: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be ______" (6)

16 The tower was designed to reach to _____ [Hint: Genesis 11] (6)

17 Name of Samuel's father [Hint: 1 Samuel 1] (7)

18 City where Paul and Silas cast out a devil from a slave girl [Hint: Acts 16] (8)

19 Philip was from this city (9)

1 Former occupation of Simon, who believed the word that Philip preached and was baptised [Hint: Acts 8] (8)

2 The whole earth had one during the days before building the Tower of Babel (8)

3 Nationality of Titus (5)

4 He was described as "A devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed to God always" [Hint: Acts 10] (9)

5 The hour considered the 'hour of prayer' in the temple [Hint: Acts 3] (5)

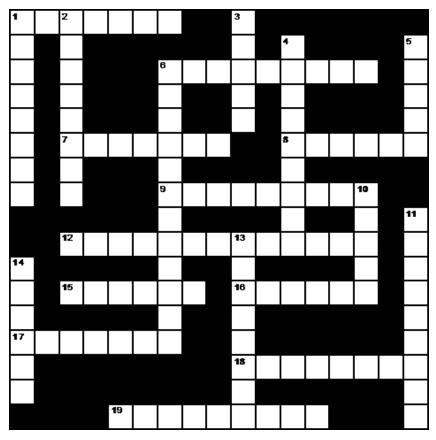
6 This child was dropped by his nurse, and was crippled for life [Hint: 2 Samuel 4] (12)

10 The ephod which Samuel wore when he ministered before the Lord was made of this material [Hint: 1 Samuel 2] (5)

11 Babel means _____ (9)

13 The eunuch who heard Philip preach was from here (8)

14 The young Shunammite child did this seven times when Elisha brought him back to life [Hint: 2 Kings 4] (6)







SEE IT, SPEAK IT

Monday,

(Take A Hold Of God's Provisions For You In Christ Jesus)

TO THE BIBLE Ephesians 1:3

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ."

LET'S TALK

The Apostle Paul was letting us know in our opening verse that we've been blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ. He strengthens the thought further in 1 Corinthians 3:21 when he says, "...all things are yours." In the same vein, the Apostle Peter tells us that God's "...divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness..." (2 Peter 1:3).

It's one thing to know that you've been blessed with and in all things, but it's another thing to actually take possession of the blessings. The key is connecting with your faith; that's what Abraham did. In Genesis 17:5, God said to him, "...*I have made you a father of many nations.*" Abraham connected with his faith; he had to see with the eyes of his mind.

The Bible says Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. He believed because he had visualised the reality of his children as he attempted to number the stars (Genesis 15:5). By faith, he saw and accepted the reality of God's Word in his spirit, spoke it forth, and it came to pass. Romans 4:20-22 says, 'He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."'

Learn to visualise and take a hold of God's provisions for you in Christ Jesus. Refuse to stagger at God's Word through unbelief; take a hold of your blessings first in the spirit, and speak them forth.

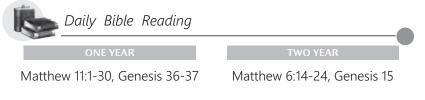


Go Deeper

2 Corinthians 3:17-18; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18; Philemon 1:6

0, Pray

Dear Father, I thank you for enlightening the eyes of my understanding through your Word. I'm the seed of Abraham and all things are mine. I'm a champion forever! The eyes of my mind are open to visualise and take a hold of every good thing that belongs to me in Christ Jesus, to the praise and glory of your name, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Act Act

Practise what you've learnt today: visualise your blessings in Christ Jesus and then speak them forth.





NO NEED FOR ANXIETY

Tuesday,

(Worry Makes Things Worse)

TO THE BIBLE Philippians 4:6-7 TLB

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus."

LET'S TALK

"Zack, why aren't concerned? You've just been given a poor prognosis, yet you're smiling! Shouldn't you be anxious right now?" Felicia inquired.

"Nope, I choose not to worry because it won't solve anything. I'm a child of the King, and I know how to handle the situation," Zack calmly responded. And after speaking in tongues for a bit and uttering God's Word to himself, he left the hospital radiant with faith and joy.

Don't you just like the fact that, as a Christian, you're not supposed to worry over anything? It takes the stress out of life. Worrying only makes things worse. Recall the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:27 (TPT): *"So, which one of you by worrying could add anything to your life?"* Refuse to worry about your school fees. Refuse to worry about your health. Refuse to worry about anything!

Some people believe until they're worried and flustered, God won't do anything about their situation. What they don't know is that worry actually short-circuits the power of God in one's life. If worrying had any positive effects, God would have said, "Be worried; in fact, be very worried!" But He never said that. Rather, He said, "...Forsake your worries! Why would you say, '...what will we wear?' For that is what the unbelievers chase after. Doesn't your heavenly Father already know the things your bodies require?" (Matthew 6:31-32 TPT).

Worry is a "...fiery dart of the wicked" (Ephesians 6:16); so, when it attacks you, repel it. Use the Word against it. Every day, be resolute that you're going to practise God's Word. His Word says, "Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the centre of your life" (Philippians 4:6-7 MSG). Hallelujah!

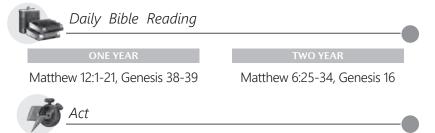


Go Deeper

Matthew 6:25-34

Speak

I repel worry with God's Word. I'm anxious for nothing, but in everything, I make my requests known to God, and the peace of God that passes all understanding garrisons my heart and mind. All things are working together for my good; I can never be disadvantaged. Glory to God!



Practise what Philippians 4:6-7 says and be at rest all day long.



My Notes



WHAT'S WORSHIP ABOUT?

Wednesday

(The Practical Understanding Of Worship)

TO THE BIBLE John 4:24 AMPC

"God is a Spirit (a spiritual Being) and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (reality)."

LET'S TALK

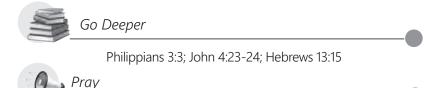
n the New Testament, it may surprise you to know that the term "worship" is hardly applied to Christians. While it appears in the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), it's crucial to note that Jesus primarily dealt with Jews in the gospels, not Christians. The Book of Acts mentions "worship" about four times, and on none of those occasions is it directly applied to the Church.

Moving forward, you'll find the term used only once in First Corinthians and twice in Hebrews. However, in the Book of Revelation, "worship" is employed approximately 22 times. "How could such a thing that we say is so important be missing in the epistles?" you may wonder. The reason is that in the epistles, the Lord provides a practical understanding of worship, and shows us precisely what it is.

Recall that in John 4:24 KJV, He stated, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship (Greek: proskuneō) him must worship him in spirit and in truth." In Romans 1:9: "For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son...," instead of using the term "worship," the Apostle Paul employs the specific phrase that aligns with Jesus' words in John 4:24: "serve with my spirit."

Serving God with your spirit includes worship because worship in the New Testament is different from worship in the Old Testament. In the Old Testament, it was mostly outward in nature. But in the New Testament, worship is spiritual, even when we have outward demonstrations of it.

This is why it's important to understand that what matters in the worship isn't that we worshipped; it's whether the One that we worshipped accepted it. There's a conditioning of your spirit through the Word of God and fellowship with the Holy Spirit, that makes you a worshipper. The Father seeks such to worship Him.



Dear Father, thank you for the privilege to express my love for you. I worship you for your greatness, kindness, love, mercies and grace! You're the Governor among the nations, the King of kings and the Lord of lords. I offer to you today my sacrifice of praise, and give you thanks for all you've done, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Act

Spend time worshipping the Lord today, with your heart, hands, and voice lifted up to God. You can download the LoveWorld Worship app from the LoveWorld Appstore (https://lwappstore. com) to access hundreds of beautiful worship songs.



My Notes



GOD'S NEW HOME

Thursday,

(Your Heart Is His New Altar)



"This God made the world and everything in it. He is Lord of heaven and earth, and he doesn't live in temples built by human hands."

LET'S TALK

Many people still love to designate special "altars" where they "meet with God," whether it's a particular room in their house or a corner of the living room. While having moments of privacy with the Lord is essential, creating "special altars" is not a necessity today. We are now His living tabernacles; your heart is His new altar.

In the Old Testament, they built altars for worshipping the Lord, and these altars served as places where they met with God and received divine direction. For instance, Jacob returned to Bethel, where he first built an altar to the Lord (Genesis 35:3). Genesis 8:20 tells us about Noah, who "... built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar." However, this was the old order.

Today, where you are is where the altar is, for the altar is in the temple, and you're the temple of the living God (2 Corinthians 6:16 NIV): "...For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: 'I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.'" 1 Corinthians 3:16 says, "Do you not know that

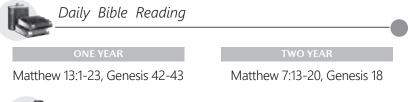
you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

Everywhere you are is the place of His presence. You can pray in your room, speak in tongues in the kitchen, and worship in the Spirit even in the bathroom! Anyone who comes in contact with you encounters divinity because you are a carrier of God, the home of His presence. Hallelujah!





I'm a God-carrier, the home of His presence; I could never fail or be defeated, because the greater One lives in me. I impact my world with His divine presence today, and saturate my environment with His glory and righteousness. Blessed be God!



Act

Meditate on and personalise the scriptures for yourself: 1 Corinthians 3:16 and 2 Corinthians 6:16





SIN-FREE, DEATH-FREE

Friday,

(You Are Free From Death And From Sin)

TO THE BIBLE Romans 8:2

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."

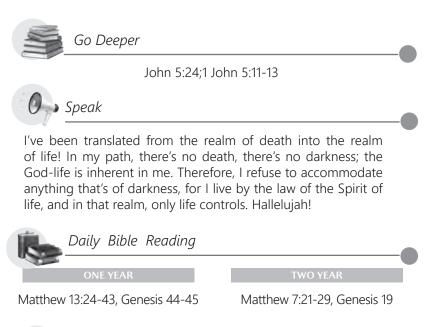
LET'S TALK

When you read today's opening verse as it's presented, you're likely to think it's talking about the law of "sin and death" as one entity. But that's not what the Spirit is communicating to us here. He's actually referring to the law of sin on the one hand, and to death on the other. For clarity, we could rearrange the words and the verse would read: "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from 'death' and 'the law of sin'" (Romans 8:2).

When you read it this way, it suddenly opens up and the meaning becomes very clear: it's not "the law of sin and death" but "the law (or principle) of sin" on the one hand, and "death" on the other. This means the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made you death-free in the same way that it made you sin-free! Hallelujah! This law of the Spirit of life or law of life is also referred to as the law of liberty in James 1:25 and James 2:12.

John said, "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you... that you may know that you have eternal life..." (1 John 5:12-13). This (eternal) life is in the Son, and since you have it, you're not supposed to struggle with sin, sickness, disease, infirmities and death.

Think about this: at 120 years, Moses' eyes weren't dim and his natural force was unabated (Deuteronomy 34:7). Moses lived under the Old Covenant, but he had a consciousness of life; He knew the Word of God invigorates and makes alive (Deuteronomy 32:46-47). Have the same mentality, because when you were born again, you passed from death to life and from sin into righteousness. Hallelujah!



Act

Declare that you are sin-free and death-free, and share this knowledge with others in your sphere of contact.





KNOW THE REAL "YOU"

(Recognise Your New Identity)



TO THE BIBLE Ephesians 4:23-24

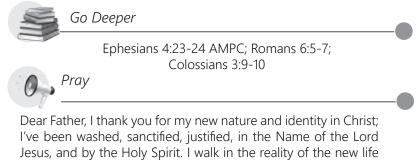
"...Be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

LET'S TALK

"So, Tim thinks he can just quit on us like that; We all know what he did last week with lan," Becky fumed when she heard Tim said he was no longer a part of "The Clique." What she didn't understand was that Tim encountered the Lord at a birthday party the previous weekend, received Christ and got filled with the Holy Spirit. He wasn't the same old Tim; he had a new identity.

When you were born again, you were recreated in righteousness and true holiness. Unlike the unregenerate man, you're fully awakened to the fact that God is now your Father; you're alive to Him. 1 John 3:2 says, *"Beloved, now we are children of God...."* You're in a sonship relationship with the Lord; you're born of Him. That's the meaning of 1 John 4:4: *"You are of God, little children..."*; you hail from Him; your origin is in Him. Hallelujah!

Peter calls us partakers of the divine nature (associates of the God-kind). You've put on the Godnature, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of God that created you (Colossians 3:10). This is your true identity. Walk in this light. You're not the same person you were before you were born again. That's why the Bible says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV). The old sin-nature was completely replaced with God's life of righteousness. People may still associate you with some of the wrong things you did before you were born again, but the truth is the person that did those things doesn't exist anymore. What the Bible says about you now is that you are washed, sanctified, justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God (1 Corinthians 6:11). Hallelujah!



Jesus, and by the Holy Spirit. I walk in the reality of the new life of righteousness, which I've received in Christ, producing fruits and works of righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



💰 Act

Think about the truth that you are no longer what you used to be: you're now a new creation, a new identity that only God's Word can reveal to you.

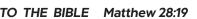




WHAT'S YOUR VEHICLE OF LIFE?

Sunday,

(Wherever You Find Yourself, Win Others To The Lord)



"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

LET'S TALK

"Well, since the Lord is coming soon, I don't think there's any need for me to go to school," Grant muttered to himself. He kept thinking like this till the Holy Spirit led him to read the message Apostle Paul gave young Timothy: "Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine" (1 Timothy 4:13).

Sometimes, when we talk about the coming of the Lord being so much closer now than ever, some have asked, "In that case, is there any need for me to still go to school or start a career?" When people ask such questions, it's evident they're missing something. What they're missing is the urgency of the moment, the earnestness of making His message known.

Going to school or starting a new career are all opportunities to reach others with the Gospel. We call them chariots, "vehicles" of life. The word "nations" in our opening verse is "ethnos" in Greek, and it doesn't just mean "countries"; it refers to social or taxonomic divisions of people. And these may be broken into various ethno-systems.

For example, there're 'student nations,' 'career nations,' 'neighbourhood nations'; all the students of a particular university, an association of engineers, or artists, or residents of a community, etc. Are you a student? Your student community is a nation, with respect to the definition of our opening verse. You become the preacher in your world.

As a young boy many years ago, I was inspired to win fellow students to Christ, and I did! I went beyond my school to other schools, holding conferences with students. I preached among the youth groups, and many of them were won to Christ. Hallelujah!

Our faith in Jesus and our expectation of His imminent return make us even more passionate to do more. We're even more determined to do the things we've been doing better, and in a brighter light—in the light of His coming. We become directed and more focused, using the opportunity of our "nations" to reach more people with greater urgency.



Go Deeper

John 15:16; 1 Corinthians 9:16; Proverbs 11:30

Speak

The Lord has anointed me to deliver men from bondage into the glorious liberty of the sons of God, turning them from darkness to light and from sin unto righteousness. In these last days, I'm doing exploits for the Lord, establishing His Kingdom and righteousness in the earth and in the hearts of men, in Jesus' Name, Amen.



Matthew 14:13-36, Genesis 49-50 Matthew 14:13-36, Genesis 49-50

Act

Today, enter your vehicle of life and reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to your nation.



Mv Notes



"SUCCESS"

Success refers to the attainment of wealth, favour, or eminence, the realisation of a favourable or desired outcome. It means "to make progress, to be fruitful, effective and productive in your endeavours." It also means "prosperity, excellence or distinction in one's endeavour."

Our study on the 23rd day of January shows that knowing and walking with the Holy Spirit is the key to a life of success. We truly have been called to a life of continuous success. Our success as Christians isn't something that's short-lived; rather, it increases from one level to another. It's one of the glorious benefits of salvation—to experience unending success; to consistently prosper, excel, make progress, and be increasingly fruitful and productive in all your endeavours!

This is in line with what the Lord Jesus said in John 15:1-8 NLT: *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more... My true disciples produce much fruit. This brings great glory to my Father."* In other words, if you're productive, if you're fruitful and effective in your endeavours, the Lord prunes you so you can achieve and succeed even more.



i-testify!

"I'm a secondary school student, and I deeply appreciate my TeeVo. It's not only visually appealing but also serves as an inspiring devotional that enhances my understanding of the Bible. Despite facing resistance from my principal about starting a cell group in school, the boldness instilled by the Spirit of God and the prayers I've learned from Pastor Chris through my TeeVo devotional allowed me to persuade her. Now, I conduct cell meetings every Saturday with my schoolmates, using TeeVo for our Bible Study and group discussions. The Word of God, coupled with the inspiration from TeeVo, has not only contributed to my spiritual growth but has also reflected in my academic excellence. I am profoundly grateful to God and Pastor Chris for bringing this precious book into my life."

> Mark O., Nigeria



MAKE THE WORD PERSONAL!

Monday,

(Personalise God's Word)

TO THE BIBLE James 1:21 AMPC

"So get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and in a humble (gentle, modest) spirit receive and welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls."

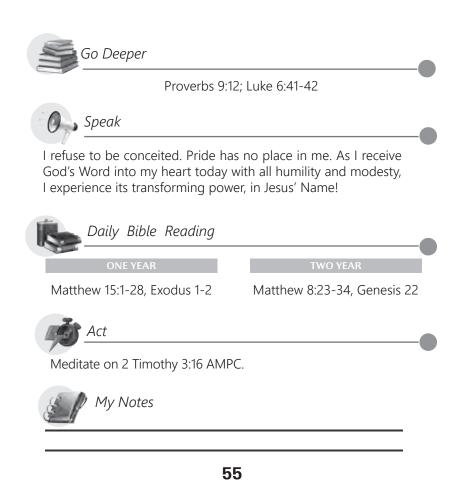
LET'S TALK

There are people who go to church but never think the message being preached is addressed to them. They always feel the pastor is referring to someone else, especially if he's correcting something negative. Take for example, Susan and Maggie who had a row the previous day. Now they're in church, and it happens that the pastor is addressing envy, strife, and malice. Susan suddenly feels justified and starts casting conceited glances at Maggie that say, "Hope you're listening."

That's a wrong approach to the Word of God by Susan. The message came for both of them, but Susan missed the blessing because she didn't personalise the Word. She kept thinking it wasn't her but Maggie who needed to hear what the pastor had to say. Whenever you're in church and God's Word is coming to you, always personalise it and receive it for yourself. Don't sit there wishing someone who offended you is listening to what the pastor is preaching; receive the Word for yourself.

Similarly, don't only pay attention to the topics you like and ignore the ones that don't quite go down well with

you. The Bible says "Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action)" (2 Timothy 3:16 AMPC). So, whether the preacher is sharing an exciting message on prosperity or correcting a wrong attitude through the Word, take it as God's Word for you.

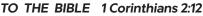




NO CONFUSION WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Tuesday,

(The Holy Spirit: The One Who Enlightens You Always)



"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God."

LET'S TALK

The Spirit of God, through the Apostle Paul in our opening scripture, wasn't referring to mental knowledge but spiritual knowledge—revelation knowledge. This means it's possible for us to know the will of God for our lives. The Bible says spiritual things can only be spiritually understood: *"But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned"* (1 Corinthians 2:14).

When your spirit is enlightened by God's Word through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, you're able to know God's will and purpose. The guidance of the Holy Spirit is so important in our lives. He guides your steps and grants you understanding of the Word. With Him, you're never at a crossroads. Knowing Him and walking with Him is the key to that successful life you've always desired. He brings you into your inheritance and your destiny in God. Hallelujah!

If you aren't sure about God's perfect will on any matter, give some time to praying in the Spirit. He's the embodiment of all knowledge. Ask Him, and He'll reveal the knowledge or guidance you need to your spirit. You can do the same with respect to your family, your education; you can activate His ministry in your life and He'll teach you how to be the best at what you do. He'll grant you an extraordinary amplitude of comprehension and supernatural sagacity to excel in all that you do. He'll make your thought pattern excellent; your ingenuity, creativity, intuition, sharp-wittedness will be limitless!

Remember the words of Jesus in John 14:26. He assured us, "...*He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*" With the Holy Spirit, you can never walk in darkness or be confused about anything. He'll help you retain knowledge and information in your spirit and bring that information to your consciousness when occasion demands. Hallelujah!



Go Deeper

John 14:16-18; Romans 8:14; John 8:12



Dear Father, thank you for the sweet Holy Spirit who teaches, guides and directs me on the right path you've preordained for me and helps me follow through. I'm yielded to Him, for He guides me into all truth and teaches me to make the right choices and decisions that are consistent with your perfect will for me, making me an absolute success in life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Matthew 15:29-16:12, Exodus 3-5

Matthew 9:1-13, Genesis 23



Talk to the Holy Spirit right now and thank Him for being a sure guide to you in all aspects of life.



My Notes



PRODUCE THE EVIDENCE

(The Gospel Of Jesus Christ Can Be Proved)



TO THE BIBLE Hebrews 2:4 AMPC

"[Besides this evidence] it was also established and plainly endorsed by God, Who showed His approval of it by signs and wonders and various miraculous manifestations of [His] power and by imparting the gifts of the Holy Spirit [to the believers] according to His own will."

LET'S TALK

Years ago, as a young teenager studying the message of Jesus Christ and what He came to do, I thought: if Jesus needed to prove His message with miracles, signs and wonders, and the apostles followed suit, then I would need to do even more because I was going to be preaching to a generation that didn't know about those miracles. I would need to prove to them that Jesus Christ is alive; He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. If I couldn't prove it, how would I convince them?

God wants us to be able to prove the message of the Gospel. That's why He calls us witnesses. The Bible says, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Who's a witness? It's someone who has proof, not just hearsay; he or she has firsthand evidence. When you received the Holy Spirit, you received power—ability to bear witness of His truth, death and resurrection. With this power, you can do the same things Jesus did. It was this very power of the Holy Spirit that worked in Him to do the works of God.

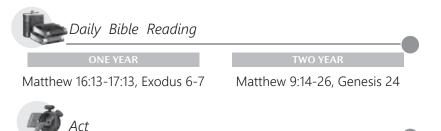
Jesus effected changes, and now you can too, because you have His Name and His power is at work in you. His Spirit and life in us is proof that He was who He claimed to be: the son of God. Jesus Christ is alive, and we must prove it with miracles, signs and wonders. As you take the Gospel to your world today, go with the consciousness that you've been given power to produce proof that Jesus is alive. Praise God!



Acts 5:30-32; Acts 2:22; Romans 15:18-19; Hebrews 13:8

0 Pray

Dear Father, thank you for your limitless power available to us today through the Holy Spirit and the Word! I yield myself to be taught, inspired and filled with the Holy Spirit, and the Word, carrying your divine presence to affect my world, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Speak in other tongues passionately and fervidly for souls to be won to Christ, and as you preach the Gospel to others today, there will be signs, miracles, and evidential proof that Jesus Christ is Lord.





AS DIVINE AS JESUS IS!

(Recognise And Affirm Your Divinity)



TO THE BIBLE John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

LET'S TALK

Our opening verse isn't a promise; it's a law. It's just like 2 Corinthians 5:17 that says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." This verse and our opening verse aren't promises from God; they are the sovereign declarations of God.

The one who's born again is a new creation; he or she has the life and nature of God. Being born again, your human life was replaced by the life and nature of God. Now, your body houses a new type of life that's unsusceptible and impregnable to sickness or disease. Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new! If you don't know about this new life, you'll never put it to work; you'll be living the human life when you have the divine life in you.

Learn to activate the divine life within you by declaring and personalising the Word of God. Remember, the greatest miracles are performed with words. I wish you'd understand the power and energy of your words! The Bible says, 'And the inhabitant will not say, "I am sick"...' (Isaiah 33:24). Why? It's because they've recognised and

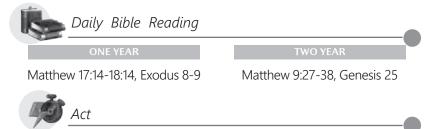
embraced their divinity.

The Bible says in 2 Peter 1:4, "By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature...." You're an associate of a divine pantheon; you hail from deity; your origin is divine. No wonder Jesus said, 'Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods"' (John 10:34). Recognise and affirm your divinity; practise it every day, glory to God!





Thank you, righteous Father, for your life in me; I'm divine, born to reign and rule in this world! My life is the testimony of your grace, glory and greatness. I'm blessed and the dispenser of your blessings and goodness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Meditate on Philemon 1:6 and express your faith effectually as you recognise and affirm who you are in Christ.





YOU'RE INVITED TO THE PARTY! Friday,

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(Be At The Marriage Supper Of The Lamb)

TO THE BIBLE Revelation 19:9 ESV

"And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God.""

LET'S TALK

As I contemplate the second coming of the Lord, my heart is filled with so much joy. But you know, about seven years before this second coming, the Rapture will take place (1 Thessalonians 4:17), and we'll go to heaven for the marriage supper of the Lamb. It's going to be big! The Bible says, 'And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"' (Revelation 19:6). Glory to God! That's the number one reason for the Rapture. We'll get out of this world and assemble in Heaven for a great party. Blessed be God! Are you getting ready for the party?

The Bible says, "After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!" (Revelation 19:1). You've got to make up your mind you wouldn't miss this. There hasn't been, and could never be, any royal party or event organised by the monarchs or presidents of this world that could compare to the grand party God Almighty is throwing for us in Heaven. And guess what? The invitation is open to all; all you need is to have been born again. Those of us going in the Rapture are just one of the arrivals, because all those Jesus took with Him when He resurrected are already there waiting. Don't miss it. Everyone left behind will be full of regrets. The latter part of our opening verse says, "...These are the true words of God." That day is nearer than many can imagine. This is why we're going all out, reaching the entire world with the Gospel through **Rhapsody of Realities**, to prepare many for that glorious day of the Rapture.



Dear Father, thank you for the privilege to be a custodian of this Gospel and to participate in the ministry of reconciliation. Thank you for the reassurance that my work and labour of love isn't in vain. My commitment to, and passion for, the spread of the Gospel of the Kingdom remains unabated, as I earnestly look forward to that day of reward, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Matthew 18:15-35, Exodus 10-12

Matthew 10:1-11, Genesis 26

Act

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BE WORD-DISCIPLINED!



(Imbibe God's Word Into You)

TO THE BIBLE Proverbs 22:15 AMPC

"Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him."

LET'S TALK

There're young people who often don't behave wisely, even though they're born again. The reason for this isn't farfetched; the Bible says the one who isn't disciplined by a wise and understanding person will grow up to be foolish. God's Word is the cure for foolishness because the Word of God is the wisdom of God.

No wonder Paul admonished Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:15 to give uninhibited attention to the Scriptures, God's Word because of the Word's power and capacity to make one wise: "...From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." That's why the preaching and the teaching of the Word are so important.

Don't ever let the Word become too common to you. Never be casual with your study times and meditation on God's Word. The Word is what God uses to mould your personality, form your character, create your habits, and chart your course in life in order for you to arrive at your divine destiny.

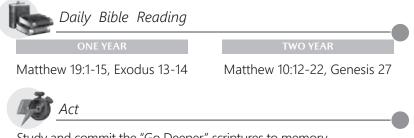
God's Word—imbibing it—is more important than the air you breathe. If you stop taking in the Word, you'll find yourself walking at cross-purposes with God. If you ever want your life to be balanced, full of excellence, grace and glory, the Word of God is the key.

Job said, "...I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food" (Job 23:12). Just as food is necessary for your body's physical growth and development, your human spirit must feed on the Word. Colossians 3:16 says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...." Inundate your entire being with the Word. Think through the Word; train yourself to reason only by the Word, and not only will you please God, your life will be full of His glory.



O Speak

I'm Spirit-ruled and Word-governed. I see through the Word, understand by the Word, and renew my mind with the Word. I'm cultured by the Word for the life of the Kingdom. The Word of God controls my values, ideas, opinions, choices and decisions. Praise God!



Study and commit the "Go Deeper" scriptures to memory.



My Notes



THINK INNOVATIVELY

(You're As Creative And Innovative As God Is)



TO THE BIBLE Ephesians 2:10

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

LET'S TALK

"How do you always come up with these creative, world-class clothing designs?" Paula asked her friend, Nathan.

"The Holy Spirit lives in me, and He inspires my creativity, Paula," he responded.

As God's child, you've got a calling to lead and blaze new trails in whatever field of endeavour you're involved in, be it music, arts, IT, sports, agriculture, education, organisation, administration, etc. Yes, that's God's plan. And one of the amazing benefits of having the Holy Spirit in your life is that He makes you creative and innovative. He opens your eyes to see what others don't see and your ears to hear what they don't hear. He anoints your eyes to see the right things and your mind to understand and conceive lofty ideas.

That's the kind of man David was. The power of God came on him when Samuel anointed him to become king of Israel, and he turned out to be a marvel in his day. When he faced Goliath of Gath, he came to the battlefront with something new; he came with an innovation. His weapons weren't sophisticated; they were simple but markedly different from what was expected. The sling he used wasn't new to the Jews. In fact, as you read the Bible, you'll find others who could use those weapons better than David. But none of them thought that a sling and some smooth stones would be enough to defeat Goliath. Only David thought it would, through God.

That's innovation—thinking differently, thinking through God's ability. That's what God expects from you. Our opening verse says you were "...*created in Christ Jesus for good works*...." Hallelujah! We were created to be ingenious, to think new, and to think fresh. He can guide you to come up with something new from something old, from an existing idea. Take advantage of the person, power and ministry of the Holy Spirit in your life. He's your advantage. He causes you to see, think, say and do things at a superior and supernatural level. His ideas are unbeatable and the best; they win all the time. Hallelujah!

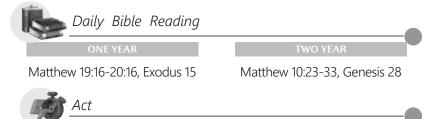


Go Deeper

Exodus 30:1-5; Isaiah 43:19; Genesis 1:1-3

Speak

The Holy Spirit has brought the glory of God into my life, giving me guidance and direction; He makes me creative and innovative. He's filled me with supernatural ability to do things beyond the ordinary; I see value where others don't; I bring new things into this world. I have insight into mysteries and secrets through the Holy Spirit. Glory to God!



Speak in tongues and stir up your spirit: that way, you'll easily come up with new innovative ideas and creative thoughts.



1. To learn how to be filled with the Spirit, you should study and meditate on ______.

QUIZ

A. Revelation 1:9-11.

B. Ephesians 5:18-21.

C. Luke 4:1-2.

D. Colossians 1:9-10.

(Hint: Read the message on January 2, 2024).

2. Who are those who will be raptured when Jesus descends from Heaven with a shout?

A. The dead in Christ Jesus.

B. Those who are yet to make Jesus Lord of their lives.

C. Christians who are alive and remain on earth.

D. A and C only.

(Hint: Read the message on January 4, 2024).

3. Which prophet displayed violence towards Micaiah?

A. Jehoshaphat.B. Zedekiah.C. Ahab.D. Elijah.(*Hint: Read the message on January 6, 2024*).

4. Which Biblical verse highlights that it's impossible to please God without faith?

A. Romans 14:23.
B. Romans 1:17.
C. 1 John 5:4.
D. Hebrews 11:6.
(*Hint: Read the message on January 8, 2024*).

5. This enabled Abraham to boldly intercede for Sodom.

A. Abraham's wisdom.

B. Abraham's confidence.

C. Abraham's wealth.

D. The gift of righteousness.

(Hint: Read the message on January 12, 2024).

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6. According to the article of January 16, we learnt that

A. Worrying attracts negative results.

B. Worrying causes restlessness and inability to focus.

C. Worrying short-circuits the power of God.

D. Worrying causes tiredness.

(Hint: Read the message on January 16, 2024).

7. Where is the new altar for meeting with God in this present dispensation of grace?

A. Special rooms designated for worship.

B. Temples built by human hands.

C. Designated "altars" in homes.

D. The heart of every Christian.

(Hint: Read the message on January 18, 2024).

8. Which rearrangement of the words in Romans 8:2 helps clarify the meaning?

A. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of death and sin."

B. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from death and the law of sin."

C. "For the law of sin and the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from sin and the law of death."

D. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law, death, and sin."

(Hint: Read the message on January 19, 2024).

9. How can Christians gain knowledge of God's will and purpose for their lives?

A. Through academic learning and study.

B. Through personal experiences and trials.

C. Through revelation knowledge by the Holy Spirit.

D. Through discussions and debates with fellow Christians.

(Hint: Read the message on January 22, 2024).

10. Who are those invited to the grand party in Heaven for the marriage supper of the Lamb?

A. Only those who have performed extraordinary deeds.

B. All those who have been born again.

C. A specific group chosen by earthly leaders.

D. Those who witness the second coming of the Lord.

(Hint: Read the message on January 26, 2024).

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WE'RE AT WAR!

Monday,

(Soul Winning Is "War")

TO THE BIBLE Ephesians 6:12

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

LET'S TALK

Through the preaching of the Gospel, we deliver people from Satan's dominion unto God. It's warfare. So, you must be prepared. And thank God it's a war in which we're victorious. Christians who aren't prepared easily get discouraged or even knocked out because they didn't realise that soul winning is war. You can't win souls without warring in intercession. If you're going to lead many to Christ, evangelising your world in a remarkable way, you'd have to labour in intercession.

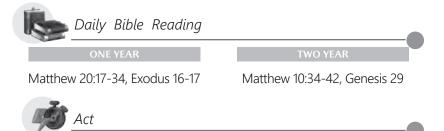
That was the kind of foundation God gave several of us many years ago, while we were still very young. All we knew was prayer, night and day, interceding for the souls of men and the nations of the World. The Bible says Satan, the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those that don't believe so their hearts won't receive the light of the Gospel (2 Corinthians 4:4).

It reveals the spirituality of this warfare. We have an adversary—Satan. The Bible says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith..." (1 Peter 5:8-9). The devil is all out to oppose

the Gospel and God's children. But in prayer, you effectively destroy Satan's stronghold in men's hearts and his stratagems and machinations against you and your work as a preacher of righteousness. So, pray always in the spirit for those you're planning to reach with the Gospel.



Dear Father, I thank you for the authority in the Name of Jesus! I pray even now for those in my estate, neighbourhood, city and nation who have not yet known the Lord, that the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ will shine in their hearts today. I declare that every resistance to the Gospel is broken, and their hearts are receptive to the message for their salvation, and Satan's bondage and deception is destroyed, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Pray fervently in tongues before heading out for evangelism today.



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WALK WITH GOD

(Please Him With Your Daily Walk Of Faith)



TO THE BIBLE Genesis 5:21-22

"Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters."

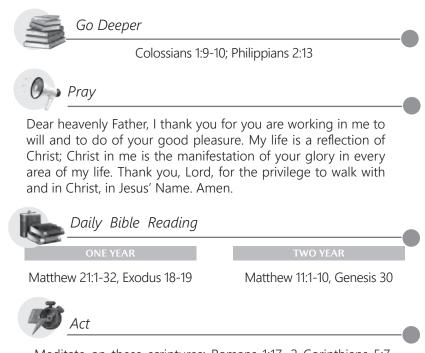
LET'S TALK

What we read in our opening scripture tells you the kind of man Enoch was; he was a prophet of God. He was the prophet of God who saw the vision of the Lord's coming with ten thousands of His saints (Jude 1:14-15). Hebrews 11:5 says, 'By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.'

Enoch was caught up to heaven alive and never died. The Bible says that before his translation into heaven, he had the testimony that he pleased God. How do you please God? The way to please God is walking by faith, for the Bible says, *"Without faith, it's impossible to please God"* (Hebrews 11:6). You can tell today whether or not you're pleasing the Lord; the question you need to answer is, "Are you walking by faith or by sensory perceptions?"

Faith is acting on the Word; it's doing God's Word. Enoch knew he pleased God because he was a doer of the Word. James 1:22 says, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." It's akin to what Jesus said in John 14:15: "If you love me, keep my *commandments."* The way to show you love God is doing His Word, and faith works by love.

Learn to walk in the light of God's Word. In Colossians 1:10 NIV, Paul by the Spirit, prayed, "...that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God." This is fulfilled in your life as you live every day by faith, for the just shall live by faith, hallelujah!



Meditate on these scriptures: Romans 1:17, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Galatians 3:11.





"STANDING STRONG" IN FAITH Wednesday,

(Don't Be Swayed Through Satanic Deception, Tactics, And Strategies)

TO THE BIBLE 2 Corinthians 10:4 "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds."

LET'S TALK

As a Christian, you ought to look at things from the spiritual perspective, especially when you encounter circumstances that pose some serious challenges to your faith. Are you in a health situation, and you've done everything you know and the prognosis is still dim? Or in your finances you've applied all the strategies you know, but your situation seems to be worsening, and you're wondering what next to do?

At such times, stand strong in faith. You have to realise that there's an adversary who is all out to oppose the Gospel and try to hinder your effectiveness in the things of God. Ephesians 6:10-11 says, "...Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." The wiles of the devil refer to the strategies of the devil. The Apostle Paul, here, wants you to know that there's an enemy that is lying in wait, strategising against you and the Church.

But to counter this enemy, he tells you to put on the whole armour of God, why? Because he knows that if you don't put on the whole armour of God, you can't face the adversary. The twelfth verse of the same chapter goes on to say, *"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness* of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12).

Something about this "wrestling" that you need to realise is that it's not just a fight as in physical combat; rather, it's the adversary trying to sway you from the right path through deception. But with the Word in your mouth and heart, you prevail always against the enemy. James 4:7 says, "...*Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*"

Revelation 12:11 shows how to resist him. It says, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." No matter what the enemy throws at you, stand strong in faith and use the all-powerful Name of Jesus to neutralise him. Hallelujah!



Dear Heavenly Father, I give you thanks for the opportunity to be blessed by your precious Word today. I'm not ignorant of Satan's devices and refuse to fall prey to them. I declare that Satan and all his cohorts of hell are under my feet, in Jesus' mighty Name. Amen.

Daily Bible Reading		
ONE YEAR	TWO YEAR	
Matthew 21:33-22:1-14 Exodus 20-21	Matthew 11:11-20 Genesis 31	

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List the various parts of God's armoury, and then declare that you are suited with each part.



Prayer of Salvation

We trust you've 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!"

Congratulations! You're now a child of God. To receive more information on how you can grow as a Christian, please get in touch with us through any of the contacts below:

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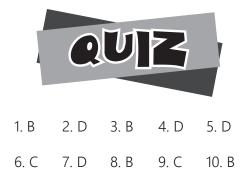
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ACROSS: 1 Solomon, 6 Macedonia, 7 Abishag, 8 Elijah, 9 Beautiful, 12 Transgression, 15 Healed, 16 Heaven, 17 Elkanah, 18 Philippi, 19 Bethsaida.

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