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... A DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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AMPC	-The Amplified Classic Bible
TANT	-The Amplified New Translation
TLB	-The Living Bible
CEV	-Contemporary English Version
NASB	-New American Standard Bible
ISV	-International Standard Version
NIV	-New International Version
MSG	-The Message Translation
WEB	-The World English Bible
TNLT	-The New Living Translation
ASV	-American Standard Version
TEV	-Today's English Version
RSV	-Revised Standard Version
GNB	-Good News Bible
WNT	-Weymouth New Testament
NRSV	-New Revised Standard Version
MOFFAT	-Moffatt New Translation
WESNT	-Wesley New Testament
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Introduction

Hurray! Your favourite daily devotional, Rhapsody of Realities, is now available in over 2000 languages and still counting. The 2020 edition of the devotional has been packaged to enhance your spiritual growth and development and position you for resounding success throughout the year.

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- Read and carefully meditate on each article. Saying the prayers and confessions aloud to yourself daily will ensure the results of God's Word that you're speaking come to pass in your life.
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- You can also split the daily Bible reading portions into two parts—morning and evening reading.
- Use the devotional to prayerfully write out your goals for each month, and measure your success as you accomplish one goal after another.

Enjoy God's glorious presence and victory, as you take a daily dose of His Word! God bless you!

-Pastor Chris Oyakhilome

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WEDNESDAY 1

YOU HAVE ALL IT TAKES



But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD (Genesis 6:8).

This is a new year, and it presents enormous opportunities for increased greatness and progress. Make up your mind that your past won't be your master; it won't be your limitation no matter how successful or how disappointing it might have been.

One of the things you must do is to start early; be determined to be ahead in your goals. Don't delay or procrastinate on any project or assignment. Don't find yourself doing in March, what you should have done in January. Be an early riser; I'm not just talking about waking up by 4 am, but having an early start in the things you want to achieve.

The Word of His grace is your advantage; that's what you need to be ahead, and successful in all that you do. That Word came to us last night with so much power at the New Year's Eve Service; run with it! If for any reason you missed or couldn't participate in the service, watch out for the rebroadcast in any of our LoveWorld Networks today and the rest of the week.

Make up your mind you won't struggle in accomplishing your goals. Everywhere you go, be conscious of God's grace, His mighty hand of blessings

upon your life. He has opened new doors for you; with opportunities that can't be humanly explained. Therefore, go forth and win, for He's all you need, and He's in you strong; alive and at work. Glory to His Name forever! Amen.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your glory that's evident in my life. Your favour surrounds me like a shield, and I walk in your blessings and supernatural provisions this year, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Isaiah 43:19; Proverbs 12:24 AMPC; 2 Timothy 2:1

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 1 & Genesis 1-2

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 5:33-42 & Nehemiah 3



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THURSDAY 2

HE BELIEVES IN YOU



For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:10).

If you have faith in a system, you'll build it. Likewise, if you have faith in a people, you'll build them; and that's what Christ is doing with us. He has faith in us; so He builds us through His Word. He trusts us, and believes in us, because we're His Church; His workmanship. That's what we read in our opening verse.

The world may not believe in you or expect any good thing from you, but God does. That's the reason He called you into this glorious fellowship with Himself. Your value to Him is Jesus Christ; you're as valuable to God as Jesus is, and that's the price He paid for your salvation.

Therefore, refuse to limit yourself to the world's perception of you. What your creator thinks of you is all that matters. He sees you at your best; therefore, live your best; be the best of you for Him in your world! He saw what you would become if He gave His life in your place, if He took your place of sin and gave you His righteousness. He saw that through you, His

righteousness would multiply and be established in the earth and in the hearts of men.

Hebrews 12:2 says because of the joy—the glory that was set before Him—the Lord Jesus endured the Cross, despising the shame. You’re that joy, the glory that He saw. He had faith that through you, His purpose to make men sons of God, bringing them into oneness with Himself, would be fulfilled. The Bible says you’re His seed, prolonging His days. You’re His dream come true. He absolutely believes in you. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I thank you for my wonderful life in Christ. Your grace and beauty are evidently manifested in and through me to my world. I was born to manifest your glory and righteousness; through me, your Kingdom reigns and expands in the earth and in the hearts of men, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Jeremiah 29:11; James 1:18 NLT

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 2 & Genesis 3-5

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 6:1-8 & Nehemiah 4-5



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FRIDAY 3

PRACTISE THE DIVINE LIFE



Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all (1 Timothy 4:15).

It's wonderful to be healed from any sickness or disease, but how about never being sick? That's surely more sublime, and that's the life Jesus brought; a life of divine health. Divine health for the Christian isn't a promise; it came in the salvation package. It's part of the result and impact of eternal life in you. The Bible says, ***"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son"*** (1 John 5:11).

Being born again, you have eternal life, and eternal life doesn't require healing. Therefore, it doesn't matter what attacks your body; if you'd stir up the life of God in your spirit, your whole body will be vitalized. The Bible says, ***"...if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you"*** (Romans 8:11). Hallelujah! Christ in you—the Holy Spirit in you—is life-generating!

The Bible says you were born after the second Adam, who is a life-giving Spirit. What you need is to learn to activate this life from within you, through

meditation. You have to consciously practise that life, by insisting on the Word, affirming boldly that the divine life has supplanted the human life of which you were born of your earthly parents. Every so often, say, “Eternal life is at work in me; every facet of my being is inundated with the life of God.”

The expression, “Meditate upon” in our theme verse, is Greek, “Meletao,” also meaning “to practise.” The result is that your progress and success will be undeniable and inevitable. When you feel symptoms of sickness in your body, it’s a mirage; refute them with the Word. Never succumb to the rudiments of this world; the corrupting forces of this present world of darkness. And don’t wait until there’s a challenge to affirm the Word.

CONFESSION

I’m an associate of the God-kind, with the indestructible life of God in me! I live in the Christ-environment, where divinity reigns; the divine life is operational in every fibre of my being, for I hail from God; born of Him. Praise God!

FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 4:12; Isaiah 33:24; 1 John 5:11-13

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 3 & Genesis 6-8

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 6:9-15 & Nehemiah 6



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SING THE RIGHT SONGS



...for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people (2 Corinthians 6:16).

Some Christians sing the wrong songs as a result of ignorance of God's Word. Such songs have created in them a certain kind of unbelief that's difficult to cure. That a song is melodious or makes you feel emotional doesn't necessarily make it right. As long as it doesn't communicate the realities of the Gospel as it applies to the new creation, it's the wrong song and singing it could rob you of your faith and effectiveness in the things of God.

For example, when a congregation sings, "Let your glory fill this house; let your presence fill my heart...." Such a song doesn't get anywhere; God doesn't respond to it. Only your emotions respond. If you ask Him to fill your heart with His presence, when will He answer? That's an Old Testament request. Being born again, you're the tabernacle of Almighty God; His presence already fills your heart! He's made His home in you. You don't need to ask for what you already have. Many sing such songs, because they want to "feel" His presence; no! He's in you, and you're in

Him, whether or not you feel it.

God's Word is God. Once the lyrics of your songs aren't consistent with His truth, they're your words. However, He'll bless you for daring to believe, like He said to David: ***"...Because it was in your heart to build a temple for my Name, you did well to have this in your heart"*** (1 Kings 8:18 NIV). He blessed David for thinking about it at all. So, when you worship with the wrong songs, He'll bless you for thinking about it, but there're much greater blessings in His Truth.

You need to understand what the Word of God has brought you, and when you get a hold of it, don't lose it because of your feelings; simply because you feel far or near. Never relate to Him or sing to Him according to your feelings; His Word is the basis for our relationship with Him. Therefore, sing, preach, pray and live the Word. Praise God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for choosing me to know your will, filling me with the knowledge of your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. I have insight into mysteries and secrets of the Kingdom; the eyes of my understanding are constantly enlightened to know you more and worship you in Spirit and in truth, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 4:23-24; Psalm 82:5-6; Colossians 1:9

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 4 & Genesis 9-11

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 7:1-11 & Nehemiah 7-8



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SUNDAY 5

SATURATE YOUR CLOUD WITH THE RIGHT WORDS



If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be (Ecclesiastes 11:3).

As a Christian, you're a king-priest; the Bible says where the word of a king is, there's power (Ecclesiastes 8:4). Therefore, keep talking; I don't mean be loquacious; I mean keep affirming the Word. Jesus said you shall have what you say (Mark 11:23). Therefore, have what I call, "Talking sessions," where all you do is get into your closet, affirming God's Word about your life, your future and destiny. Learn to talk your money up; talk your family up; talk your business up; talk your health up.

If you don't know what to say, write out a portion of Scripture on who you are or what belongs to you in Christ, and begin to affirm them. You can also visit **Pastor Chris Digital Library** to watch and listen to faith-building messages; before long, the right words will form in your spirit and proceed from your mouth. Take this seriously, and you'd be amazed at the changes that'll happen in your life within a short time. That's because words are things; they have divine potency;

they possess spiritual energy.

When you talk, you release energy in the realm of the spirit, in the direction of the substance of the message, because words are vector quantities. I said, "Have talking sessions"; at such times, you're not merely talking into the air; you're addressing circumstances and situations, effecting positive changes in your life and future.

From this beginning days of the New Year, and all through, practise this. Shape and frame the future you want with your words. Store words in the spirit that would produce for you the right harvest at the appointed time. Recall what we read in our theme verse. So, now is the time to saturate your cloud with the right words and rule your world. Amen.

CONFESSION

The Word of God is in my heart and in my mouth; the Word of faith which I've received, and it's producing results in me and in my circumstances. I know who I am, for greater is He that's in me, than he that's in the world. I'm an associate of the God-kind; I reign as a king in life. Glory to God!

FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 13:5-6; Joshua 1:8 AMPC; Mark 11:23

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 5:1-20 & Genesis 12-14

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 7:12-21 & Nehemiah 9



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MONDAY 6

RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE GRACE



***But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble
(James 4:6).***

When God promotes you, He increases His grace on your life. With that increased grace, you're able to accomplish much more. Grace gives you greater ability and opens doors for you. But something very important about grace that you must be conscious of is that it craves recognition.

You might have noticed that the name, "Grace" is most commonly answered by ladies. It sort of explains something about grace: it's ladylike; something alluring. A beautiful lady likes to be recognized; she dresses adorably because she likes to be acknowledged. That's really how grace is. If you fail to recognize grace, it'll cringe; it'll withdraw and cease to function.

It's part of the reason some Christians aren't seeing the manifestation of grace in their lives as they should. Learn to celebrate grace. Consciously acknowledge that you're full of grace, surrounded with divine favour everywhere, and every day. You'll be amazed at the increased blessings and manifestations of the Spirit you'll experience in your life.

Remember, the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of

grace; so, in celebrating grace, you're celebrating Him. Therefore, He'll keep manifesting Himself—His beauty and glory—in your life. Suddenly, you find that you're being called and chosen for jobs, blessings, promotions and positions you didn't even qualify for. Even people who profess not to like you will be doing good things for you. That's the power of grace.

Even now, God's grace is increased in your life, causing His glory to be revealed in all that you do, ushering you into your next level of greatness and promotion. Receive it. Celebrate it. Affirm it. Glory to God!

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for the outworking of your grace in my life, which causes me to grow and manifest the beauty, character and blessings of your Spirit. I recognize your superabundant grace on my life, resulting in favours, promotions, increase, advantage and innumerable blessings, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Peter 1:2 AMPC; John 1:16; 2 Corinthians 9:8

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 5: 21-48 & Genesis 15-17

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 7:22-32 & Nehemiah 10



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TUESDAY 7

THE INVINCIBLE LIFE



I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life (1 John 5:13 NIV).

Church history tells us how John, the writer of our theme scripture, faced intense persecution due to his faith. He was captured and plunged into a large vessel of boiling oil with the intention of frying him alive. They lit the fire while he was inside, but something remarkable happened: the oil burnt out, but John was still there; alive and unscathed.

His persecutors, who couldn't fathom how anyone could survive such a gruesome ordeal, concluded that his life was indeed divine, and for that reason, he earned the appellation, "Saint John the Divine." He was later banished into exile in Patmos, a Greek island, where he wrote the Book of Revelation.

What made this apostle, in spite of that horrific treatment, invincible? He had eternal life, which he wrote about and admonished the Church to be conscious of, as read in our theme scripture. He said, "I want you to know that you have eternal life." The word, "know" is translated from the Greek "eido," and it means to observe or become aware; knowledge

with awareness.

John came to a level of awareness that eternal life, the very essence of divinity, was at work in him. That same life of absolute victory, glory, righteousness, and dominion in Christ supplanted your human life, making you indestructible! Become fully persuaded of this truth. Don't just preach, sing and dance about it; let it be a present-hour consciousness in your spirit that you're a divine being, not a mere human. You're in the divine class; an associate of the God-kind. Blessed be God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the impact of your divine life in my spirit, soul and body. This divine life surges through my being, destroying and repelling sickness, disease, infirmity, death, poverty, and everything that's inconsistent with the provisions of the Gospel of Christ. I'm invincible, indestructible and impregnable, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 5:11-12; John 10:10 AMPC; Romans 8:11

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 6:1-18 & Genesis 18-19

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 7:33-42 & Nehemiah 11



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WEDNESDAY 8

PROMISES BACKED WITH SUPPLY



Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (2 Peter 1:4).

“Promises,” as used in the verse above is different from its generic definition as a verbal or written commitment or an undertaking to do something. It’s not the same as telling a friend, for example, “I’m going to give you \$200,000 tomorrow.” In such a case, if, come tomorrow, you couldn’t fulfil that promise for whatever reason, you may not be in any trouble with the Law, even though you had given your word to that friend.

On the other hand, if you issued him a cheque of \$200,000, dated today, all he’d need would be to present it before the bank, who is under obligation to pay him. In this case, you gave him something much more than a promise. If the cheque you issued him was a dud or worthless cheque, that becomes an offence, punishable by Law. This is because by issuing the cheque, you instructed a financial institution to pay money which you didn’t own. Therefore, this promise must be backed by available funds.

That’s the type of promise the Apostle Peter was

referring to. They aren't "promises" for the future, waiting to be fulfilled; no! They're such that the one who promised can be held liable should anything go wrong. They are promises backed already with the supply, waiting for you to cash them! This is the reason divine health, prosperity, the life of victory, dominion and glory in Christ, and all the blessings of the Gospel aren't "promises" that you should be praying for or expecting to come to pass in your life. Rather, they are present-hour realities, available to you to "cash" and enjoy in the NOW of your life.

Never say, "I'm sick," "I'm broke," "I'm weak," or "I'm afraid"; it's contrary to the God-life and your God-nature to talk like that. Speak the God-language, because you belong to a heavenly pantheon that speaks divine realities. Become more conscious that you were born into God's realm of life, with His nature and character in your spirit, and that you're in a vital union—an inseparable oneness with Him. Glory to His Name forever!

PRAAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for making me an associate of the God-kind. I bask in this glorious union, living the triumphant, victorious, successful and glorious life in Christ, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 1:20 AMPC; 2 Corinthians 7:1 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

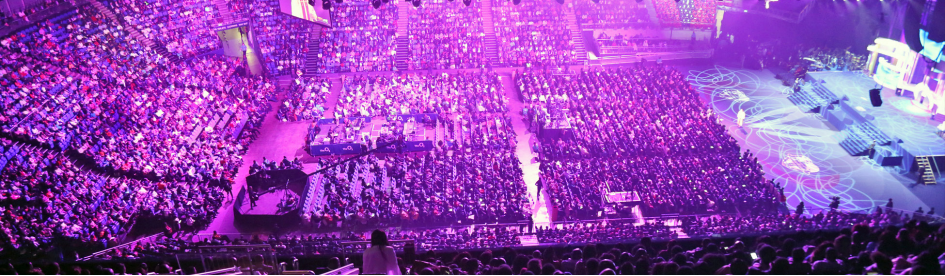
Matthew 6:19-7:1-6 & Genesis 20-22

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 7:43-53 & Nehemiah 12



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THURSDAY 9

NO “CONTRABANDS”



...but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:2).

The English translation of the word, “prove” doesn’t give us the best expression of what Paul, by the Spirit, conveys in the theme verse. The Greek word is “dokimazo”; and it means to discern or examine; a more appropriate expression is, “to scrutinize.”

To understand this better, consider the custom service section at the entry port of any country. They’re mandated to scrutinize passengers, and in high alert cases, use more sophisticated machines to provide animated images of suspicious items. Right there, the traveller’s eligibility is ascertained, either for entry or denial into that country. That’s what the Spirit is telling us: you have the responsibility to “prove” or scrutinize what you allow into your world! There’re contrabands—things that aren’t consistent with your divine nature in Christ—like sickness, death, poverty, anger, bitterness, frustration, etc.; don’t allow them into your life.

Remember that the Bible says, **“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life”** (Proverbs 4:23). You’re to consciously mount a garrison, a blockade, over your heart against the negativities of life. It’s your responsibility, and you have the power and authority to do it. Jesus said, **“And I will**

give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:19). Keys speak of authority, laws and principles. When you disallow or permit something on earth, heaven gives the authority and backs what you have said.

This year, more than ever, be resolute about not allowing “contrabands” in your life and in your environment. Vehemently refuse the works of evil and forbid them in your body, family, job and around you. Allow only divine realities into your world, things that are consistent with the perfect will of God for your life. If you don’t take a stand, nothing will change; and it begins with the renewing or transformation of your mind. With a renewed mind, you’ll think, permit and express only God’s thoughts, His righteousness, love, kindness, joy and peace in your life, and in your environment. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the power to determine what comes into my world. I disallow every kind of illegal transaction in my life. I vehemently refuse sickness, poverty, death, and everything that hurts and binds. Only things that are consistent with the God-life are permitted in, and around me, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 6:13; Romans 8:13 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 7:7-29 & Genesis 23-24

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 7:54-60 & Nehemiah 13



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FRIDAY 10

GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION



*Wherewithal shall a young man
cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto
according to thy word
(Psalm 119:9).*

God's Word is light. Psalm 119:105 says, ***"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."*** It's interesting that it likens the Word to a lamp. A lamp doesn't have strong beams. You don't turn on a lamp and leave it in a stationary position; you'd have to carry it with you.

It lets you know that God's Word is something you need every day. The Christian life is a journey; every day is a fresh day to serve God; a new day to please Him, and walk in the path that He's ordained for you; you need His Word for guidance and direction.

Life may be filled with chances and choices, but through the Word, you receive illumination that gives you insight into the realities of the Kingdom-life. Psalm 119:130 (AMPC) says, ***"The entrance {and} unfolding of Your words give light; their unfolding gives understanding (discernment and comprehension) to the simple."***

Stay in God's Word. Study and meditate on it until it gains the ascendancy over your life. That's when you receive light and understanding; a new mind-set that

transforms your life. You begin to see differently; God's glory and abundant provisions become real to you.

Your journey in life should be on the clear path of progress, victory, and success only, because Jesus said, ***"...I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life"*** (John 8:12). The way to follow Him is through the Word. Make God's Word your compass for navigating through life.

CONFESSION

Dear Lord, your Word is the light that guides me in the path of success, victory, and greatness. Through your Word, I receive direction, illumination, and insight into the mysteries and realities of the Kingdom. My life is the testimony of your grace and blessings because I live in your Word. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Isaiah 30:21; Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 6:23 NIV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 8:1-27 & Genesis 25-26

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 8:1-13 & Esther 1-2



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SATURDAY 11

BE ABOUT HIS BUSINESS



*...while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven
(Acts 1:10-11).*

The Master's return is for sure, and closer than ever. For that reason, we must be about His business. Become consumed with the pursuit of the expansion of His Kingdom. Seek, above all, the rule and reign of His Kingdom in the earth and in the hearts of men. He needs to find us busy, doing what He told us to do. In John 14:15, He said, ***"If ye love me, keep my commandments."***

He's given us the authority, and commissioned us to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. So, enlarge your vision and increase your passion to make the Gospel known, getting others ready for the Master's return. Some are asking how soon He's coming back. Is it a matter of days, weeks, months or years so they can prepare and keep themselves clean before He comes. The time shouldn't matter, as long as you're in

fellowship with Him. Walking in the light of His Word and of your salvation, you'll be confident of His return.

What a day of rejoicing it'll be when the Master shows up! The Bible says ***"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed"*** (1 Corinthians 15:52). There'll be those looking for us, saying it can't be real. Some would be wailing, bemoaning how they missed the rapture. But thanks be unto God! We all still have the opportunity to do the needful and make ourselves ready for that glorious day. Keep loving the Lord with all your heart, winning souls and walking in love. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Righteous Father, what a great and glorious God you are! And what joy to anticipate Christ's glorious return! All my energies and passion are focused on doing your will and turning the unrighteous from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, making them citizens of your eternal Kingdom, where eternal life reigns, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Luke 12:37-38 NLT; 2 Timothy 4:7-8; Matthew 28:19-20

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 8:28-9:1-17 & Genesis 27-28

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 8:14-25 & Esther 3-4



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SUNDAY 12

HIS INCORRUPTIBLE LIFE IN YOU



Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body (2 Corinthians 4:10).

Through the Gospel, God has brought life and immortality to light (2 Timothy 1:10), and He wants that life to be manifested in our physical bodies. Think about that: His invincible life manifested in your physical body! This is what makes the Christian a superman.

Recall the experience of Paul on the island of Malta in Acts 28. He was bitten by a venomous viper, but he wasn't hurt; he didn't shout or try to cast out the poison. He didn't even pray or quickly recite some confession. He simply continued what he was doing as though nothing happened. The onlookers were perplexed as they had expected Paul to swell and suddenly drop dead as a result of the venom. But when that didn't happen, they concluded he was a god (Acts 28:6).

Paul knew he had the incorruptible life of Christ manifested in his physical body. That life came in the salvation package. Therefore, in your life, be fearless; you can't be poisoned or killed, because of the divine life in you. You might ask, "What am I going to do

to live this kind of life?" Just as you didn't have to do anything to live the human life, you don't have to "do something" to be what God has already made you.

The Bible says, ***"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us..."*** (Titus 3:5). Ephesians 2:8-9 says, ***"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."*** The divine life in you came at no extra cost; if you have Jesus, you have it (1 John 5:11-12). What you need is the awareness, the consciousness of your identity in Him, and His incorruptible life in you. Glory to His Name forever!

CONFESSION

The supernatural, immortal and incorruptible life of Christ is at work in me; therefore, I live above sickness, disease and all the depravities that affect the human nature. I'm an associate of the God-kind, manifesting the glory and virtues of divinity, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 5:11-13; Romans 8:11

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 9:18-38 & Genesis 29-30

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 8:26-40 & Esther 5-6



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MONDAY 13

SET YOUR MIND ON SPIRITUAL THINGS



Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth (Colossians 3:2).

Even though “affection” is quite a good and strong rendering in the verse above, the Greek word, “phroneo” is a little more practical. It means to set your mind or your thinking; an activity of the mind; how your mind works. It originates from two words; one meaning, “To reign in,” like you say, “I’ve got to reign this fellow in”; that is, to bring him under control. The second word means, “To block in or fence in.”

Thus, the admonition to set your affection on things above means to have control on your mind and consciously set your thinking on spiritual things. Remember that the things you think about are the things that will control your actions.

For example, you may have been wrestling with certain habits; habits that affect the way you serve and live for the Lord; habits that reduce your effectiveness and efficiency. You might have prayed about it, yet, nothing seemed to have changed. It’s not so much about prayer as it’s about the use of your mind! Your mind is a very powerful machine; you can twist or control it any way you choose. So, what you must do is to first, consciously refuse to think on those things you know aren’t wholesome, and deliberately focus

your mind on the Word.

Practise exercising your mind through conscious thought. If, for whatever reason, an unwholesome thought comes to you, say, “No,” and then, switch your mind to something excellent; to the Word. Don’t be surprised if such thoughts creep in again; resist it and repeat the process. James 4:7 says “**...Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**” God knows what’s in the devil, and He tells us if we resist him, he’ll flee; that’s got to be the necessary result!

Exercise your mind to develop a liking for spiritual things; exercise your interests in the things of God. Attend church services. Study and meditate on the Word. Maintain a robust prayer schedule. Win souls. These are spiritual activities to consciously engage in, in training yourself to “reign-in” your outward man! Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I consciously exercise my mind to focus on the spiritual realities of the Word, and project myself to greater levels of success, prosperity and victory. By the power of the Spirit, I cast off worthless and unproductive thoughts, and use my mind correctly to picture the glorious and victorious life that I have in Christ. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Philippians 4:8; Romans 12:2

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 10:1-23 & Genesis 31-33

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 9:1-9 & Esther 7-8



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TUESDAY 14

HE NOURISHES AND CHERISHES YOU



*For no man ever yet hated his own flesh;
but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as
the Lord the church
(Ephesians 5:29).*

The Lord Jesus, in John 10:11 & 14, said, ***“I am the good shepherd...”*** The Greek word for “shepherd” is “poimēn” and it means “Pastor”; one that’s called of God to nourish, carefully protect and cherish the flock. This is what Jesus does to the Church; He nourishes and cherishes it. The Apostle Paul implied this in his Spirit-inspired admonition in our theme verse.

How does the Lord nourish the Church? He does it through the ministry of the Word! It brings to mind something the Lord said to me while in prayer many years ago. He said, “Feed my sheep.” While I was still pondering on the statement, He said it again. At this time, tears flowed freely down my eyes, because I knew what He meant. He wanted me to teach the Word; and I’ve been at it ever since.

What the Lord said to me back then parallels His encounter with Peter in John 21:17. After asking Peter three consecutive times, “Do you love me?” and Peter answered in the affirmative, He said to him, “Feed my sheep.” He was telling Peter to feed them with the Word. The Word is food for the spirit, and anyone who dares to believe and receive the Word is nourished, built up, and sustained in the victorious life. In Acts 20:32, the Spirit writes, ***“And now, brethren, I***

commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

The Church is very important to the Lord. The Bible says ***"...we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones"*** (Ephesians 5:30). We're one with Him. And through the ministry of the Word, He sustains, energizes, strengthens and prepares us for His soon return: ***"That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish"*** (Ephesians 5:26-27).

Even now, the Lord is nourishing you as you study this devotional. He's doing something to your spirit; He's invigorating and vitalizing you through and through, because He cherishes you. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your Word that builds me up and positions me on the right course in life. I'm completely given to the ministry of the Word in study and meditation, and therefore, nurtured, edified, developed and sustained in the victorious life. I walk in divine health, prosperity, and enjoy unprecedented increase in every area of my life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Acts 20:32; Ezekiel 34:14-15; 2 Timothy 3:15-17

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 10:24-42 & Genesis 34-35

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 9:10-20 & Esther 9-10



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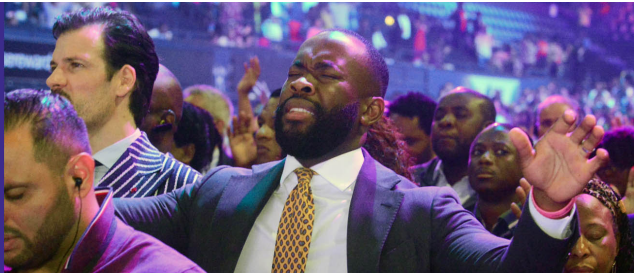
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WEDNESDAY 15

WALK IN THE SPIRIT



But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his (Romans 8:9).

There're Christians who are still easily controlled by the dictates of the flesh and its senses. So, always, they pray, asking the Lord to help them overcome the flesh with its affections and lusts. But that's a contradiction, because the Word says, ***"...those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires"*** (Galatians 5:24 NKJV). What you're supposed to do is live the Word.

God's Word reveals your identity, heritage, origin and ability in Christ Jesus; it's a mirror. Your responsibility is to accept the picture of you that the Word projects, and live accordingly. We read in our opening verse that you're not in the flesh, but in the Spirit. That's the declaration of God; that's how He sees you. Your recreated human spirit is perfected in Christ; so, what then? Galatians 5:16 states what you're supposed to do and the result: ***"...Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."***

You're to walk in the Spirit because you're born into the realm of the Spirit; you live in the Spirit; that's

your life now! The reason some still find themselves struggling with unhealthy desires and habits is that they're not walking in the consciousness of who they are in Christ; they're not walking in the Spirit. How do you walk in the Spirit? It doesn't mean floating in the air; it means walking in the light of God's Word; walking in the light of who you are in Him.

Now that you're born again, set your appetite on the things of the Spirit. If you find yourself lusting after or desiring the things of the world, you ought to say, "No, that's not who I am; I'm the righteousness of God in Christ; my spirit is clean; I'm a new creature. I thirst and yearn after God and His Word only. My affection is set on things above, not on things in the earth." Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for giving me the ability to comprehend who I am in Christ. I'm born of the Spirit and yielded to the Spirit, to do your will and walk in your light. My life is the expression and manifestation of your righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 8:1-2; Romans 8:5-9; Galatians 5:25

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 11:1-30 & Genesis 36-37

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 9:21-31 & Job 1-2



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THURSDAY 16

BE CHRIST-IN-ME CONSCIOUS



...For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people (2 Corinthians 6:16 NKJV).

The real essence of Christianity is the fact that Christ literally lives in you by the Holy Spirit. That's the reason Jesus came, to make fellowship and oneness with God possible. Through that fellowship, we were given eternal life—the life and nature of God. Therefore, you're by no means an ordinary person. You're full of God; full of His love, His grace and His wisdom.

This has to become a reality in your spirit; otherwise, you won't be living the true Christian life. You have to be Christ-in-me conscious. I'm referring to a consciousness about life where all you know is Christ; everything you see is Christ. The Bible says Christ is your life (Colossians 3:4). Christ is everything. Functioning with this mindset will literally transport you to the realm where you have no consciousness of need, failure or fear; you're on top and in victory every day, every hour, every minute and every second, because you carry God in you! You and God are the eternal winning team. Hallelujah!

But because many aren't "Christ-in-me" minded, they struggle through life, "looking" for God; "going"

to Him, and reaching out to Him for help. Whereas, the Bible says, ***“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world”*** (1 John 4:4). Everything and anything you could ever need is inside the greater One that lives in you. What you need is to become conscious of His indwelling presence and the wisdom He pilots you with for success and greatness.

Don't ask Him for wisdom; He's your wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:30). Don't ask Him for help; He's your Help and your Helper. Don't ask Him for strength; He's your strength. Don't go anywhere without the consciousness that you're a God-carrying vessel. You'll be amazed at the sudden transformation: the grace, divine aura, influence and power that you'll exude. Why? In the spiritual realm, the first principle is knowledge; the second is consciousness, and the third is speaking; voicing. That's the reason this knowledge is coming to you today, for you to have the consciousness that you carry God in you, and then declare accordingly.

CONFESSION

I'm not ordinary, for the Greater One lives in my spirit, soul and body! I'm full of God! I'm strong, sound, full of His love, wisdom and divine essence. My life is full of grace. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Corinthians 3:16; Colossians 1:26-27

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 12:1-21 & Genesis 38-39

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 9:32-43 & Job 3-4



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FRIDAY 17

UNHINDERED PROGRESS



Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all (1 Timothy 4:15).

The word, “appear” in our opening verse is the Greek “phaneros,” which means to spread abroad, or to cause something or someone to shine. Here, the Spirit, through the Apostle Paul lets us know what meditating on God’s Word does for you: it causes your prosperity and success to spread abroad or burst forth. Hallelujah!

The same truth is revealed in Joshua 1:8; the Word propels your advancement. The Lord said to Joshua, ***“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”*** Notice that the key isn’t just having the Word in your heart or the pages of the Bible, but in your mouth; speaking it forth, and it’ll bring prosperity into your life.

When you study the Hebrew construction of the latter part of Joshua 1:8, you’d observe that the portion where it says ***“...thou shalt make thy way prosperous...”*** actually means “to burst forth with prosperity!” What it describes is a sudden gush, like the

rushing of a flood breaking through a barrier with so much power. That's the kind of prosperity and success you'll experience if you'd meditate, inundate your spirit with God's Word. You burst forth into prosperity with such power that nothing can hold back.

Perhaps you're into some trade or business and your brand hasn't "spread abroad"; it isn't well known. Practise meditating on the Word. As you do, you'll receive the ideas and inspiration you need to take things to the next level. It doesn't matter in which area of your life you desire to see extraordinary progress; do this, and before long, others will surely notice your unhindered progress.

CONFESSION

Dear Father, your wisdom is at work in me and I'm moving with power and great glory; there's no stopping me. I'm propelled by your Word and the Spirit, in the path of success and greatness. I'm fulfilling my destiny in Christ, gloriously bursting forth in prosperity. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Psalms 1:1-3; Isaiah 32:15; 3 John 1:2

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 12:22-50 & Genesis 40-41

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 10:1-8 & Job 5-6



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SATURDAY 18

ALWAYS VICTORIOUS



Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place (2 Corinthians 2:14).

There's a reason the Church is the most persecuted of the demographics in the world: Satan is afraid of what's coming, and he's making so much effort to cause fear in the hearts of many. But he's a failure. Mighty things are happening in the Church of Jesus Christ, and the devil can't contain it. What's happening with us is bigger than what's happening in Technology, Science, or Politics.

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said, ***"...I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."*** The word, "Gates" is symbolic in prophetic language for "power and dominion." So, the powers of hell, the dominion of hell, shall not prevail against the Church.

The Church, right from inception, has survived and endured many terrible persecutions, and will always out-live her detractors. That's because the Word of God is clear: ***"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is***

written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us” (Romans 8:35-37).

We’re forever victorious. We crush every opposition and conquer every adversity. That’s the blessing upon the Church. The Holy Spirit is the Boss of the Church, and He’s God. He’s working in, with, and through us. It’s impossible for us to fail. We won before we started; we’re just acting out the script that’s already been written. Hallelujah!

The Amplified version of our theme verse says, **“But thanks be to God, Who in Christ always leads us in triumph [as trophies of Christ’s victory....”** That’s what’s happening. We’re in a Holy Ghost victory parade. What you need is to stay focused on the work of the Lord, serving Him with joy. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I’m a member of the glorious and triumphant body of Christ. Therefore, I’m indestructible; no matter what happens, I win, because the Word puts me over and guarantees my victory. Greater is He that’s in me than he that’s in the world. I reign and rule with Christ, now and always, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 8:37-39; 1 John 4:4; 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 13:1-23 & Genesis 42-43

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 10:9-20 & Job 7-8



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SUNDAY 19

HAVE NO FEARS



And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last (Revelation 1:17).

When you study the Scriptures, you find that always, God tells us, “Fear not”; be it morning, noon or night; irrespective of what you hear or the symptoms you might be feeling, He doesn’t want fear in your heart. That’s because He knows all things; He knows the future and can see that nothing is set against you or could harm you. He’s the eternal God and lives in eternity. He sees the end from the beginning.

Therefore, even when you seem troubled about something and want Him to act right away, He’s unruffled and never in a hurry, because He already saw that you prevailed. Your future is history to Him. When you study the story of Abraham, you’d observe the Lord giving him the history of his future; He said to him, “**...a father of many nations have I made thee**” (Genesis 17:5). At this time, Abraham had no child; but in the mind of God, it was already a settled fact. His future was history to God.

It’s the same with you today. Have no fears, because He’s seen everything and knows there’s

nothing in front of you that's capable of defeating or destroying you. Nothing! It makes no difference where you are or where you live in this world; there're no limitations on your path. All God wants is that you follow His Word. His Word guarantees your victory, prosperity and success.

His Word is your weapon against all adversary and adversity. His Word is the sword of the Spirit. If you'd live by His Word, and keep it in your mouth, nothing can stop you. Therefore, take away the limits. Say to yourself, "All limitations are gone from my mind! I can, and would be all that God wants me to be. I'M A SUCCESS!" Glory to God!

CONFESSON

I'm bold and very courageous! The Word of God is producing in me what it talks about and I rise above all the limiting systems of the world. I have an extraordinary capacity to contemplate, think, envision and see endless possibilities; and no situation or difficulty can deter me, because I've been set on a perpetual journey of advancement, upliftment and promotion. Glory to God!

FURTHER STUDY:

Joshua 1:6-7; Romans 8:35-39; 1 John 4:4

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 13:24-43 & Genesis 44-45

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 10:21-33 & Job 9-10



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MONDAY 20

MEDITATE ON CHRIST



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

“Christ in you” isn’t a religious cliché. It’s a divine reality, but many haven’t understood the power and import of that reality. That’s the reason for the headaches and fevers they complain of; that’s why they wake up with cancer, diabetes, and all such anomalies in their physical bodies. How could you be sick, if indeed, Christ indwells your physical body?

Before Christ came, all men were under the curse of sin, and were therefore subject to Satan, condemnation, sickness, disease, poverty and death. The Bible says, ***“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”*** (Romans 3:23). This was the consequence of man’s fall in the Garden of Eden. But guess what? The glory that was lost by sin, was restored in Christ! Therefore, if Christ is in you, then glory is the result: glory in your health, in your finances, in your work, family and every area of your life. Hallelujah!

Your life, now that you’re born again, is for glory only. This should be your consciousness; otherwise,

you'll live an ordinary life. Let Christ manifest Himself in you, through the Word and the Holy Spirit. Become "Christ-in-me" conscious. Meditate on Christ: who He is, who He is to you, and in you, and His ministry in you today! Christ isn't around you or near you; neither is He merely with you; He's in you. That's the greatest thing in the world. Praise God for evermore!

CONFESSION

I belong in a special class of divine beings—"the Christ-in-me species!" This is my assurance of a life of continuous triumph and eternal glory. The power, beauty and excellence of divinity are resident in my spirit. I manifest the life and glory of Christ. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 5:30; 1 Corinthians 6:17; Romans 8:10 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 13:44-14:1-12 & Genesis 46-48

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 10:34-43 & Job 11-12



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TUESDAY 21

DIVINE ACCESS



*...who knoweth whether thou art come
to the kingdom for such a time as this?
(Esther 4:14).*

There're people in this world that God has placed to give access to others; access to wealth, to power, to resources, etc. He has ordained someone to be your access, and you may never have that access except through that person. This is because, in working with men, in blessing men, He uses other men.

Take for instance in 1 Kings 17:9 (ASV), God said to Elijah, ***“Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Sidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow there to sustain thee.”*** It was a time of severe famine and if Elijah was going to have any more food, it was going to come from that woman. Elijah could go anywhere else, if he chose, but if he was going to walk in God's perfect will for that moment, it had to be through that woman.

For the woman, Elijah was her access for her next level. She was in abject penury, and if she was ever going to come out of that squalor, it would be her connection to Elijah. Through Elijah, she was in turn sustained and went from penury into prosperity (read the entire account in 1 Kings 17). That's not all; when

her son fell ill and died, she got a miracle; the young lad was raised back to life by the prophet, Elijah.

Likewise, the children of Israel remained as slaves in Egypt, until Moses responded to the call of God to bring them out. Moses was their access. Jesus Himself was our access to the Father's presence and He knew it. He said, ***"...No one comes to the Father, but by me"*** (John 14:6 RSV).

Recognize those you're to give access, and be prompt to do what the Lord has placed in your heart to do for their benefit or advantage. Also, recognize those the Lord has placed in your path to give you access, whether in ministry, your work, career, politics, etc. It's a principle in the Kingdom of God, and you have to understand it.

CONFESSION

I'm the answer to the cry of many and a solution to my world! The eyes of my understanding are flooded with light to recognize and give access to those the Lord has placed in my path, and I'm both spiritually and financially well capacitated to fulfil this purpose. Likewise, I recognize and take full advantage of those that have been empowered by God to give me access to my next and higher level in my work, ministry, etc., in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Hosea 12:13; Genesis 12:2; Hebrews 13:16

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 14:13-36 & Genesis 49-50

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 10:44-11:1-3 & Job 13-14



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WEDNESDAY 22

SELF-SUFFICIENT IN HIM



All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you (John 16:15).

In Exodus 3, when God appeared to Moses and told him he'd deliver the children of Israel out of Egypt, Moses asked the Lord, ***"...Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"*** (Exodus 3:13 NKJV). In the ensuing verse 14, the Bible says, ***"Then Moses said to God, Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"***

Notice that He didn't say, "Tell them, 'I AM' is my Name"; that's not His Name, but a description. He's the Self-Sufficient and Self-Existent One. He created everything from Himself; He needed no material from anywhere else to do anything. The Bible says, ***"All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made"*** (John 1:3).

What's important here, that's so easily overlooked, is about what He expects of you. What does He want you to become? What has He made you? Several years ago, I was preaching a message, and I said, "If you don't

say YOU ARE, others will say you're not; therefore, you have to say YOU ARE." What does it mean, when you say you are? It's like God saying, "I AM."

Remember, you're created in His image; therefore, like Him, whatever you require will reproduce from within you; not from outside. In our theme verse, Jesus said, "***All things that the Father hath are mine...***" (John 16:15). This same Jesus delivered everything to us. The Bible says we're joint-heirs with Him (Romans 8:17). Everything you require for the life of absolute success, victory, dominion, glory and righteousness has already been granted you in Christ.

Why was Jesus the way He was? It's because He knew who He was ("I AM"); He had no consciousness of lack. He wants us to come to the same understanding that He's made us exactly like Him. We're His reflection; icon and glory! In Him, you're self-sufficient.

CONFESSION

I'm created in God's image and likeness; therefore, I'm self-sufficient, for as He is, so am I in this world! Everything I require for the life of absolute success, victory, dominion, glory and righteousness are inside me. I live triumphantly today, and always, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 9:8 AMPC; Acts 17:28; 2 Corinthians 3:5

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 15:1-28 & Exodus 1-2

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 11:4-14 & Job 15-16



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THURSDAY 23

TRANSLATED INTO THE KINGDOM OF HIS LOVE SON



Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son (Colossians 1:12-13).

In the above verses, the Word declares that the Father not only qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light, but also “delivered” us from the power of darkness. Then, it gets climactic where the Spirit says the Father “**...hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.**” How profound!

It would have been good enough if He only delivered us from the jurisdiction of darkness; but to go the extra step of transferring us into the Kingdom of His Love Son, is absolutely transcendent. But sadly, in spite of this glorious truth, some Christians, out of ignorance, still go about seeking deliverance from Satan. Like the fellow who said, “You know, demons are real; I need a powerful man of God to pray for me and deliver me”; no! There’s no true born again person that needs deliverance from Satan. Satan is a defeated foe. You weren’t delivered from the authority of darkness because you prayed hard or because

somebody prayed for you; it's the result of what Christ has done. The moment you accepted the redemptive works of Christ in your behalf, and confessed His Lordship over your life, the dominion of Satan over you was broken.

Recognize your present status, state, and estate. You're seated together with Christ in the heavenly realms, ***"Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come"*** (Ephesians 1:21). Live from that realm of victory, dominion, peace and joy evermore, and rule your world with the authority He's given you.

PRAAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I thank you for transferring me from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of your Love Son, Jesus Christ. I live in your presence, and function with the dominion of Christ over darkness, evil powers, demons, and their works. I live the victorious, prosperous and ever-glorious life that I've received in Christ, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 2:4-6; 1 John 4:4

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 15:29-16:1-12 & Exodus 3-5

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 11:15-30 & Job 17



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FRIDAY 24

YOU ARE BOUNDLESS



And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth (Luke 12:15).

In Genesis 37, we read how Joseph's brothers plotted against him and sold him into slavery. As a slave in the house of Potiphar, Joseph could have been whining and crying, bitter about what his brothers did to him. His complaints would have been valid, in a sense, but he wasn't going to give any excuse for failure. The Bible says, ***"And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian"*** (Genesis 39:2).

If, while as a slave in the house of Potiphar, Joseph was still prosperous, then it means true prosperity isn't about money. Therefore, your prosperity shouldn't be dependent on how much money you have or don't have; what others owe you or what you have in your bank account; your prosperity is in your heart. Someone says, "I would never have been in this terrible financial situation if not that someone I loaned money has refused to pay me back." No; don't think or talk like that. No amount of money could ever be taken from you, enough to make you broke or poor. You're

an heir of God, a joint-heir with Christ; plugged to a supply that never runs dry.

When you lend out money, if they pay you back, praise God; but the moment you give it out, rise above it. You are boundless. Jesus said in Luke 6:35, “***...love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.***” He’s getting your attention on something higher: God’s wealth is your wealth. You’re only a conduit—a free-flowing conduit—for passing it to others. Your flow can’t be blocked. So, in your life, with regard to your financial prosperity, focus on the Lord as your source. Glory to God!

CONFESSION

All the wealth in this world belongs to me, for I’m an heir of God and a joint-heir with Christ. The silver and the gold are mine, including the cattle upon a thousand hills. Therefore, I refuse to be limited by anything in this world. I’m a free-flowing conduit of God’s wealth and blessings to others, and I’m plugged to an unending supply. Glory to God!

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 8:9 AMPC; 1 Timothy 6:17;
Philippians 4:19

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 16:13-17:1-13 & Exodus 6-7

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 12:1-10 & Job 18-19



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SATURDAY 25

DIVINELY FAVOURED AND POSITIONED



And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil (2 Kings 4:2).

There're those who have become despondent because they lost their job or because their business took a tailspin. Being born again, such things shouldn't affect you. That you lost your job doesn't mean anything, and the reason you lost the job isn't so important either. What should matter to you is what we call, "divine positioning."

Recall what we read about Joseph in our preceding study; he was a slave. He wasn't receiving a salary, because slaves aren't paid a salary. But the Bible says, "Joseph was a prosperous man," even as a slave (Genesis 39:2). He didn't have to have a salary to be prosperous. He was the seed of Abraham, and that was all that was necessary. He had his dream in front of him, and he knew who he was. He functioned in divine grace. Hallelujah!

There's no disadvantage for you as a child of God. You've been divinely positioned for greatness in life. Romans 8:28 declares, ***"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them***

who are the called according to his purpose.” Nothing happens to you or with you by chance. Where you are right now; that situation in which you find yourself, is where your answer is. Don’t wish you had the capital or anything else.

In our theme verse, Elisha asked the widow, “... ***what hast thou in the house?***” With the little pot of oil she had, she became an oil distributor overnight. Praise God! All the capital you need is in your mind. All the advantage you need is Christ in you. Therefore, look to the Holy Spirit in you; trust Him for guidance and direction and do whatever He tells you. He’ll cause His blessing to come on it, and it’ll blossom beyond your dreams. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the comfort in your Word. You’ve blessed the works of my hands and set me on the path of permanent success and prosperity. I’m flourishing like the cedar in Lebanon. I pray for your children around the world today who are faced with diverse challenges; they prevail by the Spirit, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Proverbs 8:10-12; Job 22:29; Romans 8:28

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 17:14-18:1-14 & Exodus 8-9

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 12:11-19 & Job 20-21



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SUNDAY 26

REFUSE PRIDE



*But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble
(James 4:6).*

Sometimes, it's difficult to tell when people are proud, because pride is of the heart. Only God's Word can diagnose pride in the heart of a man. As you study, meditate or listen to God's Word; it "x-rays" your heart to reveal what's therein. If there's pride or something that's not right, the Word will reveal it for you to make the necessary changes.

The Bible says, ***"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"*** (Hebrews 4:12). God's Word discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart. In 1 Samuel 16:7, it says, ***"...man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart."***

Don't wait for someone to accuse you of being proud. Use the Word to examine yourself. Study the Scriptures and see what's described as pride; behaviours of men and women that God referred to as proud, and expressions of pride with terms as,

“his heart was lifted up” (2 Chronicles 26:16; 32:25; Ezekiel 28:5,17). A proud look (Proverbs 6:17), and also Proverbs 21:4 that talks about **“An high look, and a proud heart...”** both of which God says are sin.

Fight to remain humble. Use the right words on people; gracious and loving words. Emulate Jesus. The Bible says in spite of His glory, majesty and greatness, He ***“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”*** (Philippians 2:5-8). Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Precious Father, I receive your Word today into my spirit, gladly, and I thank you for the transformation it brings to my life. The humility of Christ is evident in my thoughts, communication and actions, thereby causing your grace to increase in my life for greater glory, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Matthew 23:12 NIV; Proverbs 18:12 NIV; Psalm 138:6 NKJV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 18:15-35 & Exodus 10-12

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 12:20-25 & Job 22-23



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MONDAY 27

THE CHURCH HAS AWAKENED



The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit (John 3:8).

There's a message that's reverberating throughout the world; it's the prophetic word that was given many years ago about the "sleeping giant." The world has heard that there's a "sleeping giant" somewhere in the world, and every nation has been on the alert. They've discussed this at the highest levels; they've tried everything to assess various nations to ascertain who this giant is, but no nation fits the descriptions.

Every time something happens in any nation, the world gets in a frenzy, because they were told that the "sleeping giant" will arise from the distress of others. So, they wonder what kind of distress would awaken this "sleeping giant." It's a message with a strong signal; and intelligence officials at the highest levels around the world are alert and waiting for the emergence of this giant.

But you see, this 'sleeping giant' isn't one of the countries in the United Nations, no; it's the Church of Jesus Christ! Glory to God! Truly, for many years,

it seemed the Church was sleeping. But it's not so anymore; the Church has awakened. The world may not know it, but they'll find out soon.

Our theme scripture says, ***“The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth....”*** The Church is a mystery, and we're unstoppable! The Church is the greatest nation on earth, with the power and glory to tame this world. This isn't something to try to figure out with your brain; you can only relate with this truth with your spirit. When you look at the things happening in, with, and through the Church in different nations of the world today, you'd know that indeed, the Church is taking over, and the gates of hell can't prevail. Glory to God!

CONFESSION

The Church is marching on, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Christians around the world are encouraged and fortified to stand strong and tall for the message of the Gospel, against every adversity and adversary, establishing the kingdom of heaven in all the nations of the world, to the glory of God, the Father! Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Matthew 16:18; 2 Samuel 3:1; Revelation 11:15-17

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 19:1-15 & Exodus 13-14

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 13:1-12 & Job 24-25



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TUESDAY 28

THE WORD OF HIS GRACE



And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified (Acts 20:32).

The Word of God is more than history or a compilation of stories; the Word of God is God talking. And what He says is relevant in the “now” of our lives, and it’s the material with which we build our lives. As you study the Scriptures, you’d often come across the phrase, “Thus saith (says) the Lord”; not, “Thus said the Lord.” “Thus says the Lord” means the Word of the Lord is for you today and for your situation—now; it’s efficacious in itself and by itself to build you and transform your life.

What we read in our theme verse was Paul’s cogitations and conviction about the transforming and translational power of God’s Word. The Word infuses boldness, excellence and dominion into your spirit. If the one who is hitherto timid would give himself to the study of God’s Word, that timidity would be replaced with the spirit of power, love and a sound mind. That’s the power of God’s Word. However, even though every Word from God is full of power, the Apostle Paul was definite as to what builds your spirit and transforms

your life: it's "the Word of God's grace."

The Word of His grace is His Word about Christ, His redemptive work in our behalf; who we are today, what we have and where we are today, as a result of His death, burial and resurrection. That's what builds you spiritually, mentally, physically, financially, emotionally, and also causes you to prosper in other areas of your life. Hallelujah!

Give yourself to the study of the Word; contemplate and contrive the Word in meditation. As you do, the Holy Spirit will grant you insight into the mysteries and secrets of life and of our spiritual Kingdom. He'll also quicken the Word in you in such a way that results in an outburst of prosperity in every area of your life.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I'm yielded to be built, edified, energized and strengthened by your Word, for a life of greatness, victory and triumphs. Through the ministry of the Word, and the Holy Spirit, my growth—spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally, and financially is evident; there's an outburst of prosperity in every area of my life, to the praise and glory of your Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Timothy 4:15; 1 Peter 2:2 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 19:16-20:1-16 & Exodus 15

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 13:13-25 & Job 26-27



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WEDNESDAY 29

HIS DIVINE HEADQUARTERS



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

The Holy Spirit is the embodiment of all power, and He lives in you in His fullness. He didn't come in a measure to give you a part of Himself, contrary to the understanding that some people have. 1 Corinthians 3:16 says, ***"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"*** Here, the Apostle Paul is emphatic: you're the temple of God and the Spirit of God lives in you.

But who is this awesome, wonderful Holy Spirit that lives in you? He's the conveyor of the presence and blessings of God. In the Old Testament, He's called the "angel of God's presence" (Isaiah 63:9). He's the One that manifests God's presence and His power wherever God wants it. Think about the fact that this awesome infinite personality of the Godhead lives in you! That makes you a God-carrying vessel; divinity's headquarters! Hallelujah!

This means that in your life, it's glory and excellence only, because Christ in you, is the hope of glory; the Holy Spirit in you means glory, excellence, strength, victory, joy, peace, prosperity and blessings in your life! Affirm this always, because the power of the Word of

God works through knowledge and affirmation. Every so often, say aloud, “The Holy Spirit lives in me. He has vitalized every fibre of my being; He’s my life and everything I need to live joyfully always, and fulfil God’s plan for my life gloriously.” Hallelujah!

The Holy Spirit didn’t merely come upon you as He did on God’s people in the Old Testament, He came into you to make you the headquarters of His operations in the earth. He lives in you in all His glory, majesty, dominion, wisdom and strength. And through you, He blesses everything and everyone around you; He establishes the righteousness of God in the earth and in the hearts of men. Through you, He’s able to express His love, because you’re His extension in the earth; you hail from Him and are one with Him (1 Corinthians 6:17). Praise God for evermore!

PRAYER

Blessed Father, I thank you for the Holy Spirit who lives in me in His fullness, making me the headquarters of your operations in the earth. I’m conscious, and take advantage of your glorious presence in me, and declare that I fulfil my destiny in Christ, demonstrating the glory, wisdom and excellence of divinity, bearing fruits of righteousness, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Corinthians 6:17; Colossians 2:9-10; John 14:23

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 20:17-34 & Exodus 16-17

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 13:26-41 & Job 28-29



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THURSDAY 30

BORN FREE—INTO GOD’S PRESENCE



So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed (John 8:36 NIV).

Many don’t realize that the statement above by Jesus wasn’t to Christians; the Christian wasn’t set free or isn’t going to be set free. Set free from what or from who exactly? The Christian is a new creation; he came from the resurrection of Jesus Christ; therefore, he has the resurrection life. He was born-free, into righteousness and the presence of God. Hallelujah! 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, ***“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”***

However, due to ignorance of the Word, some Christians still have a “deliverance mentality”—the mentality of always wanting to be set free from one bondage or the other; but the Christian doesn’t require “deliverance.” Understand this: The whole world has been saved and delivered by Jesus Christ through His vicarious death. When He died, He died for everybody. When God raised Him from the dead, He was raised for everybody. But that’s the legality of salvation.

Salvation only becomes a vital experience in the life of the one who, in accordance to Romans 10:9, proclaims the Lordship of Jesus. At that moment, he

or she is born again and translated into the Kingdom of light, with the human life supplanted by the life and nature of God. That's who the Christian is. He's born anew without sin, without a past, into the presence of God! God literally gave birth to you, through the Word.

James 1:18 says, ***"Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth...."*** 1 Peter 1:23 says, ***"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."*** This is the reality! You're superior to Satan and could never be in bondage to him because you have the life of the Word. Therefore, live in God's Word and enjoy your life in Him, and be all that He's called you to be. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the joy of being born into the liberty of the Spirit to serve you unreservedly, without any form of restrictions, limitations or fear. I boldly exercise the authority you've given me over Satan and all the powers of the enemy. Thank you for the life of victory you've given me in Christ and your glory which is manifested in me today, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Peter 1:4; Colossians 1:12-14

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 21:1-32 & Exodus 18-19

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 13:42-52 & Job 30-31



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FRIDAY 31

THE WORD IS YOUR LIFE



Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever (1 Peter 1:23).

When we say the Christian is born of God, we're actually saying he's born of the Word; he's the Word's offspring. That's what we read in our opening verse. The Apostle James stated the same truth in James 1:18, saying, ***"Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures."***

Then Paul took it to a climax and calls us the epistle (Word) of Christ: ***"Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart"*** (2 Corinthians 3:3). What does this mean? It means you don't have a life that's separate from the Word. This is so because the Word of God is your source, and every living thing must be connected to its source to live.

Man's body was made from the dust of the ground; so, man has to feed on cultivations from the ground to survive. Man, however, is a spirit, and the spirit of man came from God's Spirit, and was created with the Word of God. Therefore, you must continually

feed on God's Word to truly live. The Lord Jesus said in Luke 4:4, ***"...It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."*** Acts 20:32 says, ***"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."***

Through the Word, you condition your life for victory every day, such that no matter the circumstances, you're always triumphant. In Isaiah 55:11, the Lord says, ***"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."*** Culture and regulate your life with the Word and keep growing from glory to glory.

CONFESSION

Dear Father, I'm yielded to your Word which reflects my true nature, identity, origin and heritage in Christ. I'm the expression of the unseen Christ, the brightness of His glory. As He is, so am I in this world; and as I culture and regulate my mind with the Word, I'm transformed; I experience ever-increasing glory. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 3:2-3 AMPC; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Matthew 4:4

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 21:33-22:1-14 & Exodus 20-21

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 14:1-7 & Job 32-33



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Aishatu; Nigeria

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