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Introduction

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SATURDAY 1

PERFECT AND COMPLETE



But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing (James 1:4).

There're two key words I want you to notice in the verse above; the words "perfect" and "entire." The term "perfect" comes from the Greek word "teleios," which means complete. While "entire," on the other hand, is translated from the Greek word "holoklēros" and it means to be complete in every part; consummate, a wholeness, nothing that is needed is missing. This is the will of God for you.

In Colossians 4:12, the Spirit, through the Apostle Paul, tells us something remarkable. He says, ***"Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."*** Again, the word "perfect" here is the Greek "teleios." And then Paul introduces another word, "plēroō" (Greek), translated as "complete."

"Plēroō" means to be full, to be replete or chockful. It also signifies fulfilment, accomplishing a purpose, or bringing something to completion. This raises an important question: chockful or replete with what? It brings to mind

Paul's beautiful prayer of the Spirit in Colossians 1:9, that the Christians in Colossae may be filled, replete, with the knowledge of God's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding: ***“For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.”***

Then the ensuing verse 10 tells us the reason for this repleteness in the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding: ***“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God”*** (Colossians 1:10). Think about that! God wants you perfect and complete; consummate, whole, replete with the knowledge of His will so that you may live a life that's worthy of Him and pleases Him in every way, being fruitful in every good work as you increase in the knowledge of God. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your Word that transforms and aligns me with your perfect will. As I meditate on your truth, I stand perfect and complete in all that you have planned for my life, guided by your Spirit into fullness and wholeness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Ephesians 3:19; Ephesians 4:13

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 9:14-32 & Numbers 7-8

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 19:1-12 & Exodus 10



SUNDAY 2

BECOME MORE CONSCIOUS OF CHRIST IN YOU



And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us... (John 1:14).

When we say the Christian is one in whom Christ lives, the problem is that not many even know what Christ means or who Christ is. What is the meaning of the word Christ? Christ is the Hebrew word for Messiah, and the Messiah means the Anointed One. In the Old Testament, He was called Messiah, and in the New Testament, He is called Christ, but they both refer to the same person.

Whom the Jews understood to be Messiah was what the Prophet Daniel called the “Son of Man.” When Jesus referred to Himself as the “Son of Man” who would be “lifted up,” meaning crucified, the Jews questioned Him, asking, “Who is this Son of Man?” They thought the Christ would live forever. The Bible says in John 12:23, 32-34: ***“...Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified...And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die. The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?”*** Jesus referred to Daniel’s prophecies and thus corroborated them.

The term Son of Man is a description of the Son of God. But Son of God doesn’t mean “one born by God”; rather, it means God in human flesh. This was why when Jesus

said He was the Son of God, the Jewish leaders accused Him of blasphemy. They said, “...**For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God**” (John 10:33). They understood that the Messiah, God manifest in the flesh, is whom Jesus declared Himself to be.

When you say Jesus is the Christ, you mean Jesus is God manifest in the flesh. That was what He was crucified for. Never forget it. In another instance, as Mark 14:61-64 tells us, when the high priest asked Him directly, “Are you the Christ?” and Jesus answered in the affirmative, the high priest tore his robe, accusing Jesus of blasphemy. That declaration led to Jesus’ condemnation to death. But Jesus was right. He was truly the Christ.

The Messiah or Christ is God in the flesh. And when you received Christ, His divine life supplanted your human life and became manifest in you. You became a Christ-in-you person. Colossians 1:27 says, “...**Christ in you, the hope of glory.**” This is the glory and essence of Christianity—Christ in you! Become aware and more conscious of this reality today, more than ever before.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the revelation of who Christ is—God manifested in the flesh. I declare that Christ lives in me, and His divine life is made manifest in every part of my being. I walk in the consciousness of this reality, fulfilling your purpose and displaying your glory to the world, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 1:26-27; John 1:14 NIV; 1 Timothy 3:16

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 9:33-50 & Numbers 9-10

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 19:13-22 & Exodus 11



MONDAY 3

PRIORITIZE CHURCH ATTENDANCE



Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching (Hebrews 10:25).

One of the things you must become more conscious of and take very seriously as we anticipate the Lord's soon return is what the Bible says in Hebrews 10:25 (NIV), **"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching."** If you've been found wanting in this aspect, not taking church attendance very seriously, you need to change and make it a priority.

Be regular with your church attendance, because in the house of God, you'll learn the Word of God and be established in the Faith. This isn't optional but a clear instruction for every child of God. Today, there's so much information competing for your attention. This is one more reason why you must prioritize church attendance. Don't assume you'll know it by merely thinking about it. The Scriptures have been given to educate, inform, and culture us in the things of God. The Lord Jesus said, **"Search the Scriptures..."** (John 5:39) and Paul admonished, "Study the Word" (2 Timothy 2:15). What better way to learn and share the Scriptures than with other Christians in Church!

In the Old Testament, God commanded the children of

Israel to gather at appointed times. In the New Testament, the principle remains; you must present yourself in the house of God. It's not about hopping from one church to another every Sunday; rather, be committed and actively participate in the activities in your church family.

Get introduced to the leaders of the church and make yourself known. Identify with the family of God. The love you have for other Christians is a testimony in your spirit that you've passed from death to life as 1 John 3:14 says, ***"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death."***

Present yourself in the house of God and make yourself available for the Spirit of God to minister to you through the Word. The Bible describes the church as the pillar and ground of truth, the custodian of God's revelation. So, prioritize church attendance and let the Word of God transform your life from glory to glory. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the privilege of belonging to your family. I commit myself to learning and living by your Word, presenting and making myself a committed member of a church family, and demonstrating your love to others. Your Word cultures me, and I walk in its light daily, bearing fruit that glorifies you, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 10:25 NIV; Luke 4:16; 1 Timothy 3:15

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 10:1-31 & Numbers 11-13

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 19:23-30 & Exodus 12



TUESDAY 4

THE FULLNESS OF THE BLESSING OF THE GOSPEL



And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ (Romans 15:29).

The Apostle Paul's declaration in the verse above is absolutely profound. He spoke with certainty, saying, ***"...I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ."*** This statement reveals the possibility of walking in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ while on earth.

Paul did not say he would pray for this to happen; he confidently declared it as a reality he walked in. What does it mean to walk in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel? It signifies living in the complete manifestation of the inheritance of Christ, demonstrating His blessings, power and divine nature. This isn't an experience reserved for us in the sweet-by-and-by; this is to be experienced on earth, and in this time.

Paul's confidence stemmed from his understanding of our life in Christ. His writings are a testament to this reality. For example, he said, ***"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"*** (Philippians 4:13). He also affirmed, ***"...I have all, and abound..."*** (Philippians 4:18). These are the words of someone walking in the fullness of Christ's blessings. This fullness is not theoretical; it is

real and attainable.

However, many miss out because they yield to fear or follow the wrong path. Paul understood his identity in Christ. He declared, ***“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me”*** (Galatians 2:20). What a consciousness!

This understanding made Paul bold, unstoppable and unwavering. He walked in righteousness and maintained oneness with the Holy Spirit. He lived a life free from frustration and defeat, saying, “Christ in me, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27). This is the life we are called to live—a life of victory, dominion and glory in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ. So today, live in the consciousness of your divine inheritance, demonstrating God’s glory, power and righteousness. Be strong, courageous and victorious, walking in complete oneness with the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for calling me to walk in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ. I live in the consciousness of my divine inheritance, demonstrating your glory, power and righteousness in every area of my life. I am bold, fearless, and victorious, walking in complete oneness with the Holy Spirit, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 1:26-27; Romans 15:29 CJB;
2 Corinthians 9:8 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 10:32-52 & Numbers 14-15

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 20:1-16 & Exodus 13



WEDNESDAY 5

ACKNOWLEDGE THE GOOD IN YOU



That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus (Philemon 1:6).

In our previous study, I explained the insightful words of the Apostle Paul in Romans 15:29, where he expressed his intentions regarding his visit to the Roman church: ***"And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ."*** If Paul could walk in the fullness of the blessings of the Gospel, so can you! It's your calling. Many are however at sea as to how to walk in this reality; how to walk in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ!

But our theme verse reveals an important truth that's very key. It says, ***"That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus."*** That means the sharing or participation of your faith, the exercise of your faith will become effectual through the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. In other words, the way to make your faith effectual is by acknowledging the good things in you in Christ Jesus.

The word "acknowledge" is translated from the Greek "epignōsis." It means to have full discernment, a recognition. It is the knowledge in which the knower relates

to that which is known; it's a knowledge that involves a relationship with the object of knowledge. It is a precise, accurate and correct understanding of what God has made you and what He has deposited in you through the Gospel.

Now that you're born again and in Christ Jesus, there are certain good things within you that He wants you to take knowledge of. The Word of God and the ministry of the Holy Spirit remain the only reliable source for you to acquire this kind of knowledge. Again, in Colossians 1:9, Paul uses the same word, epignosis: ***"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge, (Greek: epignosis) of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding."***

Walking in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel requires active acknowledgement, full and precise knowledge of the good things within you in Christ. Blessed be God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the good things that are in me. I acknowledge and walk in the fullness of these blessings, producing results in my life and being a blessing to others. Through the Word and the Spirit, I gain accurate knowledge of my inheritance in Christ and live in the reality of it, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 1:3; 2 Peter 1:3-4; Colossians 1:27

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 11:1-26 & Numbers 16-17

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 20:17-23 & Exodus 14



THURSDAY 6

GOD'S ULTIMATE PLAN FOR THE CHURCH



Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13).

The verse above reveals God's purpose to bring us—the Church—to a state of maturity where we're no longer children, tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine but established in the faith. This is His ultimate plan; to bring us into the fullness of Christ. That's why, Ephesians 4:11-14 says, ***“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.”***

Observe what it says in the 13th verse: ***“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge (Greek: epignosis) of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.”*** This isn't a vague or abstract promise. It's a

definite reality that God is leading the Church into. Contrary to the belief that perfection is unattainable on earth, the Scripture clearly states otherwise.

The Word declares that we can come into perfection, not when we get to heaven, but here on earth. And God's work in us is to this intent and purpose. The Lord is bringing the Church into that state of maturity, and then the Rapture will take place. This doesn't mean there won't be spiritual babies in the Church nor does it mean that those who have just given their hearts to Christ would suddenly grow into maturity. No! The Spirit is dealing here with the nationhood of the Church—the body of Christ.

The sum total of our understanding, our walk in Christ, our consciousness, will be one of those who have come to maturity, completeness, wholeness and perfection. This is God's vision for the collective body of Christ, where the body of Christ as a whole reaches the ***"...measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ"*** (Ephesians 4:13). Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I walk in the fullness of Christ, manifesting His nature; I live in the consciousness of this glorious reality, and I declare that the church is moving collectively into the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ even as the Lord's return is imminent. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 1:28; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Hebrews 6:1;
Ephesians 4:12-13 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

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

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 20:24-34 & Exodus 15



FRIDAY 7

FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD



And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God (Ephesians 3:19).

Ponder again what we just read; do you realize what it means to be filled with all the fullness of God? That means every part of you—spirit, soul, and body—is completely immersed in God and inundated with God. You're replete with God. The word "fullness" here is translated from the Greek "plērōma," meaning "replete," indicating a maximum load with nothing left out. Thus, you're complete, full, and whole in God. You're filled with the maximum load of God!

In Colossians 2:10, Paul affirms, ***"And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power."*** You are "plēroō"—complete in Him. Your whole being, every fibre of your existence, is now replete with Christ. This is the life of the Christian. This reality means that as Christians, we're united with Christ in such amazing profundity. We're not only filled with Christ, but we are His body.

Ephesians 1:22-23 further explains this; it says, ***"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all."*** The

Church, the body of Christ, is the fullness of Him who fills everything. Christ fills everything, and as the Church, we are the embodiment of that fullness. Christ is in us, and we are in Him. No wonder Ephesians 5:30 says, ***"For we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones."***

The Greek word translated members is "melos," and it means limbs. This speaks of our intimate union and inseparable oneness with Christ. We're not separate from Him; we're one with Him. This union is so complete that it removes any possibility of sickness, disease, or failure. I mean, think about it: If you're replete with Christ, where will sickness or disease come from? How can anything unclean exist in you when the fullness of Christ fills every part of your being?

His life flows in you; this is the true essence of Christianity. Every day, walk in the consciousness that Christ fills every part of your life. He is not just with you, but He's in you, and you're in Him. His fullness is your reality, and you're to live according to that reality.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for revealing to me the truth that I am filled with the fullness of Christ. I am replete with you—spirit, soul and body, being inseparably one with you. Sickness, disease, failure and defeat have no place in my life, because I am complete in Christ. I walk in this fullness every day, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 2:9-10; Ephesians 1:22-23 AMPC;
1 Corinthians 6:17

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 12:18-44 & Numbers 20-21

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 21:1-11 & Exodus 16

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SATURDAY 8

THE FULL PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL



...So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation (Romans 15:19-20 NIV).

The Apostle Paul, in the verse above, tells us something profound about the extent of his missionary work. His declaration that he had "fully preached" the Gospel signified that he had delivered the entirety of Christ's message, leaving no stone unturned in his evangelistic efforts.

In other words, from Jerusalem, the heart of the Jewish Faith, to Illyricum, Paul travelled extensively, winning souls, establishing churches and nurturing Christians in the Faith. His commitment to preaching the Gospel in regions where Christ had not been named was driven by a desire to reach the unreached, fulfilling the Great Commission given by the Lord Jesus to **"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations..."** (Matthew 28:19).

Paul understood the urgency of spreading the Gospel, knowing that many were yet to hear the life-changing

message of salvation. Later on, in the 23rd verse of Romans 15, He affirmed that he had "no more place" to preach the Gospel in those regions. It indicates that he had faithfully executed the task entrusted to him by God, and now, he was ready to move on to new territories. Paul preached the Gospel in such a way that the message had taken root: ***"But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you"*** (Romans 15:23).

One of the remarkable things the Lord is gracing us to do this year is to complete the full preaching of the Gospel in all nations. Believe this and identify your role in it. In Matthew 24:14, the Lord Jesus said, ***"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."*** Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the opportunity to be part of the great commission to preach the Gospel to all nations. This year, we will see the fullness of your message reach every corner of the earth. Christians and churches everywhere are empowered by your Spirit to boldly proclaim your truth, and the knowledge of your Word covers the earth as the waters cover the sea, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 15:18-21; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 13:1-37 & Numbers 22-23

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 21:12-17 & Exodus 17



SUNDAY 9

DON'T ASK FOR MERCY—OBTAIN IT



But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy (1 Peter 2:9-10).

Mark 10:46-52 tells the remarkable story of the healing of a certain blind man named Bartimaeus. One day, as the Lord Jesus and His disciples were leaving the city of Jericho, Bartimaeus was sitting by the roadside, begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth passing by, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Many people around him rebuked him, telling him to be quiet, but Bartimaeus shouted even louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and called for Bartimaeus to come to Him. Throwing off his cloak, Bartimaeus jumped to his feet and approached Jesus. Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied, "Rabbi, I want to see." Moved by Bartimaeus' faith, Jesus said, "Go, your faith has healed you." Immediately, Bartimaeus received his sight. He pleaded with the Master to have mercy on him, and it

worked.

But unlike Bartimaeus, today, as a new creation in Christ, you don't need to cry, pray or "beg" the Lord for mercy; you have obtained mercy. Hallelujah! Recall what we read in our opening scripture. In Christ, abundant mercy has been given to us before we even thought to ask for it. And if you ever felt like you required His mercy for anything, Hebrews 4:16 says, ***"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."***

What a remarkable truth! We're not told to ask for mercy; we're told to obtain it. It has already been made available to us in Christ, and we simply take what has been given. So, how much mercy do you want? How much grace do you need, and for what do you require it? You don't have to beg for it; just collect it! This is amazing because it shows us the lavishness of God's provision. He gave us mercy and grace before we even had the sense to ask. All we need is to receive. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I rejoice in the abundant mercy I've obtained in Christ and His superabundant grace which has made me sufficient in all things. Even now, I obtain mercy for the salvation of sinners around the world today—the hardest of hearts, the wayward, the wicked—that they may turn from their ways and embrace the light of the glorious Gospel, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Chronicles 16:34; Romans 5:17; Ephesians 2:4-5

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 14:1-26 & Numbers 24-26

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 21:18-32 & Exodus 18



MONDAY 10

ESTEEM YOUR CALLING IN HIM



By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward (Hebrews 11:24-26).

The example of Moses in our theme scripture is what God expects of us. He wants us to be identified with Him and esteem our calling in Him much more than the wealth, fame and comfort that the world could offer. Your union with Christ is the greatest thing; it's far greater than anything money can acquire. That's why it's important that you know who Christ is in your heart and believe in Him with your spirit.

The knowledge of who you are in Him and your glorious heritage in Him will inspire in you an extraordinary boldness and confidence such that the whole world will mean nothing to you. Pleasing Him in all things, and fulfilling His destiny for your life, becomes all that you care about. Recall the Spirit's prayer through Paul for the Christians at Colossae: ***"For this reason...We continually ask God...that you***

may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way...” (Colossians 1:9-10 NIV).

Moses didn't live in Jesus' day, but he had a revelation of his calling and identity with the saviour, because when you identify with Him, you become a saviour. And that's what Moses became. The Bible says through him, God delivered (saved) the children of Israel from Egypt. Going to confront Pharaoh to let God's people go was at the risk of his life but he esteemed that assignment beyond any resultant peril. He was dauntless, forsaking Egypt—the world—and all it represented.

Let nothing matter or mean more to you than living for Christ. The Bible says, ***“And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again”*** (2 Corinthians 5:15). Live to please Him. Remember, you're a saviour from Zion; you were saved to save others. Identify with Him in His passion for soul winning. Esteem His call upon your life—the call to win souls and lead men into salvation—more than the treasures of this world.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I esteem my calling in Christ above all worldly pursuits and live a life worthy of you, pleasing you in every way as I fulfil my purpose to the glory of your Name. I'm bold and confident to identify with you and to win souls for your Kingdom. My life reflects your glory, and I am committed to the call to save others, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 11:24-26 NIV; Philippians 3:7-9

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 14:27-52 & Numbers 27-28

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 21:33-46 & Exodus 19



TUESDAY 11

RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE AND ASSURANCE



For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost (Romans 14:17)

In Romans 14, the Apostle Paul discusses issues of conscience and how Christians should handle differences in personal convictions, particularly concerning dietary practices and observing special days. He emphasized that Christians should not judge or cause others to stumble over matters of food and drink, which are secondary, compared to the more important aspects of the Kingdom of God.

No wonder he concluded in Romans 14:17, ***"For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."*** This is remarkable; it tells us what the Kingdom is about—righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost! This is what your life should be like every day; the effusion and manifestation of His righteousness, peace and joy.

It reminds of something beautiful that the Bible says in Isaiah 32:17, ***"And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever."*** This is wonderful! So, first, the

work of righteousness is peace; peace in your life, such that no matter what happens, you're unperturbed, full of confidence, eternal joy, comfort, prosperity and rest.

Also, observe that it doesn't say that the effect of this righteousness from the Kingdom of God is quietness and assurance for just two weeks, no; it's forever! The 18th verse says, ***"And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places."*** While this prophecy points to what Israel will fully experience in the millennial reign of Christ, this is a present-hour reality for us in Christ today. We dwell in Christ; that is our peaceable habitation, our sure dwelling and quiet resting place. You have quietness, safety and security forever because of the righteousness of God given to us in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the gift of righteousness, which brings peace, quietness and assurance forever. I walk in the light as a child of light, lambent and luminous. I dwell in a peaceable habitation, secure, safe and at rest forever. Thank you for the eternal joy I have in the Holy Spirit, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Psalm 85:9-10; Isaiah 32:16-18 NIV; Romans 5:1

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 14:53-72 & Numbers 29-31

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 22:1-14 & Exodus 20



WEDNESDAY 12

THE POWER AND VALUE OF WORDS



Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof (Proverbs 18:21).

God didn't give us His Word just so we agree with it; it was given to us to use. The Bible tells us that in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. How did He do it? It was with words. He spoke creation into existence. God's Word is God's creative material. When He says something, it becomes; whatever He says manifests. And He created us to look like Him and function like Him.

The most important part of your life is your ability to use words. Maybe you didn't know it, but words define your life. Words define your value. Words define your personality. You are no better or greater than your words. Your life is the expression, manifestation, and reflection of your words. It doesn't take long to know who a person is; all they have to do is speak for a few minutes. Your words locate you; they reveal where you are; they shape your life.

Consider how Jesus used words. His words carried power, wisdom and authority. He changed circumstances and transformed lives with words. Crowds gathered,

thousands of people thronged Him, just to hear Him speak.

When He calmed the storm, the disciples were astonished and said, **"...What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!"** (Matthew 8:27). His authority over nature left them in awe, as they witnessed His power to command the elements with words. When He commanded demons to come out, the people said in amazement, **"...with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out"** (Luke 4:36).

The Pharisees talked about demons, but Jesus spoke to the demons with authority. He rehearsed to us how to use words. He said in Mark 11:23, "you shall have what you say." So be a master of words. Have faith in your words, for the Word of God in your mouth is God talking; it'll prevail and produce what it talks about. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the power of your Word in my life. My words are filled with faith and life, and they shape my destiny. I speak health, prosperity and victory, and I live in alignment with your Word, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Mark 11:23; James 3:5-6; Matthew 12:36-37

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 15:1-20 & Numbers 32-33

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 22:15-22 & Exodus 21



THURSDAY 13

WE'RE THE EXPRESSION OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS



For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Notice carefully the choice of words as inspired by the Spirit in the scripture above: Christ Jesus was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. This is much more than being made righteous; rather, it means that we've become the very expression of His righteousness. This is Christianity. This is the Gospel. We're the expression of God's goodness, His kindness, grace, wisdom, power and glory.

We're the expression of His personality; everything the Father is, and represents, is expressed in and through us. The Lord Jesus made a profound statement when He said, **"...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father..."** (John 14:9). In John 10:30, He also said, **"I and my Father are one."** He expressed the will and nature of the Father. He's described for us in Hebrews 1:3 as the express image of the Father, the facsimile, print-copy or profile of the Father,

the ultimate icon of God.

We're exactly like Him. 1 John 4:17 says as He is, so are we in this world. Like Jesus, we're the expression of the will and character of God. That's one of the definitions of righteousness: it's the expression of the will and nature of God. Therefore, having been made His righteousness, we have the ability to manifest and express the will and nature of the Father everywhere: in every situation, in every event, and in every matter. Blessed be God!

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I thank you for making Christ Jesus, who knew no sin to be sin for me, that I might become the expression of your righteousness, endowed with the ability to manifest and express your will and nature in all things. I unveil your goodness and excellence today, displaying your glory and power, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 3:21-22; Romans 5:17-18

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 15:21-47 & Numbers 34-36

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 22:23-33 & Exodus 22



FRIDAY 14

KEEP ACTING YOUR FAITH



But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed (James 1:22-25).

Notice the very instructive thought in the beginning and latter part of our theme scripture. It says, be a doer of the Word, for it is the doer that gets blessed. That means practise the Word. You may preach and teach the Word, but be sure to be a doer of the Word that you preach and teach.

Acting or practising the Word could be likened to a baby learning to walk. You may not perfect it overnight, but as you keep at it, it gets better. So don't be discouraged if it seems like it didn't work the first time. What you need to do is to learn some more, hear the Word more, build your faith more, and try again. Romans 10:17 says, **"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."**

Faith is a process. If you don't practise it, you'll never

see growth. It's like learning to use a tool; faith requires practice; it needs to be used regularly to be effective. For example, in your health, the first thing is to know what the Word says. The Bible says, ***“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth”*** (3 John 1:2).

Therefore, it's clear: God's plan for you is divine health! There should be no cancer, diabetes, or any such thing in your body. Grasp this truth and live by it, and if you experience any symptoms of sickness in your body, don't panic. Use the Word! Keep declaring, “I have the life of God in me. I walk in divine health. No sickness, disease or infirmities can thrive in my body.” Hallelujah! Keep yourself in health with God's Word; it's medicine for your body (Proverbs 4:20-22).

Do the same in your finances; keep practising the Word and exercising your faith. You may say, “But the other day, I declared in the Name of Jesus that I'm getting one million dollars and it didn't happen.” Maybe you're not yet at the level where your faith can work for one million dollars; howbeit, don't give up. As long as you refuse to cower or stagger through unbelief, your faith will certainly prevail. Praise God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for giving me your Word to live by. As I put my faith to work, it grows and prevails, causing me to live victoriously always, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 11:1; Romans 4:19-22; Mark 11:22-24

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mark 16:1-20 & Deuteronomy 1-2

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 22:34-46 & Exodus 23



SATURDAY 15

CHRIST ALIVE IN YOU



But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit (1 Corinthians 6:17).

The world may assume Christianity to be a religion because many of the attributes of religion are present in Christianity, but that doesn't make Christianity a religion. Christianity is Christ alive in a human vessel, and it's our responsibility to help the world know this truth.

Religion, at its core, is man's effort to try to please God. It's about all the work people do to reach out to God. But Christianity begins with something entirely different—a relationship. Christianity is divinity manifested in every fibre of your being, every bone of your body, and every cell of your blood.

Christianity is not about trying to please God through your human efforts or good works; it's about God living in you, walking in you, and expressing Himself through you. It is heaven alive and at work in and through you. When you understand this, you will realize that you no longer live by blood as ordinary humans do. In Christianity, we live by the Spirit.

Someone might say, "Pastor Chris, some historical leaders called Christianity a religion." First, you must understand that revelation is progressive. In history, leaders like Charles Finney and others used the term "religion" to describe Christianity, but that was based on

the understanding of their time. They didn't have the same depth of linguistic scrutiny or criticism that required the study of words in a dimension as we do today.

That's why the Bible instructs us: ***“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”*** (2 Timothy 2:15). Christianity is the pulsating life of the risen Christ in a human body! It is divinity alive in humanity. Christianity is the very walk of the living God in the quarters of a human person; the revelation of the spiritual in the physical.

Until you recognize this truth, you will never live the full Christian life. You'll be living a poor copy of the real thing. Even that “copy” may seem beautiful, but imagine how much more glorious the real thing is. If the religious version of Christianity seems beautiful to you, just think about what will happen when you embrace and experience the fullness of what Christianity truly is—Christ alive in you. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the revelation of Christianity as the life of the risen Christ in me. Christ in me makes me unsusceptible to failure, sickness or death. Your Word is alive in me, producing extraordinary results; and through me, many are brought into the knowledge of your truth, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 5:11-12; Romans 8:10-11 ESV;
Colossians 1:26-27

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 1:1-25 & Deuteronomy 3-4

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 23:1-12 & Exodus 24



SUNDAY 16

PERSISTENT PRODUCTIVITY



But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love (2 Peter 1:5-7 NKJV).

The Apostle Peter, through the Holy Spirit, outlines in the verses above, some of the qualities we must add to our lives in order to be persistently productive. Observe what the 8th verse says: ***"For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ"*** (2 Peter 1:8).

This means you don't have to struggle for productivity in your spiritual life. All you have to do is do what the Word says: (2 Peter 1:5-7 NKJV) ***"...add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love."*** These qualities in you will work on their own to ensure you're neither barren nor unfruitful in the full and precise knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, many know the Lord only in their heads. They can recite the names of God and quote scriptures, but the results are missing in their lives. Why? It's because they haven't added these virtues. Notice that it says, ***"...If these things be in you, and abound...."*** That means these

virtues must be in you in large quantities—in increasing measure.

That's why, for example, you should never utter words like, "I have very little patience." No! God wants patience to abound in you. Declare instead, "I'm a very patient person. I don't get agitated, fretful or anxious in the face of challenges. Challenges are a blessing; they're the springboard for my promotion." Also, always declare, "I lavishly express the love-nature of the Father and radiate the beauty and glories of heaven to my world."

2 Peter 1:9 says, ***"But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins."*** Without these virtues, one becomes short-sighted, unable to perceive the visions of the Spirit or the glory ahead. It accounts for why some don't experience the kind of spiritual growth that the Lord has destined for them. But for those who have added these virtues, there's always expansion. Their visions are ever-increasing. They experience continual growth and fresh impact. Their knowledge of the Lord is productive and impactful. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for your Word that builds me up and establishes me in the truth. My knowledge of you is productive and I'm fruitful in every good work. Thank you for enabling me to abound in faith, patience, love, and godliness, producing results that glorify you, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 1:9-10; Philippians 1:9-11; Psalm 1:1-3

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 1:26-56 & Deuteronomy 5-7

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 23:13-22 & Exodus 25



MONDAY 17

GRACIOUS AND LOVING WORDS



Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers (Ephesians 4:29).

What kind of words come out of your mouth? Are they words of love and grace, or words that pierce like a sword? The Bible says in Proverbs 12:18, ***“There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.”*** The latter is your life; your words are to bring healing to the bruised and mend the broken-hearted.

Don't utter words that destabilize others and rob them of their self-esteem. Support, uplift, bless and minister grace to others with your words. Your mouth is a tool given to you by God for edification, not for vengeful, hateful, or distasteful words that engender strife or contention.

Take a cue from Jesus; He always spoke uplifting, building, comforting, inspiring and soul-stirring words. Those who heard Him speak in Bible days couldn't get enough of His words. Even the common people, according to the Bible, heard Him gladly (Mark 12:37). His words brought them relief, hope, faith and love.

The Bible says in Ephesians 3:17-19, ***“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with***

all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." To be filled with God is to be filled with love because God is love.

God's love is shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Spirit but expressed through your words and actions. Therefore, be known for gracious and loving words. Everyone, including children, should be comfortable around you because they know that every word from you will build them up and improve their self-esteem. Your life should be a blessing to everyone.

Make up your mind to be a source of peace and joy, reflecting Christ in everything you do. That doesn't mean everyone will be happy with you. Even Jesus wasn't accepted by everyone. Some opposed Him despite His goodness. But don't let that change your focus. Let your actions and words minister grace, edify others, and demonstrate the love of Christ.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for filling my heart with your love and grace. I speak words that edify, inspire and build others. My life reflects your goodness and love. I'm a blessing to everyone around me, and my actions reflect the life of Christ in me, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 4:6; Proverbs 15:1; James 3:17-18;
Ephesians 4:29 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 1:57-80 & Deuteronomy 8-10

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 23:23-39 & Exodus 26



TUESDAY 18

THE IMMENSITY OF HIS LOVE



"...that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:17-19).

The Apostle Paul, in the scripture above, uses a powerful imagery to describe the depth of the love of Christ. He speaks both in terms of biology and construction. He says that being rooted like a plant, and grounded like a building, we may be able to comprehend with all saints the immensity or incalculability of God's love.

The word "comprehend" is translated from the Greek "katalambano," which means to seize, capture, or take hold of something until it becomes fully yours; a revelation that you live in or live by. It means to gain a deep understanding that makes the matter become your matter or the message your message. How does this happen?

First, it's important to grasp the original Greek terminologies used for knowledge in the verses we read; otherwise, it might seem tautological or even contradictory to say we can know something that surpasses or exceeds knowledge. So when it says to "know" the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge," the word "know" is the Greek "Ginosko," while "knowledge" is from the Greek word "gnosis."

"Ginosko" is revelation knowledge or knowledge by impartation. You can't explain how you came to know what you know, but you just know. That's why it's called revelation knowledge. This aligns with what Jesus meant when He said, ***"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"*** (John 8:32).

"Gnosis," on the other hand, is knowledge acquired through erudition, the mental acquisition of information. So, the Bible tells us to "ginosko" the love of Christ; have revelation knowledge of the love of Christ; knowledge beyond reasoning. The vastness of Christ's love can't be unravelled by mental acquisition or mere reasoning.

This helps you understand when the Bible says in John 15:13, ***"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."*** It beats logic and all human reasoning what Christ did for us, taking our place of sin and dying in our place. The Bible says in Romans 5:8, ***"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*** Think about that! No wonder the Spirit prays through Paul for the Church to come to the full comprehension and revelation of the immensity of the love of Christ. It's love beyond limits and the realm of human comprehension. Glory to God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I'm rooted and grounded in your love, living in its fullness and living out its power in my life. Your love dwells in me richly, and I'm a conduit of this love to a hurting and dying world, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 4:9-10 NIV; Philipians 1:9 NIV; Romans 8:38-39

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 2:1-20 & Deuteronomy 11-12

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 24:1-11 & Exodus 27



WEDNESDAY 19

EXPRESSING THE WILL AND NATURE OF THE FATHER



Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high (Hebrews 1:3).

To understand what sin is, you must first understand the nature of God and His righteousness. God is holy and absolutely righteous. His nature is righteousness. His nature of righteousness distinguishes Him as perfect, infallible, inerrant, just, and good.

God reveals and demonstrates His righteousness to man through His words and acts of love. Sin, therefore, as taught by Jesus, is any act or deliberate thought that contravenes His righteousness as revealed in the Scriptures.

Good or evil, right or wrong, are judged by the very nature of God. You can't tell what is good or evil, right or wrong, except by the nature of God. That's why judgment cannot be left to society, as it constantly changes. For instance, society may claim that certain lifestyles or practices are right. But their conscience tells them it's wrong, yet they attempt to suppress that voice. The conscience is the voice of the human spirit, and when they ignore it, they carry a burdened and dirty conscience for a long time. Some, sadly, even die in that state.

The nature of God is the standard for judging good

or evil, right or wrong. To express righteousness and goodness, God reveals His nature and will to men. Therefore, righteousness is the expression of the will and nature of the Father. This simple yet extraordinarily profound definition encapsulates all the other definitions of righteousness. Our righteousness, therefore, is our expression of the will and nature of the Father.

This is exactly what Jesus came to do: to express the will and nature of the Father. The word “express” means to show, evince, manifest, articulate, and demonstrate. Hebrews 1:3 declares Jesus as the express image of the Father—the perfect imprint and character of the Father. He gave perfect expression to the will and nature of the Father.

Likewise, God’s plan and purpose for us is to give expression to the will and nature of the Father. This is true righteousness. Imagine if you lived your life giving expression to the will and nature of the Father everywhere and in all matters and events. What a ministry. What a life! Make these your cogitations. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for revealing your nature and will to me through your Word and your acts of love. I’m the expression of your righteousness, giving perfect demonstration to your will and nature in all I do. By the power of your Spirit, I walk in alignment with your purpose, manifesting your glory and righteousness to my world, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 1:3 AMPC; 1 John 4:17

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 2:21-52 & Deuteronomy 13-15

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 24:12-22 & Exodus 28



THURSDAY 20

MAKE AN IMPACT WITH YOUR LIFE



Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid (Matthew 5:14).

In several instances, the Lord Jesus declared Himself to be the light of the world. In John 8:12, the Bible says, ***“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”*** In John 9:5 He said, ***“As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”*** Also, in John 12:46, He said, ***“I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.”*** These are profound statements.

Nobody ever talked like Jesus. However, today, we can talk like Him because the Bible says, ***“...as He is, so are we in this world”*** (1 John 4:17). He made us the light of the world—luminous and lambent—so, light up your world. Satan may prowl or roam around like a roaring lion, but he can't run things because he's darkness and you're light. Light dispels darkness. Hallelujah!

This helps us to better appreciate the Master's powerful instruction in Matthew 5:16; He said, ***“Let your light so***

shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Here, Jesus emphasized letting your light shine so brightly until others are inspired to glorify God because of you. Every day, glow with such radiance, brilliance and intensity that your life becomes a testament to God’s glory. In other words, make an impact with your life.

It makes no difference that you were born in a hamlet or in the palace; now that you're here, illuminate the world and showcase the Father’s good works. What are these "good works"? They are the works or acts of God; the supernatural and the miraculous. You’re His voice and His hands to reach and bless others. This is the extraordinary life God has called us to live—a life of purpose, impact and influence for His glory; be enthused and inspired by this.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for making me the light of the world. I commit to letting my light shine so brightly that men see my good works and glorify you. I demonstrate your nature and bring glory to your Name. Thank you for giving me a life of purpose, impact and influence, for your glory. I’m enthused by this reality, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 8:12; Philippians 2:14-15; Ephesians 5:8;
Matthew 5:16 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 3:1-38 & Deuteronomy 16-17

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 24:23-33 & Exodus 29



FRIDAY 21

GLORIOUSLY STRENGTHENED FROM WITHIN



For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man (Ephesians 3:14-16).

The portion of Scripture in Ephesians 3:14-21 is one of the most profound and climactic revelations given to Paul by the Holy Spirit. It unveils the prayer of the Spirit, which is the will of the Father for every Christian. Notice the 16th verse; Paul prays that God would “... **grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man.**” He wants you gloriously strengthened on the inside.

Why does God want you strengthened from within? Why does He want to make you strong on the inside? It’s against what’s on the outside! Remember what He said in 1 John 4:4, “**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.**” The focus is on who’s inside you and the power at work in you. He’s talking about you being supernaturally strengthened on the inside by His miracle-working ability.

Consider the example of John the Baptist, whom the scripture says was filled with the Holy Ghost from his

mother's womb, unlike any other prophet. Luke 1:80 tells us, ***“And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit...”*** This is definitely not a description of the outward man but of the inner man. And because of the life John the Baptist was going to live, the forces he was going to encounter, and the ministry God had given him, he needed to be made strong in spirit.

It's the same today; this prayer of the Spirit is evidently the will of the Father for us, because it's the inspired prayer for the Church such that none of us should be weak, fearful or timid. No! Irrespective of your physical frame, you're strong inside. This is God's desire, dream, and plan for you. Therefore, every so often, declare, "I'm gloriously strengthened and constantly invigorated by the Holy Spirit who dwells in me. He gives me supernatural power, the miracle-working ability to do all things; there's no weakness in me." Make this your habitual confession and see the magnitude of what will happen in your spirit, life and circumstances.

CONFESSION

Dear Father, thank you for granting me, according to the riches of your glory, to be strengthened with might by your Spirit in my inner man. I am empowered to face every challenge, fulfil my divine calling and walk in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel. Your glorious strength works mightily in me, and I am victorious always, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Acts 1:8 AMPC; Colossians 1:11 AMPC;
Ephesians 3:20-21 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 4:1-13 & Deuteronomy 18-21

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 24:34-44 & Exodus 30



SATURDAY 22

THE GLORY WITHIN



For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries (1 Corinthians 14:2).

When Jesus prayed on the Mount of Transfiguration, the Bible says His countenance and His clothes shimmered with glory (Matthew 17:2, Mark 9:3, Luke 9:29). The glory that radiated through Him wasn't a one-time occurrence; it was something that happened every day in the spirit. However, on that occasion, their eyes were opened to witness it.

In the same way, the glory of God resides within us. We don't always see it outwardly, but it's there, and on some occasions, others may perceive it. This, for instance, happened only once in the short ministry of Stephen. In Acts 6, Stephen was described as a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, performing great wonders and signs among the people. He was brought before the Sanhedrin (the Jewish council) after being accused of blasphemy against Moses and God. When he stood before the council to defend himself, the Bible says, "**All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel**" (Acts 6:15 NIV). They beheld the glory on the face of Stephen.

This glory isn't just on you today but inside you, and

it's described as the more excellent glory—"the glory that excelleth": ***"For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth"*** (2 Corinthians 3:9-10).

Every time you pray in tongues, this glory in you is activated. I'm not talking about the brief, casual, praying in tongues that some people do. I'm talking about when you pray in tongues deeply and passionately from and with your spirit. This is intense, where you give yourself fully to prayer. At such moments, the currents of divine power that'll surge from your spirit through your physical body will be almost immediate.

Practise this. Consistently give yourself to praying in tongues with a reverent and yielded heart, and you'll experience divine vitality and strength. This is God's plan for your life, so take it seriously.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the power of praying in tongues. I yield my heart and spirit to you as I pray, allowing your glory to surge and radiate through me. As I pray, I experience the fullness of your power; I walk in health and strength; I'm refreshed and vitalized by the Spirit, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Jude 1:20 AMPC; Romans 8:26; Acts 2:4

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 4:14-44 & Deuteronomy 22-24

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 24:45-51 & Exodus 31



SUNDAY 23

HELP THEM TO KNOW THE LORD



But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned (1 Corinthians 2:14).

Our opening scripture talks about the natural man. Who is the natural man? The natural man is the ordinary, everyday person who has never been born again. He may have grown up in a good neighbourhood and lived a decent life, but he remains disconnected from the life of God. The natural man has never been awakened to the Fatherhood of God. Ephesians 4:18 says, ***“Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.”***

The natural man is someone whose only experience is his natural birth and who has grown up purely natural. As the Bible says, ***“...the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned”*** (1 Corinthians 2:14).

It brings to mind an incident from years ago involving the former Vice Chancellor of a certain University who suddenly collapsed at the airport, and, as it happened, the late Archbishop Benson Idahosa was nearby. According to newspaper reports the next day, they described that “audible sounds” from the Archbishop revived the Vice Chancellor. The press didn’t understand what had happened, so they called it “audible sounds.”

What actually happened was that Archbishop Idahosa spoke in tongues loudly. The journalists, being unfamiliar with the spiritual context, could only describe it as “audible sounds.” But the man of God knew exactly what to do at that critical moment. He released what the natural man couldn’t understand and the hitherto incapacitated Vice Chancellor was revived!

The things of God require spiritual discernment, but the natural man cannot discern them. They seem absurd or meaningless to him, being disconnected from the realities of God and the life of the Spirit. It’s the reason we keep preaching the Gospel. God wants all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4). So, we must help them know the Lord.

It doesn’t matter that the man or woman is an erudite professor, a great scientist, a skilled orator, a seasoned politician, or a medical doctor; as long as they’re not born again, they’re living the natural human life. And Jesus said, “...**Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God**” (John 3:3). So help those around you, who have never been born again, to know the Lord and bring them into salvation. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the blessing of the New Birth that makes me a spiritual man. I walk in the light of your Word and live by the discernment of the Spirit. My heart receives and understands the deep things of God, and my life is a demonstration of your wisdom and glory, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 3:3-8; Ephesians 2:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:21;
John 17:3

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 5:1-16 & Deuteronomy 25-27

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 25:1-13 & Exodus 32



MONDAY 24

HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS FULFILLED IN US



...And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit (Romans 8:3-4 NIV).

Moses had a revelation of God's righteousness through the Law. His perspective as expressed in some portions of the book of Deuteronomy is profound.

No wonder he marvelled at how extraordinary and unique the law was, declaring it unparalleled among the nations: ***"And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?"*** (Deuteronomy 4:8). In Deuteronomy 6:25, Moses' heart was moved by the beauty of the Law. He did not see it as a burden of rules to obey but as a reflection of God's wonderful righteousness. He told the people that observing the commandments would be their righteousness: ***"And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us."***

Later, in Deuteronomy 32:46-47, Moses further emphasized this truth: ***"...Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye***

shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law. For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it." He treasured the law as life itself and urged the people to act accordingly.

The New Testament reveals a similar perspective. In Romans 8:3-4, we see the fulfilment of this righteousness through Christ. The righteousness of the Law, which Moses regarded as glorious and beautiful, has now been fulfilled in us who walk after the Spirit. God's righteousness is expressed through us. As ambassadors of the Kingdom, we extend His righteousness, peace, and joy to the nations. Wherever you go, when you arrive, righteousness arrives. When you step into a place, peace comes with you. When you are present, joy is made manifest. This should shape your daily consciousness; you are an extension of the Kingdom of God to your world. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for revealing your righteousness through your Word, and fulfilling it in us through Christ. I walk after the Spirit, manifesting the life and glory of your Word to my world. Your Word is my life, and I treasure it above all. Thank you for making me a living expression of your righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 3:7-10; Galatians 3:24-25;
2 Corinthians 5:21

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 5:17-39 & Deuteronomy 28

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 25:14-30 & Exodus 33



TUESDAY 25

GOD'S FOCUS IS HIS WORD IN YOUR SPIRIT



And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8).

When you pray and ask God for things, His ultimate purpose is not to give you material possessions such as houses, cars, or money; His focus is His Word in your spirit. As you grow in the knowledge of God, you'll discover that everything you desire has already been granted you in His Word.

He already said in 2 Peter 1:3, ***“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”*** This understanding will transform your prayer life and the content of your prayers. Instead of focusing on asking for things, your prayer times become moments of fellowship with God because you don't have the consciousness of need.

We have to emulate the way our Lord Jesus lived when He walked the earth. He had no consciousness of lack. What a glorious way to live, when you know that everything you need flows from your union with Him! The Bible says, ***“God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord”*** (1 Corinthians 1:9).

This means you've been brought into a divine partnership, a family union with Jesus Christ. If this is true (and thank God it is), what could you ever lack? God has already provided everything you'll ever need for life and godliness through His Word. The key is to have the Word of God dwelling in you richly.

Jesus said, ***“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things...”*** (Matthew 12:35). Then Paul said, ***“...we have this treasure in earthen vessels...”*** (2 Corinthians 4:7). This treasure is the Word of God stored in your heart, which has the power to produce or create anything and everything you need. That's where the house, car, spouse, children and every other blessing come from—the Word of God in you!

When you're full of the Word, you carry within you everything you need for health, success, prosperity and victory in this world. Colossians 3:16 says, ***“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly....”*** So, meditate on the Word; confess it and let it shape your thinking. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the treasure of your Word that dwells in me richly. Every good thing I need flows from within me. I walk in the consciousness of abundance and live above lack because of the fellowship I have with Jesus Christ and my oneness with Him. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 3:16; Joshua 1:8 AMPC; Acts 20:32

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 6:1-16 & Deuteronomy 29-30

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 25:31- 46 & Exodus 34



WEDNESDAY 26

THE FOUNDATION OF TRUE CHRISTIANITY



All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16 NIV).

Just because certain people have chosen a particular kind of Christianity that's not based on the Scriptures and have decided that it represents Christianity, doesn't mean that what they are practicing is Christianity at all. True Christianity is based on the Bible—the Word of God.

Our opening scripture says, ***"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"*** (2 Timothy 3:16). Every Christian believes, accepts, confesses, endorses and proclaims that the Bible is absolutely true and it's the final arbiter concerning everything in life. Otherwise, such a person isn't a Christian.

Also, the Christian accepts that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that means He's God in the flesh: ***"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth"*** (John 1:14). Plus that, the Christian acknowledges that Jesus died as our Saviour: ***"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"*** (Romans 5:8).

The Christian confesses that Jesus was raised from

the dead and professes that He is alive today: ***"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved"*** (Romans 10:9). Revelation 1:18, ***"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."***

So it makes no difference for how long you've professed to be a Christian or the title by which you're addressed; if you don't accept, believe, and confess these truths, you're not a Christian according to the Bible. This is the beginning of the definition of who a Christian is. Why is this so important?

It's because the transcendent life in Christ that the Bible talks about is only available to those who believe. Believing involves two essential components: accepting the truthfulness of something and confessing it, while acting accordingly. Without these, belief is incomplete. Praise God.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the light of your Word that defines and directs my life. I believe, accept, confess, and proclaim the absolute truth of the Scriptures. I boldly affirm that Jesus Christ came in the flesh, died as my Saviour, was raised from the dead, and now, lives in my heart by His Spirit. I live by these truths, walking in the full blessings of your Word, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 10:8-10; 1 John 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:16

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 6:17-49 & Deuteronomy 31-32

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:1-13 & Exodus 35



THURSDAY 27

THE FAITH-EXAMPLES OF JOSHUA AND CALEB



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

Numbers 13-14 recounts the story of the twelve spies sent by Moses to scout the land of Canaan, the Promised Land. They spent forty days exploring the land and brought back evidence of its abundance, including a large cluster of grapes. However, while Caleb and Joshua encouraged the Israelites to trust God and take possession of the land, the other ten spies described the land as dangerous and inhabited by giants.

The Israelites, overcome by fear and doubt, rebelled against Moses and Aaron, longing to return to Egypt. God's anger burned against their unbelief, and as a result, that generation, except Caleb and Joshua, didn't enter the Promised Land. Despite Caleb and Joshua's attempts to reassure them of God's power, the people refused to believe.

Here's what I want you to notice concerning what the Lord said about the report of these other 10 spies: ***“And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel...”*** (Numbers 13:32). It wasn't Joshua or Moses who labelled their report as “evil”—it was the Lord Himself, because it contradicted His Word.

What was the evil report? God had declared that the Israelites would conquer the giants and take possession of the land flowing with milk and honey. But the ten spies said, “Even if it’s true that the land flows with milk and honey, we can’t take it.” They disregarded God’s assurance of victory and accused Moses of leading them into trouble.

In Numbers 13:32-33, they said, “...***The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.***” Learn from this. No evil report should come from you. Be like Joshua and Caleb. Our opening verse says we have the same spirit of faith; we believe and therefore speak in agreement with God’s Word.

What has the Word said about your health or prosperity? What has God said about your life and future? Affirm the same things in agreement with Him. Speak faith-filled words only, regardless of what your senses perceive. Hold fast to your confessions of faith, knowing that God’s Word is true and always prevails.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the spirit of faith at work in me. I believe your Word, and I speak in agreement with it. I walk in health, prosperity and victory; I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Numbers 14:6-9; Hebrews 10:23; Hebrews 13:5-6

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 7:1-35 & Deuteronomy 33-34

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:14-25 & Exodus 36

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FRIDAY 28

WITH THE HEART MAN BELIEVES



For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:10).

What does it mean to believe with the heart? The Apostle Paul wasn't referring to the physical heart, the organ that pumps blood in your body. He's talking about your spirit. Your heart is your spirit—your innermost being.

You believe with your heart, not with your mind or your brain. This is why many people who try to reason God out with their minds can't find Him. God doesn't appeal to your senses; He is real to your spirit. The mind doesn't have the capacity to figure out spiritual matters. It is the human spirit that understands these things.

When a man's spirit is dead to God, the things of God will seem foolish to him. No wonder the Lord Jesus said in John 3:3, "**...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**" This means he cannot see the realities of the Kingdom of God nor can he know God. But when you're born again, it's different. Even when your brain is unable to figure something out, you can still believe it with your spirit.

Think about the virgin birth of Jesus Christ: Mary, a

virgin, gave birth to a baby. There's no science that can explain that. How about Jesus dying, being buried for three days, and then rising from the dead? The natural human mind can't explain it. But we believe it, because with the heart man believes, not with the mind.

The human spirit has the capacity to believe even that which it can't explain or understand. It's the reason some say that as Christians we've been brainwashed. No! We weren't brainwashed; we were "heart-washed!" God gave us a new heart, a believing heart. Someone says, "I only believe what I see!" That doesn't make sense because why would you need to believe what you can already see?

"...Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Faith is of the heart and not the senses. When you believe, your spirit takes a hold of divine truths that your mind cannot grasp. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the gift of faith that works from my spirit. I believe and embrace your Word with my heart, taking hold of every divine truth, and it transforms my life. My spirit is alive to you, and I walk in your glory and righteousness today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Mark 11:22-24; Hebrews 11:1-3; 2 Corinthians 4:13

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 7:36-50 & Joshua 1-2

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:26-35 & Exodus 37



SATURDAY 29

PARTAKERS OF THE INHERITANCE



Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light (Colossians 1:12).

The word "meet" in the verse above means "qualify"; the Father qualified you to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in the Kingdom of Light. There's an inheritance for you. Do you see why your mentality should be one of abundance? You're the King's kid, and everything that belongs to Him belongs to you.

Being born again, the Spirit confirms that you're a child of God: "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God" (Romans 8:16). Romans 8:17 says, ***"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ..."*** And because you're a child of God, you're a joint heir with Christ—a partaker of the divine nature. All the rights Jesus has, you have as well.

Consider a more relatable analogy of a joint bank account. In a joint account, everything in that account belongs to both parties equally. Neither of them can access anything without the other person's involvement. This illustrates what it means to be joint-heirs with Christ.

Everything that belongs to Christ also belongs to you in full.

The Bible says, ***"The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein"*** (Psalm 24:1). There's no lack or deficiency in this inheritance. What you need is to discover more from the Word of God about this inheritance that's already yours. Without this knowledge, you may live unaware of the full benefits you have in Christ.

2 Peter 1:2-3 says, ***"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."*** Did you see that? Enjoying your inheritance and all that's been made available to you in Christ Jesus is about your knowledge of Him. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I'm an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ. All that belongs to Christ belongs to me in full and I walk in the fullness of my inheritance. I live in abundance and unending supply. The Word builds me up and makes me aware of all that God has freely given me in Christ, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Peter 1:3 AMPC; Acts 20:32; Ephesians 1:11

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 8:1-21 & Joshua 3-4

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:36-46 & Exodus 38



SUNDAY 30

SPEAK IN TONGUES AND RECEIVE GUIDANCE



For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries (1 Corinthians 14:2).

As Christians, we're never in the dark about anything. You can know anything if you'd do what the Scripture says. Our opening scripture in the Amplified Classic says, ***"For one who speaks in an [unknown] tongue speaks not to men but to God, for no one understands or catches his meaning, because in the [Holy] Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things [not obvious to the understanding]."*** When you're in a situation where you aren't sure of the accurate direction or step to take, speak in tongues. Before long, you'll receive answers from your spirit. You'll receive the guidance you need and the mystery about that situation will come to your understanding.

Perhaps you need to know about a certain situation, subject, concepts or principles behind certain things; spend time to pray in tongues. As you do, there'll be an unveiling

in your spirit. The Lord Jesus said, “He that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life” (John 8:12). You can know all things. You’re not supposed to walk in darkness about your finances, your health, your career, business, ministry or any area of your life. The light of God is in your spirit (Proverbs 20:27).

If you have concerns about your health or about anything, consult with the Holy Spirit first; speak in tongues fervently and passionately. You’ll be amazed how quickly His light and wisdom will well up within you, showing you precisely what to do.

The Holy Spirit is in you to help you understand, live, and enjoy life to the full. As you fellowship with Him, speaking in tongues of the Spirit, He’ll guide you to take specific steps in line with God’s plans for your life. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

Blessed Father, I’m grateful for your guidance in my life. As I speak in tongues even now, my spirit is illumined to see and receive answers. I have guidance and know what to do in every situation because I’m guided by your light. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Corinthians 2:9-13; Romans 8:26-27;

1 Corinthians 14:2 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 8:22-39 & Joshua 5-6

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:47-56 & Exodus 39



MONDAY 31

YOUR WORDS CARRY LIFE



And God said, Let there be light: and there was light (Genesis 1:3).

Every time you speak, life emits from your words. Your words carry life. It's the reason you must never talk to promote the problems and difficulties you're facing; declare your victories. Have the right words in your mouth. Don't speak on the basis of your situation; rather, speak in agreement with God (Hebrews 13:5-6).

Jesus said in Mark 11:23 that you shall have what you say. It was God Himself who gave us that precedence; He spoke creation into being in Genesis chapter 1. It reveals that not only do words contain energy, they carry life. Now you can understand what Jesus said in John 6:63, "**...the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**" Remember that as He is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:17); so like Him, the words that you speak, they are spirit and they are life. Hallelujah!

Everything in life has been programmed by God to respond to words, for they were all created by words. In Numbers 20:8, for example, God instructed Moses to

Speak to the rock: ***“... speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.”***

God told Moses to talk to the rock because the rock had life, with intelligence and memory. If creation came about by reason of words spoken by God, it means that there are sound codes embedded in every particle, matter or object; therefore, they can all respond to the sound codes we release through our words. So use the right sound codes—the right words—to create the life that you desire. Transform your life from glory to glory with words. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

My life is for the glory of God. Divine wisdom is heard in my words and seen in my actions. The Word of God prevails in my life and catapults me to greater levels of success, victory and prosperity. I walk in divine health and dwell continually in peace and safety, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 4:12; Hebrews 13:5-6; Mark 11:23

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Luke 8:40-56 & Joshua 7-9

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 26:57-68 & Exodus 40

PRAYER OF SALVATION

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

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

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A pastor in a suit is speaking to a large church congregation. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the speaker and the title.

7 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD GO TO CHURCH

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

1. God Said So

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

2. Jesus Did, Showing Us A Pattern To Follow

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. The Church Is A Place Of Training

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

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“Extraordinary Liberation from a Maximum-Security Facility”

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-C.A UK

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-V. U Canada

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-Z.B Toronto

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Billions have been affected by his television broadcasts such as "Atmosphere For Miracles," "Your LoveWorld Specials," and the "Healing Streams Live Healing Services." The scope of his television ministry extends throughout the world with LoveWorld satellite television networks, delivering qualitative Christian programming to a global audience.

At the world-renowned Healing School, he manifests the healing works of Jesus Christ and has helped many receive healing through the operation of the gifts of the Spirit.

Pastor Chris has a passion to reach the peoples of the world with God's presence—a divine commission he's fulfilled for over 40 years through various outreaches, crusades, as well as several other platforms that have helped billions experience a victorious and purposeful life in God's Word.



