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| NKJV | -New King James Version |
| AMP | -The Amplified Bible |
| 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 |
| NLT | -The New Living Translation |
| ASV | -American Standard Version |
| TEV | -Today's English Version |
| RSV | -Revised Standard Version |
| GNB | -Good News Bible |
| WNT | -Weymouth New Testament |
| NRSV | -New Revised Standard Version |
| MOFFAT | -Moffatt New Translation |
| WESNT | -Wesley New Testament |
| EBR | -Rotherham's Emphasized Bible |
| DRB | -Douay-Rheims Bible |
| TPT | -The Passion Translation |
| CJB | -Complete Jewish Bible |
| DNT | -Darby's New Translation |

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# Introduction

This month's edition of your favourite daily devotional, Rhapsody of Realities, has been packaged to enhance your spiritual growth and development and position you for resounding success in all your endeavours.

The life-changing truths in this edition will refresh, transform and prepare you for a very fulfilling, fruitful and rewarding experience with God's Word.

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- 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

# TRAIN THEM IN THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO

***Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).***

There's a clear instruction from the Word concerning the upbringing of children, and it's not subject to personal opinion or modern cultural trends. The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go," not in the way he chooses, not in the way society suggests, and not even in the way you merely prefer, but in the way he should go. That way is defined by God's Word.

Some today have adopted a flawed mindset in raising their children, saying, "In our home, everyone is free to decide what they want to believe or how they want to serve God." That's not a Christian home. Christianity is not a democracy of beliefs. When you choose to raise a Christian home, there's a standard and that standard is the Word of God.

The Bible speaks of those who ***"...did not like to retain God in their knowledge..."*** (Romans 1:28). That condition doesn't start suddenly in adulthood; it's often the result of a lack of proper training and structure in the formative years. When children are not guided on the right way to serve God, they grow up without the consciousness of God and that absence can lead to grave spiritual consequences.

You don't negotiate spiritual discipline with a child because the Bible says foolishness is bound in the heart of



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a child, but discipline helps to get rid of it: ***"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him"*** (Proverbs 22:15). As a Christian parent, don't entertain the idea of your child deciding not to go to church. Don't raise children to follow their impulses; raise them to walk in truth.

When you insist on God's way, consistently, firmly and with love, you're not being harsh; you're being obedient to divine instruction. And the result is guaranteed: when they're old, they won't depart from it. That training becomes a spiritual compass within them, guiding their choices and preserving their lives.

You're not called to raise children who merely grow; you're called to raise children who know God, walk in His ways, and live according to His truth. That responsibility is divine and must be taken seriously.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, thank you for your grace and wisdom at work in my life. I walk in the light of your Word, applying your truth with consistency, love and firmness. My home is established on your Word, and those under my care are nurtured in righteousness, growing with the consciousness of your presence, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 6:4 NIV; 2 Timothy 3:14-15 NIV;
Deuteronomy 6:6-7 NIV

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 15:22-35 & Esther 5-7

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Corinthians 11:10-33 & Isaiah 20

# DON'T LOSE YOUR SALVATION

***Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall (1 Corinthians 10:12).***

Nothing in this world compares to the value of your salvation. Not your accomplishments, not your visions, not your impact; nothing. Your salvation is the very reason for your existence; without it, everything else amounts to nothing. Your main purpose on earth is to secure your salvation and help others find theirs. Once you understand this, you'll live a fulfilled life.

There're those who laboured diligently, gave generously, and served fervently, yet lost their salvation because they strayed from the path. You can be engaged, committed, and even celebrated, yet miss the essence. Never let that happen. Your salvation is your most priceless possession; don't treat it lightly. Refuse to be drawn away.

Some have allowed others to guide them off course, becoming entangled in conflicts they had no business with; defending positions that corrupted their focus and weakened their walk with God. That's not your path. Stay with the truth. Continue in Christ and guard your heart. The Bible says, ***"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving"*** (Colossians 2:6-7).

Your walk with God is personal. When God called Abraham, He called him alone. In the same way, your accountability to the Lord is a personal one. These are the last days; therefore, don't let anyone lead you astray, and don't lead yourself astray either. Be discerning and remain established in the Word.

Receiving Christ is the beginning, not the end. Build yourself up in Him. Give yourself to deep and intense study of the Word. The Lord Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures" (John 5:39). Paul said, ***"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). As you give yourself to the Word, the Spirit of God unveils deeper truths to you, strengthens your convictions, and keeps you grounded in the truth.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for the priceless gift of salvation that I've received in Christ. I remain steadfast, vigilant and rooted in your Word, refusing to be swayed or led astray by any influence contrary to your truth. I'm built up in Christ, I'm growing in grace and in the knowledge of your Word. Thank you for the grace to lead others into this same glorious life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 2:1 NIV; Philippians 2:12; Acts 20:29-31 NIV

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 15:36-16:1-15 & Esther 8-10

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 & Isaiah 21

# BUILD YOURSELF IN CHRIST

***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).***

In our last study, we touched on something very important: You've received Christ, yes; but you must continue in Him and be built up in Him. He said in John 8:31, ***"...If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed."*** Spiritual growth is intentional. It doesn't happen by chance; the responsibility is yours to allow the Word of God to dwell in you richly (Colossians 3:16).

No one can grow for you. No one can build your spirit for you. Your progress in Christ is directly tied to your personal commitment to the Word. You may say, "I've read through the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation"; but reading isn't enough. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus for us to search the Scriptures; Paul said to study. There's a difference. Reading informs you, but searching unveils truth, and studying establishes it within you.

Until you move beyond casual reading, you won't walk in the depth, authority and power of the Word. There's more in God, so much more. As you give yourself to study, meditation, and the ministry of the Spirit, deeper revelations

are unveiled to you. Your convictions become firm, your discernment refined, and your walk with God steady, consistent, and built on truth.

Remember, we win by His Word. You're sustained by the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up and unveil your inheritance to you. That Word must dwell richly in you, shaping your thoughts, your responses, and your direction. So, don't be passive about your spiritual growth. 1 Peter 2:2 says, ***"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."***

The strength and stability of your Christian life are determined by the depth of the Word in your spirit. You've received Christ, that's powerful; now build yourself in Him. Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Be established in truth.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for the Word of your grace that builds me up and establishes me in Christ. I'm strengthened, rooted and grounded in the truth of your Word. My life is structured by your Word, and I walk in ever-increasing grace and glory as the revelation of your Word floods my spirit and strengthens my faith, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

2 Timothy 2:15; Colossians 2:6-7 NIV; Jude 1:20

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 16:16-40 & Job 1-2

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Corinthians 12:11-21 & Isaiah 22

# CIRCUMCISION IS OF THE HEART

***But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God (Romans 2:29).***

God's definition of your identity isn't based on outward signs or experiences but on inward realities, the transformation that has taken place in your spirit. The Bible makes it clear: true circumcision isn't in the flesh; it's of the heart, in the spirit. This is the mark of the new covenant—an inward transformation that defines who you are before God.

The challenge for many isn't the absence of this reality but the absence of its consciousness. You may have something, but if you're not conscious of it, you may never experience or live in its power. Consider David: he knew he was in covenant with God. That consciousness produced uncommon boldness in him to confront and defeat Goliath.

But Saul, who was king at the time and was head and shoulders above everyone else in Israel, had the same covenant but he lacked the consciousness, and therefore, he recoiled in fear against Goliath. The difference wasn't in what they possessed; it was in what had dawned on their hearts.

That's the call to you today. You've been circumcised

in the heart. This isn't symbolic; it's a spiritual reality. It's the token of your oneness with Christ. It's the seal that you're the heir of the Abrahamic blessings: ***"And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise"*** (Galatians 3:29).

This has to dawn on your spirit and be the only perspective from which you reason and view life. Be ever conscious that you carry within you the life of God, the incorruptible, invincible life of divinity. If this isn't real to you, you may live beneath your privileges; limited in experience, though unlimited in potential. You may be religious, yet ineffective.

But the moment this truth grips your spirit, everything changes: Your thinking aligns with your identity. Your words carry authority. Your life produces results. There's no seemingly hopeless situation that you can't change. That's your heritage as one who's circumcised in the spirit.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for the reality of my new life in Christ. I'm circumcised in the heart, in the spirit, and I live in the full consciousness of this truth. Your life in me is active, and I walk in dominion, growing in grace and in the knowledge of your truth steadily, in Jesus' Name.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Genesis 17:12-13; Colossians 2:11; Philippians 3:3 NIV

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 17:1-15 & Job 3-5

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Corinthians 13:1-6 & Isaiah 23-24

SUNDAY 5

# KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR TRUE NATURE

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

God wants you to know who you are. Not to guess, not to assume, but to know. The Apostle John, writing by the Spirit, says, ***"These things have I written unto you...that ye may know that ye have eternal life."*** This is about your identity—what you have and who you are in Christ—NOW. You're divine because you have eternal life, the divine life.

Consider the Apostle John, who wrote what we read in our theme scripture. During the time of the Great Persecution, after John had been arrested, they put him in a large boiling pot to fry him alive. They were determined to destroy him. But when the fire had burnt out and consumed itself, John stood up. They couldn't kill him because there was something about him.

That's how the expression came about, "St. John the Divine." They couldn't explain him. They said, "This is not an ordinary man." So they banished him to the island of Patmos and left him there. Now think about it: was John

the only one who was divine? No. What made him divine was the life he had, the eternal life of God in him, and the consciousness of that life.

That same life is what you've received in Christ. The Bible says you're a partaker of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4). That means you're not an ordinary person. You're not merely human. You're a God-being because you have the life of God in your spirit. But this must dawn on you; otherwise, you'll think, talk, and respond from a natural standpoint. Yet that's not your true identity.

When the Bible says, ***"...that ye may know that ye have eternal life..."*** (1 John 5:13), it means God wants you to know and function by that revelation. He wants it in your present-hour consciousness. He wants you to be fully aware that the life in you is divine. He knows that when this becomes real to you, your responses will reflect your nature and your expectations will rise to match the life in you. Hallelujah!

## CONFESSION

**I'm a partaker of the divine nature, and I live in the full consciousness of the God-life in me. I walk in dominion, boldness and victory, manifesting Christ in all that I do, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

2 Peter 1:4; John 1:12-13; 1 John 4:17

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 17:16-34 & Job 6-8

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Corinthians 13:7-14 & Isaiah 25

# THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT YOU

***But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you (Romans 8:11).***

Christianity is not a religion; it's Christ in you (Colossians 1:27). It's the outworking of the God-life in a human person. The Christian is one who has received and manifests the organic and existential attributes of divinity. That's what makes you different. You didn't come into religion when you received Christ. You came into reality.

The Bible says, ***"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life..."*** (1 John 5:11-12). This life is the transcendent life. Consider the human body. Even in its present, fallen state, it has the ability to reproduce cells, to repair and restore itself. That is human life, yet that life is corrupted due to the fall of Adam.

If that corrupted life can still function at that level, then think about the life of God in you that's incorruptible, indestructible and divine! The Bible says, ***"...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).

This is what you have now, a life that carries within it the ability to produce and effect changes. The Lord Jesus said, ***"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you..."*** (Acts 1:8). That power is the dynamic ability to cause changes. It's at work in you even now; it's

in your system.

It helps you understand when the Scripture says if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He will vitalize your mortal body (Romans 8:11). He gives life to your physical body. 2 Corinthians 4:7-11 tells us something remarkable; it says, ***"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed...."***

You're indestructible. You're a victor forever. You can never be disadvantaged. You have the ability to produce and reproduce success. You carry that power, the genes of excellence within you. It's for the same reason that the Bible says whatsoever you do, shall prosper (Psalm 1:3).

You must realise and walk in the consciousness of this reality. There's something about you: something divine and powerful; something that sets you apart from the ordinary. The Bible says, ***"...greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world"*** (1 John 4:4). Let this be the mindset that defines your life every day.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for your life in me, and I'm conscious of its power and work in my spirit, and the ministry of the Holy Ghost in my entire being. The divine life vitalizes my body and produces changes in every area of my life. I walk in dominion, strength and victory, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 4:7-11 NIV; 1 John 5:11-12 NIV;
1 Corinthians 6:19 NIV

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 18:1-23 & Job 9-11

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Galatians 1:1-9 & Isaiah 26

# DON'T BEG GOD IN PRAYER

***For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father (Romans 8:15).***

Your understanding and opinion of God, your relationship with Him, will certainly define how you pray. When your understanding is right, your prayer life will be filled with confidence, boldness and assurance. But when it's skewed, prayer can become a struggle, filled with uncertainty, pleading and a sense of inadequacy.

Never approach God as though you're a stranger trying to gain His attention. He's your Father. What kind of children does a father delight in? Not the ones who come crying and pleading for everything as though they have no place in the home. Relate to God as your gracious, loving and caring heavenly Father who seeks your best more than you could ever imagine or desire for yourself.

That's the truth. He loves you more than you love yourself. Therefore, understand your place in Him and with Him. He said in Hebrews 4:16, ***"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 an invitation! He wants you to always approach Him with confidence, knowing that He delights in you.

The Bible says the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous

and His ears are open to their prayer (Psalm 34:15). He delights in you to do you good. He daily loads you with benefits (Psalm 68:19). Hallelujah! In Christ Jesus, you have direct access to the Father. You have unhindered, unlimited access; use it: ***"In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him"*** (Ephesians 3:12).

Read our opening scripture again; the slavish mentality has been taken away. Instead, you've been brought into sonship. When you beg, you're not expressing humility but a lack of understanding of who you are. God doesn't respond to that mentality. What He recognises is the consciousness of sonship, the confidence that comes from knowing Him as your Father and functioning from that perspective. Praise God.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for the Spirit of adoption in me by which I relate to you as my Father. I live with boldness and confidence, knowing that I belong to you and that all things are mine in Christ. I walk in the consciousness of my oneness with you, and in the fullness of my inheritance in Christ, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Galatians 4:6-7; Hebrews 4:16 AMPC; Matthew 6:6-8

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 18:24-19:1-7 & Job 12-14

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Galatians 1:10-17 & Isaiah 27

WEDNESDAY 8

# THE FELLOWSHIP THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

***The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen (2 Corinthians 13:14).***

Our opening scripture above is a powerful benediction. It reveals a divine order: the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. The grace comes from the Lord Jesus. The love is from the Father. But the enjoyment, the living experience of all that God has made available to you, comes through your fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

You may talk about grace and celebrate the love of God. But it's through the Holy Spirit that these become living realities in your life. He's the One who brings them into your daily experience and makes them tangible. When you come to know the Holy Spirit, everything changes. There's a beauty that comes into your life. There's a colour, a glory, a richness in your walk in righteousness. He empowers you from within.

This Holy Spirit is in you and with you always and forever, not for a season. The Lord Jesus said, ***"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever"*** (John 14:16). He's your teacher. The Bible says, ***"But the Comforter, which***

***is the Holy Ghost... he shall teach you all things..."*** (John 14:26). He opens your understanding to the Scriptures that you may know and walk in the calling and blessings of God for your life.

1 Corinthians 2:12 says, ***"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."*** He anoints your understanding and grants you insight into divine truths and mysteries of the Kingdom. Through Him, your life takes on a higher dimension. You see beyond the natural, you function with clarity, purpose and certainty.

When you know the Holy Spirit, life becomes limitless. You carry an inward assurance of success, not based on circumstances, but on the One who lives in you. Keep building your fellowship with the Spirit. Walk with Him. Talk with Him. Let Him guide you every day and in all things, and you'll always walk in glory.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the privilege of fellowship with Him. I walk in conscious communion with Him every day, and my life is beautified, guided and empowered by His presence. I live above limitations, expressing your glory in all that I do, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

John 16:13; 2 Corinthians 13:14 AMPC;
1 Corinthians 2:12 NIV

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 19:8-41 & Job 15-18

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Galatians 1:18-2:1-2 & Isaiah 28

THURSDAY 9

# A NEW CLASS OF MEN WITH A DISTINCT LIFE

***And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son (1 John 5:11).***

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.***" You're a new man in Christ, with the resurrection life: ***"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life"*** (Romans 6:4).

We're a new class of men, a new species. This is what you must understand about our life in Christ. The life we have is from God and not from man. The Apostle John was deliberate with his language. He didn't say, "Life is in His Son"; rather, he said, "This life is in his Son." He's talking about a specific life, the very life of God.

In 1 John 1:2, he calls it ***"...that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us."*** This life is different from all others. It's what makes us divine. It's what makes us gods: ***"I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High"*** (Psalm 82:6). The Bible says as

He is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:17).

Even the angel in the Book of Acts understood the peculiarity and taxonomic difference of our life in Christ when he said to the apostles in Acts 5:20, ***"Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life."*** This life is distinct, divine and superior. That's what you received when you were born again.

Being born again is not about joining a church; it's about receiving eternal life—the life and nature of God. It means God is your Father. It means you've been brought into a new order of existence. Paul captures it this way: ***"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me..."*** (Galatians 2:20). The concluding portion says, ***"...the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God...."*** This is the distinct, divine life of the new man in Christ.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for your divine life in me. I'm conscious that I'm a new kind of man, born of your Spirit and filled with your glory. I walk in righteousness and live by your Spirit; I express your divine nature, revealing Christ to my world, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 1:1-2; 1 John 5:11-13; 1 Peter 2:9 AMPC

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 20:1-16 & Job 19-21

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Galatians 2:3-12 & Isaiah 29

FRIDAY 10

# MORTIFY THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE BODY

***For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live" (Romans 8:13).***

There's a depth to the scripture above that you must understand. When the Apostle Paul speaks of "the deeds of the body," he's not merely referring to actions or habits. He's dealing with something deeper, which is the transactions of the body; the dealings of the body.

The body has its operations. It carries out its activities through the senses—what you feel, what you see, what you experience physically. Through these, it conducts its "business," bringing reports and conditions into your life. At times, the body "brings" something home; it may be a symptom, a weakness, or a discomfort, something it picked up through natural processes.

But you must understand that you're not subject to those transactions. You're not to be regulated by the rudiments of this earthly realm but to live above them. The Bible says, ***"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace"*** (Romans 8:6). To be carnally minded is to live according to the dictates and reports of the body, to respond to what it says and what it feels. But that's not your life.

You're called to live by the Spirit. The Word says if through the Spirit, you mortify the deeds of the body, you shall live. That means through the Holy Spirit, you can paralyse those transactions. You can nullify the operations of the body. You can bring its activities under subjection. You don't let the body dictate your condition or define your reality.

The life in you is greater. It's the life of God. And that life gives you authority over the body. The Scripture says, ***"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you... shall also quicken your mortal bodies..."*** (Romans 8:11). He gives life to your physical body. He overrides its limitations.

So, when the body brings its report, you answer by the Spirit. When it suggests weakness, you respond with strength. When it presents a condition, you enforce the higher law of the Spirit, the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, by which you're governed. Hallelujah! So, take charge and exercise dominion over your body. Keep it in health with the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for the authority I have through the Holy Spirit over my body. I refuse to be governed by the senses; rather, I choose to walk in life, strength and dominion, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 8:6-10; Galatians 5:16;
1 Corinthians 9:27 NKJV

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 20:17-38 & Job 22-24

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Galatians 2:13-21 & Isaiah 30

# BEYOND GENDER—ONE IN CHRIST

***There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28).***

The Word of God reveals something profound about your identity in Christ: it transcends natural distinctions. When the Bible says, "there is neither male nor female," it's unveiling a spiritual reality. Your identity in Christ is not defined by your physical body but by your spirit.

In Romans 16:1, the Apostle Paul introduces Phebe and calls her "a servant of the church." The word translated "servant" is from the Greek "diakonos," the same word used for deacon. This means Phebe functioned as a deaconess in the church.

Yet, some have tried to reinterpret this, suggesting she was merely a helper, or perhaps the wife of a deacon, or even a widow supported by the church. But the Scripture doesn't say that. They have found it difficult to accept that a woman can function in ministry, teaching or preaching. But the Scriptures are clear.

For example, we're told that Philip the evangelist had four daughters who prophesied: ***"And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy"*** (Acts 21:9). The Word says, ***"But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort"*** (1 Corinthians 14:3). Prophecy is for the Church. It builds, strengthens and uplifts God's people.

That means these women were ministers, speaking forth the Word by the Spirit. Thus, the distinction between male and female pertains to the body, not the spirit. In Christ, your spirit is what defines your identity and your capacity to function. The anointing and grace of the Spirit are not limited by gender.

There are, however, natural and relational structures, especially within marriage. The Bible teaches order in that context. But outside of that union, spiritual function is not restricted by gender. The same Spirit works in all and through all.

The question, therefore, is not whether one is male or female but whether one is yielded to the Spirit. God works through those who make themselves available to Him. So, refuse to interpret Scripture through tradition or human bias. Let the Word speak for itself. In Christ, we're one. And in that oneness, each of us is empowered to function in the grace given to us by God. So, recognise who you are in the Spirit, and walk in the fullness of that calling.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for the truth of your Word and the revelation of my identity in Christ. I function by your Spirit, unhindered by natural limitations, expressing the grace you've given me for your glory. I walk in boldness and clarity, fulfilling my calling in Christ, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 16:1-5 NIV; Galatians 3:26-29 NIV

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 21:1-16 & Job 25-28

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Galatians 3:1-12 & Isaiah 31

# A "HOLY KISS"—WHAT IT REALLY MEANS

***Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you (Romans 16:16).***

When the Apostle Paul wrote, "Salute one another with an holy kiss," he wasn't introducing a ritual; he was addressing the sincerity of relationships among God's people. To understand this, you must look beyond the surface. In those days, a kiss was a common form of greeting. But Paul added a qualifier—"holy." That's because not every expression of affection is genuine.

The Lord Jesus Himself highlighted this when Judas came to betray Him. The Bible says, ***"And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him"*** (Matthew 26:49-50). Judas' kiss wasn't sincere. It concealed betrayal. Read Luke's account: ***"And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?"*** (Luke 22:47-48).

This is the context for Paul's instruction. He was emphasising sincerity, loyalty and truthfulness in our expressions toward one another. Don't show affection outwardly while harbouring hatred and contrary thoughts inwardly. Express genuine love. Be honest without pretence.



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The Bible says, ***"Let love be without dissimulation..."*** (Romans 12:9). Let your love not have hidden intentions. This goes beyond physical gestures. It speaks to your entire conduct—how you greet, how you relate, how you respond to others in the body of Christ; there should be no hypocrisy.

As God's people, you're called to a higher standard of living and relationship, not one shaped by suspicion or duplicity but by sincerity and truth. You don't say one thing and mean another. You don't act one way and think another. Your life must be consistent; your heart, your words, and your actions must align.

Also, you must exercise wisdom. Times have changed, and expressions may differ across cultures. What matters is not the form but the spirit behind it, which is genuine love, expressed with purity and discretion. So, when you show love and affection to others, let it be real. Let it be true. Let it reflect the love of Christ in your heart. That's what makes it holy.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for the love of Christ in my heart. I walk in sincerity, truth and genuine affection toward others. My words and actions are consistent, reflecting God's nature in me. I express divine love with purity and wisdom, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 12:9-10 NIV; 1 Peter 1:22;
1 Thessalonians 5:26

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 21:17-36 & Job 29-31

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Galatians 3:13-22 & Isaiah 32

MONDAY 13

# THE CHURCH IS MORE THAN A BUILDING

***Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Likewise greet the church that is in their house...***
***(Romans 16:3-5).***

When you study the Book of Romans carefully, especially the sixteenth chapter, you'd notice something striking about the early Church. It wasn't one central congregation; there were several fellowships, different groups of God's people meeting in different places, yet all part of the same Church.

This becomes even clearer when you read the opening of Paul's epistle to the Romans: ***"To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints..."*** (Romans 1:7).

The Churches were spread across many locations with household fellowships and groups of Christians meeting in different homes. That's why in Romans 16:3-5, he said greet Pricilla and Aquila and the church that is in their house.

Also, in the 10th verse, he said, ***"...salute them which are of Aristobulus' household,"*** and continued in the 11th verse to say, ***"...Greet them that be of the household of Narcissus, which are in the Lord."*** These were not merely families; these were churches, living expressions and extensions of Paul's ministry. It reveals something profound: the Church is not a building; it's the people of God.

The early Church was organised as many churches, yet one body. It might have been several gatherings, but each was alive, active, and connected. The Bible says, ***"And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple,***

***and breaking bread from house to house..."*** (Acts 2:46). There was a larger gathering, but there were also smaller fellowships where they shared the Word, prayed together, and grew together.

This kind of structure made the Church strong and indestructible. Even in times of persecution, it continued to thrive. You may destroy a building, but you cannot destroy the Church. As long as the people are there, the Church is there. This is why fellowship is so important.

Wherever Christians gather in the Name of the Lord, He's present, and that's the Church. The Lord Jesus emphasised the power of the smallest assembly when He said, ***"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"*** (Matthew 18:20).

So, don't reduce the Church to a location or a structure. Understand its true nature: it's the living Body of Christ, expressed through His people, in fellowship, in unity, and in purpose. Be part of that expression. Strengthen it. Build it. That's how the Church grows, and the Kingdom advances from glory to glory. Hallelujah!

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for making me a part of the Church, the living Body of Christ. I function actively in fellowship, contributing to the growth and strengthening of others. Through me, your life is expressed, and your Kingdom is advanced today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Acts 2:46 NIV; 1 Corinthians 16:19; Matthew 16:18

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 21:37-22:1-21 & Job 32-35

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Galatians 3:23-29 & Isaiah 33

# LET YOUR SPIRIT TAKE THE LEAD

***For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son... (Romans 1:9).***

What a profound statement from the Apostle Paul from the scripture we just read. It shows you where true service to God comes from. It's not with your body or with your mind. True service to God is with your spirit. The Lord Jesus said, ***"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth"*** (John 4:24).

Your fellowship with God is spiritual; therefore, your service must flow from that same source. When you were born again, it wasn't your body that was changed, and it wasn't your mind that was recreated; it was your spirit. The Bible says, ***"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature..."*** (2 Corinthians 5:17).

That new creation is your spirit. That's where the life of God is. This is why a person can be born again and still struggle in certain areas. You may find someone who is short-tempered, easily offended, or still thinking the wrong thoughts. It's not because he doesn't have the life of God; it's because his mind hasn't been renewed.

That's why the Bible says, ***"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..."*** (Romans 12:2). Your spirit is already recreated but your mind must be trained to align with the new life

in Christ. Your body also must be brought under control. The Bible says, ***"...present your bodies a living sacrifice..."*** (Romans 12:1).

Who does the presenting? It's your spirit. So, your spirit, being alive to God, must take the lead. From your spirit, you influence your mind. From your spirit, you bring your body into subjection. If you don't let your spirit take the lead, your senses will. Your feelings will. Your old patterns of thinking will. But that's not the life you've been called to live.

You've been called to live from within, from your spirit. That's where the guidance of the Holy Ghost is. That's where the life of God operates. Your spirit is a dependable guide because he's mingled with the Holy Ghost. You're one with Him: ***"But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit"*** (1 Corinthians 6:17). So, let your spirit guide your thoughts and actions. Let him direct and define your responses. That's how you live the higher life in Christ.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for the life of God in my spirit. The Holy Spirit in me guides my thoughts and actions, being mingled with my spirit. Thus, my spirit is a dependable guide, defining and directing my responses. My mind is renewed by the Word, and I live in dominion, from glory to glory, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

John 4:23-24 NKJV; Romans 12:1-2; Romans 8:12-13

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 22:22-23:1-11 & Job 36-39

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Galatians 4:1-11 & Isaiah 34

# YOUR SPIRIT IS THE MOST HOLY PLACE

***Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16).***

In the Old Testament, the temple had three distinct sections: the outer court, where sacrifices were offered; the holy place, where the priests ministered; and the innermost part called the Most Holy Place or Holy of Holies.

This inner sanctuary was separated by a thick veil, and only the high priest could enter, and that, only once a year. It was the place of God's manifest presence. There stood the Ark of the Covenant, with the mercy seat overshadowed by the cherubim of glory.

When the high priest entered with the blood of the sacrifice, he stood before God's presence, where His glory was revealed. The people never saw it; even the priests couldn't go in. Yet, this wasn't merely a religious structure; it was a picture of something far greater.

The Bible says you're the temple of God. This means the Old Testament arrangement symbolized the recreated human person: the outer court represents the body, the holy place represents the soul, and the Most Holy Place represents your spirit. Now the revelation becomes personal: your spirit is the Holy of Holies. That's where God dwells.

The presence of God that was once hidden behind the veil is now in you. As the Scripture says, ***"...your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you..."*** (1 Corinthians 6:19). In the Old Testament, the high priest approached

God from outside. But now, everything has changed. That ministry is within you.

By the Holy Ghost, God's presence is active in your spirit. His Word is in your heart. His glory is within you. The Kingdom of God is in your spirit (Luke 17:21). Oftentimes, in the old temple, the glory of God would be so strong that it extended into the holy place where the priests were. Yet even then, they couldn't go beyond the veil. But today, there's no veil. You are the sanctuary. You're God's dwelling place.

You're not trying to reach God somewhere far away; you're not looking outward for His presence. His presence is in your spirit. That's where He speaks, guides, and manifests His power and glory. Become conscious of this truth. When you pray, you're not trying to get into God's presence; you pray in His presence because you carry His presence. When you seek direction, you don't look around; you look within. Live from His presence.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for making me your living temple. I'm conscious that your presence dwells in my spirit, and from within, I receive guidance, strength and direction. I live from my spirit, expressing your glory and righteousness, impacting my world with the Gospel, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

1 Corinthians 6:19; Hebrews 9:1-4;
1 Thessalonians 5:23

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 23:12-35 & Job 40-42

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Galatians 4:12-20 & Isaiah 35

THURSDAY 16

# TRAIN YOUR SOUL TO FOLLOW YOUR SPIRIT

***And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind... (Romans 12:2).***

When Paul said in Romans 1:9, ***"For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son...,"*** he expressed something profound: we serve God with our spirits. But there's another vital part of your being—your soul, the arena of your mind, will, and emotions. Your mind shouldn't rule you. Your emotions shouldn't rule you. Your will shouldn't rule you. Instead, they must come under the influence of the Holy Spirit and be brought into subjection.

In the Old Testament temple, the soul corresponds to the holy place, where the priests ministered. And what was their primary responsibility? Teaching. The priests were custodians and instructors of the law. This shows that your soul must be taught. Your mind must be trained with the Word. Your emotions must be governed by the Word. Your will must be disciplined by the Word.

There are times you say, "This is what I want to do; this is what I've decided." But then the Word shows you something different. At that moment, your will must yield. You say, "Not my will but God's will; not my way but God's way."

The same applies to your emotions. You may feel inclined in a certain direction but when the Word reveals otherwise, you stop. You allow the Word to dominate your emotions. That's how your soul is brought under control.

Now, in the holy place, there were three significant

elements: the candlestick, the table of showbread, and the altar of incense. The candlestick gave light; that's the illumination of the Word in your life. The table of showbread provided nourishment; that's the Word feeding your spirit. And the altar of incense represents prayer—your communication with God.

Do you see the connection? As you study the Word, light comes, and your spirit is nourished. Then, out of that, you're stirred to pray, and your prayers ascend like incense before God. So, two forces are constantly at work in your soul: the Word and prayer.

The more you receive the Word, the more you're stirred to pray; and the more you pray, the more sensitive you become to the Word. This is how your soul is trained. It's by keeping it under the influence of the Word. It's by ensuring that your thinking, choices and responses align with God's will. This is maturity—where your spirit leads, and your soul follows.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for your Word that renews my mind and trains my soul. I yield my will to you and refuse to be governed by emotions or natural reasoning. Now and always, my mind is enlightened, my spirit is nourished, and my life aligns with your perfect will, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Psalm 119:130; James 1:21-22; Hebrews 5:13-14

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 24:1-27 & Psalm 1-6

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Galatians 4:21-31 & Isaiah 36

# BRING YOUR BODY UNDER SUBJECTION

***I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service (Romans 12:1).***

Having understood that your spirit is the Most Holy Place and must take the lead, with your soul trained to follow, there's one more vital area to address: your body. Your body doesn't automatically align with the life of God in your spirit; it must be brought under control.

That's why the Word says, ***"...present your bodies a living sacrifice..."*** (Romans 12:1). God has done His part in recreating your spirit but the yielding of your body, presenting it to Him as a living sacrifice, is your responsibility. The Apostle Paul gives further insight: ***"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection..."*** (1 Corinthians 9:27).

This means the body must be disciplined and trained to align with your spirit. The body has its tendencies; it responds to sensations, appetites and external stimuli. It wants to act based on what it feels. But you're a spirit being, not a body; you live in a body. Therefore, you can't let your senses rule you. The Bible says, ***"For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die..."*** (Romans 8:13).

To live after the flesh is to be governed by the body and its impulses, but that's not your life. You live by the Spirit, and as the concluding part of Romans 8:13 declares, ***"...if***

***ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."*** That means through the Holy Ghost, you put to death the activities of the body, override its impulses, and bring it into alignment with God's will and purpose.

This isn't suppression; it's mastery. Your spirit, one with the Holy Spirit and filled with the life of God, takes charge. Your soul, renewed by the Word, agrees. Then your body is brought into obedience. This is the complete order of the Christian life: spirit, soul and body in alignment with the Word of God.

Don't let your body dictate your life or control your responses. Whether it's weakness, appetite, or any form of pressure; take charge from your spirit. Present your body to God. Make it serve His purpose. If you feel symptoms of sickness, declare, "No! My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit; therefore, it's immune to sickness, disease and infirmities." Refuse to allow sickness in your body; it's part of keeping your body aligned and yielded to God.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for your life and glory in me. My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and I present it as a living sacrifice, bringing it under subjection to your will and ways. I refuse to be governed by the senses or natural impulses. I walk in sync with the Spirit, aligned with your perfect will at**

## FURTHER STUDY:

1 Corinthians 9:27 AMPC; Romans 8:12-13 NIV; Galatians 5:24-25

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 25:1-12 & Psalm 7-10

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Galatians 5:1-12 & Isaiah 37

# THE POWER OF IMPARTATION

***For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established (Romans 1:11).***

The Apostle Paul makes a remarkable statement in his letter to the Romans. He says, ***"...I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift..."*** (Romans 1:11). This reveals something vital: spiritual gifts can be imparted. This wasn't a casual desire for Paul; it was a consciousness of divine ability. He knew that when he came to them, something would be transmitted. He goes further to say, ***"that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me"*** (Romans 1:12).

This means the impartation would take place through the working together of their faith; his faith and theirs. The things of the Spirit don't happen by chance; they are activated by faith—conscious, active faith. Notice something else: Paul didn't say, "When I come, we'll pray and ask God to give you something." No. He spoke from the standpoint of what had already been made available in Christ.

This is the same understanding we have today. For example, when we minister to people to receive the Holy Spirit, we don't beg God. The Bible says, ***"...how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"*** (Luke 11:13). Therefore, we minister with certainty and declare, "Be filled with the Holy Ghost," because it's already God's will. Hallelujah!

The Bible also says, ***"Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands..."*** (1 Timothy 4:14). Furthermore, in 2 Timothy 1:6, Paul said, ***"...stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands."*** These show clearly that there's a transmission of spiritual endowment. But notice the purpose as read in our opening scripture, ***"...to the end ye may be established."*** Such impartations bring stability. They strengthen you and build you up in your walk with God.

Therefore, value moments of spiritual intimacy and impartation. When the Word is taught, when hands are laid on you, and when there's an atmosphere of faith, open your spirit and respond with faith; that's how you receive. Also, grow in your own consciousness of the Spirit. You're not limited; you're a channel of blessing. You can minister life, grace and spiritual endowments to others as you yield to the Holy Spirit.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for the ministry of the Holy Spirit in my life and the impartations I receive from your Word that strengthen and establish me in the faith. I walk in the consciousness of the power of the Holy Spirit at work in me, as a channel of blessing to others, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6; Romans 1:11-12 NET

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 25:13-26:1 & Psalm 11-16

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Galatians 5:13-19 & Isaiah 38

# OUR MUTUAL FAITH

***I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith (Romans 1:11-12 NKJV).***

In our opening scripture, the Apostle Paul reveals a profound spiritual principle: in the Kingdom of God, faith is not always one-directional; there's such a thing as mutual faith, faith responding to faith, faith working together to produce results.

Paul, though an apostle with extraordinary grace, didn't see himself as the only one with faith or the only one bringing the "supply." He recognised that as he ministered to the saints in Rome, there would also be a supply coming from them to him. It reminds of what the Bible says: the body grows by that which every joint supplies (Ephesians 4:16).

Every member has a supply, something to contribute. And when those supplies come together, the Body is strengthened. This is what mutual faith produces: shared participation in spiritual realities. When faith responds to faith, something happens in the realm of the Spirit. There's an activation, a release, an unhindered flow of the Spirit of God. Ministry becomes more effective because of the unity and synchrony of our mutual faith. This is why your response matters. Remember, faith is the response of the human spirit to the Word of God.

When the Word is being taught, respond; engage your spirit. The Bible says, ***"For unto us was the gospel***

***preached... but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it"*** (Hebrews 4:2). The Word must be met with faith to produce results. Paul says, ***"...that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me"*** (Romans 1:12).

That word "comforted" means strengthened, encouraged, built up. Both the one ministering and the one receiving are edified. Now, there's something else that comes out of this—unity. When there's a flow of the Spirit, especially through signs and wonders, it produces a certain kind of unity among God's people.

Those who walk in the miraculous understand it's not by human ability. They recognise their dependence on God. As a result, they learn to honour the grace of God in others. This is why those who function in the Spirit walk in greater unity. They're not quick to criticise or tear others down. They recognise the same hand of God at work. Mutual faith, therefore, is not just about receiving; it's about alignment, honour, and unity in the Spirit.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for the spirit of faith at work in me. I respond actively to your Word and to the ministration of the Spirit. I honour the grace of God in others and walk in unity, humility and power. My faith is effective, producing tangible results and establishing your will, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 4:16 NIV; Mark 9:39; Hebrews 4:2

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 26:2-18 & Psalm 17-18

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Galatians 5:20-26 & Isaiah 39

# WHAT THE GOSPEL TRULY IS

***For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth... (Romans 1:16).***

It's possible for someone to believe in Jesus and yet not truly understand what the Gospel is. This is why the Apostle Paul, writing to Christians in Rome, said, "I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also." These were Christians, yet he still needed to preach the Gospel to them.

That tells you something profound: the Gospel is more than the mere announcement of Jesus Christ; it's a revelation that must be understood. Many say they're preaching the Gospel, but not everything said in the name of Christ is the Gospel. The Gospel has a definite content, a definite power, and a definite purpose.

Paul defines it clearly: "it is the power of God unto salvation." That means the Gospel isn't just a message; it is God's power in operation—His dynamic ability to save, transform, deliver, and establish in righteousness everyone who believes. If you want to experience God's power, you must understand the Gospel because that's where His power is revealed.

Then comes the deeper truth: ***"For therein is the righteousness of God revealed..."*** (Romans 1:17). The righteousness of God is unveiled in the Gospel. Until a man understands the Gospel, he cannot truly know God's righteousness. Many desire to be right with God but they

don't understand the Gospel that reveals it.

That's where we come in. As we preach and teach the Gospel, the righteousness that is of God, one that comes from Him, not from man, is unveiled. This righteousness makes you right with God, gives you boldness in His presence, and establishes you in dominion.

Furthermore, the Bible says this righteousness is revealed ***"...from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith"*** (Romans 1:17). This means it's a progressive unveiling. The more you walk in faith, the more this righteousness becomes evident in your life. This is the life of the one who has received this righteousness—a life governed by faith, sustained by faith, and expressed through faith.

So, what is the Gospel? It's not merely the story of Jesus. It's not just the announcement of His death, burial, and resurrection. The Gospel is the unveiling of what His death, burial, and resurrection accomplished. It's the revelation of God's righteousness: how a man is made right with God, not by works, but by faith. We'll learn more in our next study.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for the Gospel of Christ, which is your power unto salvation. My understanding is enlightened to know the righteousness revealed in the Gospel. I walk in the consciousness of this righteousness and live by faith, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 1:16-17; Romans 3:21-22;
1 Corinthians 1:17-18

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 26:19-32 & Psalm 19-20

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Galatians 6:1-9 & Isaiah 40

# RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH

***For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17).***

In our previous study, we learnt that the Gospel is the power of God. It's the message that declares that through Christ, you've been justified, made righteous, and brought into oneness with God. The Gospel shows you what God has done, who you have become, and what now belongs to you in Christ. This produces faith in your spirit.

God deals with men on the basis of faith. He brings men into righteousness, not because they qualified by works but because of faith. Consider something remarkable in Hebrews chapter eleven. The Bible lists great men of faith: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses, etc.

But right in that list, it also says, ***"By faith the harlot Rahab perished not..."*** (Hebrews 11:31). A harlot; yet she's included among the heroes of faith. Why? It's because she believed! She heard about the God of Israel, saw His representatives and believed in their victory even before it happened (Read Joshua 2:1-22). She aligned herself with their faith, with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

That one act brought her into God's purpose and even into the lineage of the Lord Jesus. This is the power

of righteousness by faith. When it's imparted to your spirit, everything changes. You're no longer defined by who you were or where you came from but by what you've received.

In the Book of Romans, Paul unfolds this progressively. He shows the legality of righteousness, how God made it available through Christ, and then reveals its impartation into the human spirit. So, you're not trying to qualify for God's acceptance. You've been brought in by faith.

Live with the assurance that you're accepted, justified, and established in God, not because of what you did but because you've embraced, accepted and received the righteousness which is by faith in Jesus Christ: ***"...that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith"*** (Philippians 3:8-9). Hallelujah!

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for the righteousness revealed in the Gospel. I'm conscious that I've been brought into the Kingdom by faith, not by works. I walk in boldness, fully assured of my acceptance and right standing in Christ, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 3:21-22; Romans 5:17; Ephesians 2:8-9

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 27:1-26 & Psalm 21-22

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Galatians 6:10-18 & Isaiah 41

# THE PHENOMENON OF SALVATION

***The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1).***

What a declaration of an amazing truth! The Lord is my light and my salvation. Did you observe that David didn't call Him his saviour but his salvation? This is so powerful! When you declare that the Lord is your salvation, you're saying in essence that you carry with you the phenomenon of salvation.

This means that before you come across any trouble, you already have the solution. Before any dilemma, you already have the victory because you have salvation. You cannot be a victim because the Lord is your salvation. David knew this and declared further, ***"... the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"*** (Psalm 27:1).

There's actually nothing to fear. In several places in the scriptures, the Lord instructs us not to fear. Why should you be afraid when the one who is in you is the "Alpha and Omega," the beginning and the ending? (Revelation 1:8).

It doesn't matter what's happening in the world, Hebrews



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7:25 says, ***"...he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him...."*** Don't allow fear in your life. Don't mix fear with your faith.

Is someone threatening you or terrorizing you? Be unperturbed. There's already a decree in place concerning you; you're severed from perishing. You're separated from everything that hurts or binds: ***"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"*** (John 3:16). This realization should put springs in your steps every day. Blessed be God!

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for being my light and my salvation. I walk in the consciousness of this reality, knowing that I carry the answer before any challenge arises. Fear has no place in me, for my life is secured in you, and I live in victory always. I'm bold, unshaken, preserved and established in your salvation, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Isaiah 12:2; 2 Timothy 1:7; Psalm 118:14

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 27:27-44 & Psalm 23-25

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ephesians 1:1-14 & Isaiah 42

# DIVINE DESTINY

***For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end (Jeremiah 29:11).***

Did you know God never created anything without a purpose? For every human being, there's an earthly destiny and a divine destiny. An earthly destiny is just what it is—earthly. It's influenced by such factors as who your parents are, where you were born and raised, your friends, relatives, and everywhere you invest time. All these would have an impact on you.

The books you read, the films you watch, and all the information you digest, they shape your natural destiny. But there's another destiny, the divine destiny, and it supersedes any earthly destiny. With that divine destiny, it doesn't matter what these other factors are, they'll not determine what you become. They lose their power to define you. God introduces a higher life that overrides background, limitations, and human circumstances.

For this divine destiny to become your real life experience, God tells you what to do. He gives you

instructions and guidance so that the earthly destiny will not rule your life or determine the circumstances of your existence. The Word of God is the instrument by which you're aligned with that higher purpose.

The Bible reveals that God's plan is always good and for your good. His plan for you is great. He is great Himself, and He can only raise great men and women. That's the way it works with Him. He cannot reproduce a failure. He can only reproduce a success. He can only reproduce royalty. So, when you follow His Word and walk in His guidance, the divine destiny becomes your reality, and the earthly influences lose their hold.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for your divine purpose for my life which is higher than every earthly influence. I walk in the light of your Word, guided by your Spirit, fulfilling the destiny you ordained for me. I refuse to be limited by earthly background or circumstances, for I am the product of your greatness and the expression of your will, in Jesus Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Jeremiah 1:5; Ephesians 2:10; Romans 8:29

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 28:1-16 & Psalm 26-29

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ephesians 1:15-23 & Isaiah 43

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# BUILT FOR SUCCESS BY THE WORD

***Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee (Isaiah 26:3).***

Very early in my life, the Lord set me on course for a life of ever-increasing success and impact. I got acquainted with the Word of God very early in life and I'm forever grateful to the Lord for that. I was born again before I was nine years old and began to preach the Gospel not long after. I started winning my friends to Christ, and shortly after, I began a fellowship. By fifteen, I was already holding crusades. From then on, the journey has been from glory to glory.

When God sets you on course and your mind is stayed on Him, the Word declares that He will keep you in perfect peace because you trust in Him. That peace is the peace of prosperity, a life that continually moves forward.

Psalm 1:3 describes this life clearly: ***"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."*** This is the result when you give attention to the Word, to shape your life. The result is extraordinary. You're like a tree planted by the rivers of

water, bearing fruit in season. There's no failure in your life.

I love the way the AMPC describes it in Joshua 1:8: ***"This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success."*** When you give yourself to the Word, you deal wisely and have good success.

What a life; a life built only for success. It's the result of meditating on the Word; the Word reproduces itself in you. The Word of God is seed. Meditation keeps it rooted in your spirit such that it governs your mentality to only walk and talk the Word. Your life becomes the demonstration of the Word. Hallelujah.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for the power and efficacy of your Word in my life. My mind is stayed on you, and I walk in perfect peace and unending prosperity. I give myself wholly to your Word, meditating on it day and night, and it produces in me a life of continuous success and fruitfulness. My life is the expression of your Word, and I walk in victory always, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 4:12; Acts 20:32

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 28:17-31 & Psalm 30-31

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ephesians 2:1-10 & Isaiah 44

# THREE IMPORTANT PROVISIONS FOR LIFE'S JOURNEY

***The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen (2 Corinthians 13:14).***

Some have recited our opening verse countless times without realizing it's from the Scriptures. To them, it's merely a closing prayer at the end of a service. Yet, in that scripture, we've been blessed with three indispensable provisions for life's journey. Any Christian, anywhere, regardless of city or nation, who walks by these three important keys will live victoriously in every circumstance, irrespective of the challenges they may face.

The first one is the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. What does this mean? The Bible says in John 1:17, ***"For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."*** This means you couldn't really know God until Jesus came. The prophets of the Old Testament brought God's message but they didn't express the real character of our heavenly Father.

Study the Old Testament; you'd find the Law and the judgments that made the people fear God. But the Lord Jesus came and expressed the love of God. He said, ***"...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father..."*** (John 14:9). To know God, you must know Jesus. He is the One who expressed

God's character: His person and His reality. Grace and truth (reality) came by Jesus Christ.

The second thing is the love of God. God wants us to walk in the light of His love. Understand that all love is not the same. This isn't about a mother's love or a friend's love. It's a different kind of love, love that knows no bounds. Love that's beyond this world. Love that's liquid and flows eternally.

The third one, the communion of the Holy Spirit, is so important because the Father and the Lord Jesus are in heaven, but the Holy Spirit is here with us. He's in you and will always be. That fellowship is your greatest blessing and advantage in life.

God's desire is that you walk in the light of these three amazing blessings; they are to be your daily realities. When you understand them and walk in their light, it won't matter where you are, where you're placed, or what comes against you, you'll always rise above and remain victorious. Hallelujah!

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I walk daily in the fullness of your blessings, guided by your grace, rooted in your love, and sustained by unbroken fellowship with the Holy Spirit. My life is victorious, excellent and ever triumphant, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 5:5; 1 John 1:3; 2 Timothy 1:9;
2 Corinthians 13:14 AMPC

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Romans 1:1-17 & Psalm 32-34

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ephesians 2:11-22 & Isaiah 45

# GRACE AND TRUTH ARE REVEALED IN HIM

***For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ (John 1:17).***

When the Bible says the Law was given by Moses, it doesn't mean Moses originated the Law. God Almighty gave it to him, and Moses gave it to the people. It was God's Law as delivered through Moses. In the same vein, the grace and truth that came by Jesus Christ is God's grace and God's truth.

Recall the prayer of the Lord Jesus Christ in John 17:17. He said to the Father, ***"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."*** God's Word is truth. Therefore, when the Bible says grace and truth came by Jesus Christ, it refers to the grace of God and the truth of God that came by Jesus Christ.

In our previous study, we examined the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the grace of God expressed towards us in the life, ministry, sacrificial death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That grace is with you. Glory to God! That's the lovingkindness of God in manifestation. That's His favour in operation in your life.

That grace brought us into the righteousness of God and fellowship with God in Christ Jesus. Herein is the Gospel of Jesus Christ—a message that gives life to the one who

was once dead and separated from God. The Bible says in Romans 5:17: ***"For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ."***

That means those who have received His grace and truth will always be on top, always be in dominion. It's like when God blessed the children of Israel and said, ***"...you shall be above only and not be beneath..."*** (Deuteronomy 28:13 NKJV). Now in Christ Jesus, you're above only and never beneath. Hallelujah!

That's why He wants you to know about this grace and live in the reality of it. He desires that this all-promoting grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you in your journey of life. As you take it with you and put it to work, it will make you super successful, and your life will be an amazing wonder.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for your grace and truth revealed in Jesus Christ. I walk in the fullness of your grace, enjoying righteousness, dominion and unending victory. Your grace is at work in me, causing me to reign in life and walk in excellence always. My life is a manifestation of your favour and truth, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 1:7; 2 Corinthians 9:8; John 1:14

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Romans 1:18-32 & Psalm 35-37

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ephesians 3:1-12 & Isaiah 46

# HIS AMAZING AND ALL-PROMOTING GRACE

***For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ (Romans 5:17).***

The opening scripture isn't a promise for the future; it is a present reality. The grace of God pilots you. It causes you to reign in life. To reign means to live in dominion. It means you're always on top, always above, never beneath. This is consistent with what God said to the children of Israel: ***"And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath..."*** (Deuteronomy 28:13).

Now, in Christ Jesus, by this amazing grace, that becomes your daily experience. This is why you must understand the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Whatever you do in life, do it with this grace. With this grace at work in you, you'll be successful, excellent, and a wonder. There is no failure in the life of one who walks in the consciousness of this grace.

This grace is all-promoting. It produces a life that is upward and forward only. There is no stagnation. Every day is progress. Every day is advancement. Your life becomes a

continuous experience of growth and victory.

Then the Scripture further tells us something really remarkable: ***"Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound"*** (Romans 5:20). This shows that the grace of God is more powerful than sin. When grace takes over your life, sin loses its dominion. Grace elevates you, strengthens you, and establishes you in righteousness.

How wonderful to know that grace reigns through righteousness. Romans 5:21 reveals this; it says, ***"That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."*** This is the life you've received in Christ—a life where grace governs, righteousness prevails, and eternal life is expressed. Hallelujah!

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness that I have received in Christ Jesus. I reign in life, walking in dominion, excellence and victory. My life is upward and forward only; I manifest your glory and righteousness in all that I do, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 9:8; James 4:6; 1 Corinthians 15:10

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Romans 2:1-29 & Psalm 38-41

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ephesians 3:13-21 & Isaiah 47

# GOD LOVES YOU SPECIALLY

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

God loves everybody. The Bible says He so loved the world, people, and He sent Jesus, His Son, to save them from their sins. So, God is love, and He loves all men. However, from the Scriptures, we find that God also loves some people specially.

Solomon is an example: when he was born, the Bible tells us the Lord loved him (2 Samuel 12:24). This was special. The Lord Jesus also loved John specially. John knew it so much, he called himself the disciple whom Jesus loved. The rich young ruler who came to ask Jesus questions is also another example; the Bible says Jesus loved him (Mark 10:17-21).

Did you know you also can walk in this special love? Absolutely! That's God's desire for you. Remember the scripture, ***"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen"*** (2 Corinthians 13:14). The love of God here refers to God loving you. And when God loves you, He loves through you. That's one of the signs that His love has

been directed towards you: it works through you to others.

That's what we find in Solomon. The Lord loved him specially, and he, in turn, loved people. God's love worked through him to love others. Because he loved the people, he made them successful as he was successful. The prosperity of Solomon was revealed through others in his kingdom. That's why Israel was so prosperous in his days. There was no poverty. Gold was everywhere in abundance, and silver was not valued during his reign.

God loves you specially, and this makes you a conduit of His love and blessings to others. Make a decision today to walk in this truth: you have become God's mighty hand for others. Everywhere you go, let His love go with you. When people meet you, let them get introduced to the love of God as He manifests Himself through you in loving them.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for your special love towards me. I live daily in the consciousness of your love, and I am a channel and a conduit of that love to others. Your love is expressed through me, bringing transformation, blessings, and impact everywhere I go, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 5:8; Ephesians 3:17-19; 1 John 4:16

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Romans 3:1-31 & Psalm 42-44

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ephesians 4:1-10 & Isaiah 48

# HE'S IN YOU AND WITH YOU

***God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord (1 Corinthians 1:9).***

I recall the story of a certain minister who placed two chairs on his platform in church. He said one chair was for him and the other for the Holy Spirit. Whenever he wanted to fellowship with the Holy Spirit, he would sit down on his chair and say, "Holy Spirit, that's your chair," as though the Holy Spirit would sit down for them to begin a discussion.

It sounded like a nice thing to do but that's not how God wants us to think about fellowship with the Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives in you, not outside you. The Lord Jesus said to His disciples, ***"...he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you"*** (John 14:17). In other words, while He was with them, God's plan and purpose was for the Holy Spirit to enter into them and live in them.

On the day of Pentecost, the Bible says there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, ***"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost..."*** (Acts 2:4). From that day, the Holy Spirit entered into them to live in them. That's what has happened with you if you have received the Holy

Spirit. He's not sitting in a chair close to you. No.

He's with you, in you, and all around you. It's the reason you can hear His voice from inside you and from outside. How glorious your life would be if you'd constantly and consciously have fellowship with the Holy Spirit! Fellowship is intimacy with Him: knowing Him and relating with Him. It's a sharing together; He's no longer a stranger to you but one with whom you relate from your heart.

Always share your heart with him about anything and everything. Bring the consciousness of His presence and His love into your daily walk, into your life. Be ever mindful of His amazing ministry in your life. Talk with Him like He's a living being because He is. Relate with Him like someone who's ever present with you because He's right there, and He hears you. Have discussions with Him. Share your thoughts with Him knowing that He cares deeply about you and always wants the best for you.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in me. I enjoy rich fellowship with Him, walking in constant communion, guidance and intimacy. I am conscious of His presence, and I receive direction, wisdom and strength always, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 1:3; John 14:16-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Romans 4 & Psalm 45-48

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ephesians 4:11-16 & Isaiah 49

# THE REALITY OF HIS BENEVOLENCE

***The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works (Psalm 145:9).***

Did you know that God is more willing to do you good than you could ever be willing to receive it? He's more ready to help you in any situation, more eager to supply whatever you need in abundance. And beyond your needs, He delights to give you what you want.

Some people say, "God gives you what you need but not what you want." That's not true. The problem is that many don't know how to ask, and then they don't know how to receive. But the Bible teaches us both—how to ask and how to receive. The Lord Jesus said in John 16:24, ***"... ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."***

Practice this and you'll live in superabundance; an overflow. It's been my experience in life: I receive whatever I want so much so that my challenge is not to desire anything too much, because if I want something, I get it. And you can be sure it won't come in trickles but in abundance. Sometimes when things come to me like that, I say, "Lord, this is too much. I didn't mean it like that!" But that's the

reality of His benevolence.

What's benevolence? It's God's benefaction. It's His disposition to be good to you, always willing to bless you, always willing to grant the desires of your heart. It's His constant readiness to do you good, to help you, to lift you. You never have to qualify for it. This is one of the blessings of the Holy Spirit in your life. He does it because He loves you in Christ Jesus.

What I'm sharing with you isn't only scriptural; it's practical. Put it to work. Walk in the consciousness of God's benevolence towards you. You'll discover that you never have to struggle for anything. Things will start happening suddenly for you. The angels will be responding to your desires faster than the speed of thought. That's how generous God is. He's gracious, loving and kind. His goodness toward you is unfailing.

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for your goodness and benevolence towards me. I walk in the consciousness of your blessings, provisions, increase and superabundance. My life is a testimony of your kindness and generosity, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

Psalm 23:6; Luke 12:32; James 1:17; Psalm 68:19

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Romans 5:1-11 & Psalm 49-51

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ephesians 4:17-24 & Isaiah 50

# OUR CHIEF INFORMANT

***And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left (Isaiah 30:21).***

One of the blessings the Holy Spirit brings into your life is communication. That is, the activity of conveying information. The Holy Spirit talks to you and brings you information. When He sees it necessary to let you know something, He whispers to you and tells you about it. You can never be stranded or disadvantaged because you have the communication of the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah.

Because I'm in constant communication with Him, I never walk in darkness. He lets me know what I need to know. I'm never bothered when people choose to withhold information. The one I'm in communication with knows everything. He always lets me in on whatever is necessary for me to know. He's my Chief Informant.

Remember when the Lord Jesus was at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. The Bible says His mother was there. At a certain point during the party, when the wine ran out, she went to Jesus and said, "They have no wine." She brought

Him that information. Think about it. The Holy Ghost does all that for us. He brings us information. He tells us what's needed and what has to be done.

Not only does He bring us information, He also teaches us what we need to know, and gives us guidance. That's why we're never in confusion. Never talk confusion. Never think you could be lost. Don't find yourself somewhere and say, "I'm lost." No; you're with the Holy Ghost. He's never lost, so how could you be? He'll tell you exactly what to do. Blessed be God forever!

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, I thank you for the Holy Spirit who communicates with me and guides me in all things. I walk in divine insight, clarity and understanding. I am never confused or disadvantaged, because I receive direction and revelation always by your Spirit, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## FURTHER STUDY:

John 14:26; Psalm 32:8; John 16:13-15

### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Romans 5:12-21 & Psalm 52-55

### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ephesians 4:25-32 & Isaiah 51

# 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:

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# 7 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD GO TO CHURCH

As a Christian, it's important for you to identity 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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