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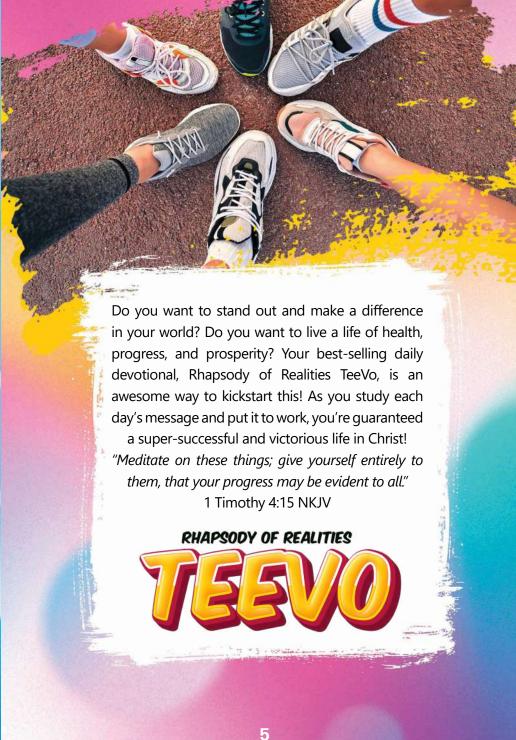
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When you come to Christ, He doesn't destroy your personality. Instead, He puts power in your personality and makes you effective and influential. He loves you the way you are. When you come to Him, He takes away the sin nature and all that's associated with it, and He puts in you the desire and ability to be a righteous person (the ability to do right) and the freedom to choose. He sets you at liberty to serve God as you should. Glory to God!"

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HIS MATCHLESS AUTHORITY

(We Have Unrivalled Authority In Him)

Tuesday,

01

TO THE BIBLE Matthew 28:18 AMPC

"Jesus approached and, breaking the silence, said to them, All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me."

LET'S TALK



Some people brag about having authority in specific places, perhaps in a nation, city, street etc. For some, it's even in classrooms, such that they become bullies and terrorise their classmates. But there's one whose authority transcends the universe and extends to all of heaven, the earth, and under the earth. His Name is Jesus! How awesome is that!

The Bible says no one and nothing is exempted from His rule, His dominion and authority. Ephesians 1:20-22 MSG explains this clearly: "...All this energy issues from Christ: God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but forever. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything..."

The coolest part is the fact that His authority is given to us because we're one with Him. We're His seed and we prolong His days. He rules through us. Isaiah 9:6 says, "...And the government will be upon His shoulder...." His shoulder refers to us, the Church—we're His body in and through which He speaks and acts today.

This should help you understand why soon after He

affirmed in Matthew 28:18 that all authority is His both in heaven and in earth, He immediately charged us in the ensuing verse 19 to go and teach all nations. That's extraordinary because it means we sit on His seat. We function by His authority. It's the reason we can do the same works that He did. He gave us power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases (Luke 9:1).

Read what the Bible says in Mark 16:17: "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons..." You have unrivalled authority in the Name of Jesus to cast out devils and tame circumstances. There's nothing you can't do, and there's no hopeless situation you can't change. You can do all things in His Name. Hallelujah!



Go Deeper

Ephesians 1:19-21; Colossians 2:1 5; Philippians 2:9-11



Pray

Dear Father, I thank you for the unparalleled authority and power that the Lord Jesus has given to the Church to exercise authority over devils, teach all nations and catapult many from the domains of darkness into the Kingdom of light. Thank you for the victory we have, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAR

TWO YEAR

Ephesians 6:10-24, Isaiah 9-10

John 2:12-25, 1 Kings 6



Act

Exercise your authority in Christ Jesus by making decrees in His Name now.





GOD'S KINGDOM HAS BEEN OFFERED Wednesday,

(You Are An Heir Of The **Kingdom Of God)**

TO THE BIBLE Mark 1:14-15 NASB

'Now after John was taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the gospel."

LET'S TALK

ad, why is there so much conflict in Israel? Doesn't God love His people anymore?" Dave asked.

"No, Dave, He still loves them more than they realise; the thing is, they rejected God's Son and His kingdom when He came to them, and He couldn't take care of them as He would have"

You see, the Lord Jesus brought and offered the Kingdom to the Jews; He preached to them, saying, "The kingdom of God is at hand" (Matthew 3:2; Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 10:9). However, they rejected His message and turned down His offer of the Kingdom. As a result, He declared to them, "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit" (Matthew 21:43 NIV).

The Kingdom was offered, and all those who accepted its message received eternal life. Christians are those who have accepted the message of the Kingdom, received eternal life into their spirits, and are now members—citizens and heirs of that Kingdom. No wonder the Bible tells us in Romans 8:16–17, "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..."

Despite living in a world filled with wickedness and evil, He has granted us this extraordinary privilege to be heirs of His

Kingdom. We're not of this world. We don't belong in Satan's realm; we're not under Satan's jurisdiction or authority. The Bible says in Colossians 1:13 that God has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the Kingdom of His Love-son. Glory to God!

Also, He's made us kings and priests in His glorious Kingdom to produce fruits of the Kingdom—fruits of righteousness and eternal life. We're the ones Peter referred to when he said, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). Hallelujah!



Go Deeper

Romans 8:16-17 AMPC; Ephesians 1:18-21; Colossians 1:13



Pray

Dear Father, I thank you for making me an heir of your glorious Kingdom. I recognise that I have received eternal life and have become a citizen and member of this Kingdom; therefore, I'm alienated from the depravities, corruption and decadence in this present world. I'm enthroned with you, far above principalities and power, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

Philippians 1:1-30, Isaiah 11-12

John 3:1-8, 1 Kings 7



ACT

Declare the words in 1 Peter 2:9, understanding that they are true about you.





STOP ALL CONTRABAND!

(Act As God's Custom Officer In This World)

Thursday,

03

TO THE BIBLE 1 Thessalonians 5:21 AMPC

"But test and prove all things [until you can recognize] what is good; [to that] hold fast."

LET'S TALK

n Romans 12, the Spirit of God, through the Apostle Paul, tells us something absolutely amazing. He says, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2). But how do you renew your mind? You do so by changing the way you think, swapping your thoughts for God's thoughts. When you do this, you'll be able to "prove" what the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God is.

The word "prove" here doesn't quite capture the full meaning. The original Greek word is "dokimazo," which means to examine or scrutinise closely. Think of it like airport security. When you go through customs, they check everything to make sure nothing suspicious gets through. They examine you and your belongings carefully to decide if you can enter the country.

As God's man or woman, you get to decide, after scrutinising, to allow only things that are consistent with the good, acceptable, and perfect will of the Father to come into your world. This is easy to understand because we are His righteous ones; we give vent to His glory; we give vent to His will. It's our calling. Hallelujah!

Remember what the Master said in Matthew 16:19: "...Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." When you disallow or permit something on earth, Heaven backs what you've said. Consciously and vehemently refuse the works of evil and forbid them in your nation, in your body, family, school, and every place around you.

Allow only the divine realities of the Kingdom into your world, and you start this with the renewing or transformation of your mind. With a renewed mind, you'll think, permit, and express only God's thoughts, His righteousness, love, kindness, joy, and peace in your life and your environment. Hallelujah!



Go Deeper

Matthew 16:19 AMPC; Philippians 4:8



Pray

Dear Father, I'm yielded to the transforming power of your Word, enabled to discern and walk in your perfect will always. I'm your agent in the earth, allowing only that which aligns with your perfect will to come into this world and vehemently forbidding anything contrary to your purpose, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAR

TWO YEAR

Philippians 2:1-18, Isaiah 13-14

John 3:9-21, 1 Kings 8



Act

Speak the divine realities of God's Kingdom concerning you and everything and everyone in your sphere of influence.





THE BENEFITS OF HIS NAME

(The Name Of Jesus Is For The Benefit Of The Church)

Friday,

04

TO THE BIBLE Ephesians 1:20-21 AMPC

"...He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places], far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come."

LET'S TALK

Any people today don't understand the power and authority that's in the Name of Jesus and the power of attorney we have to use it. That's why they haven't fully enjoyed its benefits. The Lord Jesus has a Name that's superior to all titles of authority in this world and the next. So, learn to use His Name. The Weymouth New Testament describes the transcendent greatness of His power and might, the supremacy and dominion of His Name, His reign and glory both in this age and in the age to come. It says He's in the "...heavenly realms, high above all other government and authority and power and dominion, and every title of sovereignty used either in this Age or in the Age to come" (Ephesians 1:20-21 WNT).

The most beautiful part is that His authority, rulership, reign and dominion are for the good of the Church: "...Christ rules over all forces, authorities, powers, and rulers. He rules over all beings in this world and will rule in the future world as well. God has put all things under the power of Christ, and for the good of the church he has made him the head of everything" (Ephesians 1:21-22 CEV). He is all that He is for

our advantage. His Name wields all the power that it wields for our benefit "...God has put all things under the authority of Christ, and he gave him this authority for the benefit of the church" (Ephesians 1:22 NLT).

With this knowledge at the fore of your mind, never live as a victim. Don't live an ordinary life. Use the Name of Jesus. He said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." Then on the basis of that authority, He said, "Go therefore..." (Matthew 28:18-19). Devils, angels, life, death, hell, the world, circumstances, living and non-living things hear and respond to us in His Name. Therefore, be conscious of the transcendent greatness of His Name; live and do all things in His Name.



Go Deeper

Isaiah 45:23; Ephesians 1:17-23 AMPC



Speak

The Lord Jesus is set in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that's named. Therefore, all of nature, angels and demons hear and obey when I speak because I stand and speak in the authority of Jesus Christ. Glory to God!



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

Philippians 2:19-3:1-11, Isaiah 15-18

John 3:22-36, 1 Kings 9



Act

Study and meditate on Colossians 3:17.





LIVE LIFE FULL OF GRACE

Saturday,

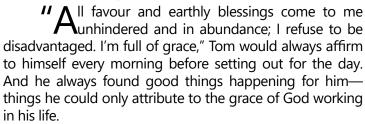
(Let Your Life Exude God's Grace Every Day)

05

TO THE BIBLE John 1:14

"And the Word became 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."

LET'S TALK



The opening verse is one of the ways the Bible describes Jesus: He's full of grace and truth. Did you know that the same is true for you? In verse 16, it says, "And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace" (John 1:16). The Amplified Classic Version says, "For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received [all had a share and we were all supplied with] one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favour upon favour and gift [heaped] upon gift." Now that you're in Christ, your life is filled with favor upon favor, grace upon grace.

Every day, you can confidently say, "Of His fullness, I have received abundant grace—grace heaped upon grace. I have grace before God, grace before people, and grace for every task. I have grace everywhere I go, and I'm walking in increased grace every day." The Christian life is a life of endless grace; there's more than enough grace for you

every day. There's no need to be overwhelmed or stressed out by life's challenges. There is no need to struggle. Act on the Word. 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 grace do you need? Is it grace for your academic studies? Grace for your family? Grace for your friendships? Grace to manage your time? That grace is available to you in abundance; receive it. Always affirm that you're full of grace and that your life is full of divine favour, everywhere and every day.



Go Deeper

Romans 5:17; John 1:14-16 AMPC; James 4:6



Pray

Dear Father, thank you for the outworking of your grace in my life, which causes me to grow and manifest the beauty, character and blessings of your Spirit. My life is full of grace heaped upon grace, favour upon favour, and blessings upon blessings, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

Philippians 3:12-4:1-3, Isaiah 19-22

John 4:1-9, 1 Kings 10-11



Act

Boldly affirm, "Of His fullness, I have received abundant grace—grace heaped upon grace. I have grace before God, grace before men, and grace for every assignment; I have grace everywhere I go, and I'm walking in increased grace every day."





FAITH AND YOUR CONSCIENCE

(Condition Your Heart By The Word)

Sunday,

06

TO THE BIBLE 1 Timothy 1:19 GNB

"...Keep your faith and a clear conscience. Some people have not listened to their conscience and have made a ruin of their faith."

LET'S TALK



rom our opening scripture, we see the connection between faith and a good conscience. You need both for a balanced and effective Christian life. Your conscience is the voice of your spirit. Your conscience can be trusted, but it'll only be dependable if your spirit is educated with the Word of God.

Some people do terrible things; they participate in acts of wickedness, violence and bloodshed. And their conscience allows them to do such things. Why? It's because of the condition of their spirits. Their conscience has been educated to permit such evil and wickedness. Their conscience has been "...seared with a hot iron" (1 Timothy 4:2). But if your spirit is conditioned by the Word of God, you'll have the voice of God in your heart, and it'll be different.

The Bible says out of your heart—your spirit—are the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23). It's therefore important that you train your spirit with the Word to be a sure guide. Never allow negative thoughts and ideas—thoughts of bitterness, wickedness, evil, violence or terror—grow in you.

Colossians 3:16 says, "Let the word of Christ dwell

in you richly in all wisdom...." Store the Word of God richly in your heart, and you'll be able to bring every negative thought into captivity to the obedience of the Word (2 Corinthians 10:5). Hallelujah!



Go Deeper

Proverbs 4:20-23; 1 Timothy 1:19 AMPC; 1 Timothy 4:15



Speak

The Word of God has imparted wisdom to my spirit and renewed my mind to think divine thoughts, thoughts that are consistent with God's eternal purpose and will for my life! I bring forth good things from within my spirit today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

ΓWO YEAR

Philippians 4:4-23, Isaiah 23-24

John 4:10-18, 1 Kings 12



Act

Talk God's Word about you—under your breath—to yourself throughout today to condition your spirit.





WHAT IS GOD'S WORD?

(Knowing What The Word Of God Is)

Monday,

07

TO THE BIBLE Psalm 19:8 NASB

"The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes."

LET'S TALK

James, what do you mean by 'the Word of God?' I've heard you use that phrase over and over again; please explain it to me," Dennis asked James, his care group leader.

"That's simple!" James responded. "God's Word is that message from Him that reveals or communicates His works, will, thoughts, plans, purposes and pursuits to bring people into or promote fellowship with Him in love. It's His message of truth with the content and power to build His image into the lives of those who hear it. So that's why you get to know how God thinks when you study His Word."

When we talk about the importance of knowing the Word of God, some people think it means just having "Bible Knowledge" from a school or religious class. While that has its place, knowing the Word through revelation and the guidance of the Holy Spirit is different. There are Bible scholars who studied the Bible but don't understand what the Word of God truly is.

All scripture is inspired by God; the contents and message of the Bible come from Him and are trustworthy and dependable. 2 Timothy 3:16 AMPC says, "Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in

thought, purpose, and action)."

Hebrews 4:12 also tells us something amazing about the Word of God: "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

The Word embodies Christ's revelations, provisions, perfections, and instructions; and it is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, instruction, and training in righteousness. Knowing the Word means knowing God's thoughts about anything. It's looking into God's mind or His heart about anything and knowing His thoughts, opinions, ideas, and plans. How amazing is that?



Go Deeper

Psalm 19:7; 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:14-17



Pray

Dear Father, thank you for your Word that propels, empowers, inspires, uplifts, motivates and gives me clarity of purpose. I'm educated to know your thoughts, opinions, ideas and agenda in the earth, as your Spirit guides me into all truth, teaching me to make the right choices and decisions that are consistent with your perfect will always, in Jesus' Name. Amen



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

Colossians 1:1-23, Isaiah 25-26

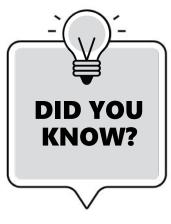
John 4:19-29, 1 Kings 13



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Study and meditate on 2 Timothy 3:16-17.





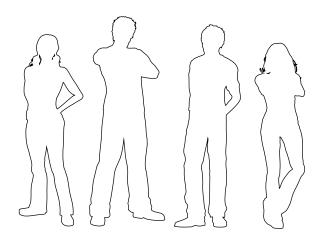
THE EYES

The eyes are one of the most fascinating and complex parts of the body. The Bible declares in Psalm 34:15: "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry." That means that, just like you, God Almighty has eyes and He watches over the righteous. Isn't that great?

But how much do we really know about our eyes and how they work? We use them every day, yet we haven't given them much thought until now. So, let's look at a few interesting facts that you may not know about your eyes!

- 1. Only one-sixth of the human eyeball is exposed.
- 2. Our eyes are made up of over 2 million working parts, and the eyeball weighs around 28 grams.
- 3. The cornea is the transparent covering of the iris and pupil. Just behind our pupil is the lens which is round, flat and thicker toward the middle.
- 4. Our eyes are able to process 36,000 pieces of information in a single hour.
- 5. Although our nose and ears keep growing throughout our lives, our eyes remain the same size from birth.
- 6. The eyes are the second most complex organ after the brain. They function like a camera, capturing light and sending data back to the brain. You see things upside down

- it is your brain which turns the image the right way up.
- 7. In a single second, it's possible to blink five times. You are likely to blink more often when you are talking. The eye is the fastest muscle in your body hence why when something happens quickly, we say 'in the blink of an eye!'
- 8. A blink typically lasts 100-150 milliseconds. On average, you will blink approximately 4,200,000 times in a single year.
- 9. The world's most common eye colour is brown. Heterochromia refers to a condition where eyes are two different colours.
- 10. 80% of our memories are determined by what we see.
- 11. Oily fish, vitamin A and vitamin C can all help to preserve good eyesight.
- 12. Your eyelashes keep dirt out of your eyes, while your eyebrows prevent sweat dripping into your eyes.
- 13. It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- 14. When you read or stare at a computer, you blink less often, resulting in tired eyes. So, when working at a computer, you should follow the 20-20-20 rule look at something twenty feet away from your computer every twenty minutes for twenty seconds.





"SHAMAR"

(Meditate On God's Word Till You "Observe" To Do It)

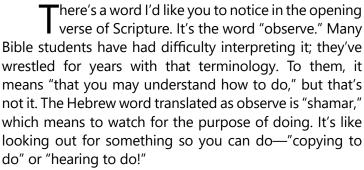
Tuesday,

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TO THE BIBLE Joshua 1:8

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may <u>observe</u> to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

LET'S TALK



Following what the Lord told Joshua, if you'd meditate on the Word as you should, you'd be propelled to do what the Word says. Paul alludes to this in Philippians 2:13 when he says, "For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure." This is akin to what the Lord said to Joshua in the opening verse. Do you want to be successful, prosperous, and deal wisely in the affairs of life? Do you want to be able to help other people become successful and prosperous?

Meditate on the Word, day and night. Meditating on the Word will give you an understanding, a motivation,

and an inspiration to do what God wants you to do. Practise this for at least half an hour every day. Psalm 1:1–3 (TPT) further tells us the overwhelming blessings this will produce in your life: you'll be standing firm like a flourishing tree planted by God's design, deeply rooted by the brooks of bliss, bearing fruit in every season of life, never dry, never fainting, but ever blessed and unendingly prosperous. Hallelujah!



Go Deeper

1 Timothy 4:15; Joshua 1:8 AMPC; Psalm 1:1-3 TPT



Speak

As I meditate on the Word, the forces of success, prosperity and divine health are activated in my life; I'm transformed from glory to glory through the propelling power of the Word! I make progress with giant strides, and my success is evident to all as I deal wisely in the affairs of life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

Colossians 1:24-2:1-5, Isaiah 27-28

John 4:30-42, 1 Kings 14



Act

Spend time in meditation today till the Word causes you to do what it says.





PRAISE: IT'S OUR PRIMARY CALLING

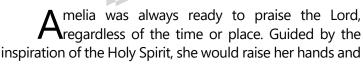
(The Importance Of Praise In Our Day)

Wednesday

TO THE BIBLE Psalm 47:6-7 AMPC

"Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises in a skillful psalm and with understanding."

LET'S TALK



sing songs of worship and adoration. She understood that praising God was a calling and offered true worship to Him every time.

The scriptures give us more than enough information on God's relationship with us and how He defines His role as God, as Lord, and as our Father. In each of these roles, He expresses Himself differently. He also wants us to know our role: the various roles we play with respect to Him, His Kingdom, one another, and the world. However, in every single role that we play, He expects us to praise Him. Thus, the primary reason we come together as God's people is to offer praises to God.

For a long time, this seemed to have taken a back seat in the Church, but thank God there's been a change! Christians all over the world are realising that as priests, our main job is to offer praises to God. That's what we're chosen to do. 1 Peter 2:9 says, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that

you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

When we live to praise the Lord, lifting up His greatness and worshiping His holy Name, we will enjoy all the blessings of the Gospel of Christ, just like Paul said in Romans 15:29. This is what God wants for us. So, start praising the Lord now! Remember, praise should be meaningful; so, give God words of praise and thanks. Talk about His greatness, grace, and glory. Declare that there's no one like Him, for His Kingdom lasts forever, and His rule is from generation to generation. Hallelujah!



Go Deeper

Psalm 69:30-31; Hebrews 13:15 AMPC; Psalm 147:1



Pray

Dear heavenly Father, you're great and greatly to be praised, for there's none like you; your Kingdom is forever, and your reign is eternal! You're the only true and wise God. To you be all glory, honour, majesty, dominion and praise, forever and ever. Amen



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

Colossians 2:6-23, Isaiah 29-30

John 4:43-54, 1 Kings 15



Act

Spend quality time singing songs of praise, worship, and thanksgiving to the Lord today.





HIS SPIRITUAL CLOUD

(Christ Is Your New Spiritual Environment)

Thursday,

10

TO THE BIBLE Nehemiah 9:12 TLB

"You led our ancestors by a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night so that they could find their way."

LET'S TALK



The opening verse brings to mind what happened to the children of Israel as they journeyed out of Egypt. The Bible tells us in Exodus 13:21-22 that they carried their own atmosphere through the wilderness for forty years. Nehemiah also referenced this atmosphere of bliss in which the children of Israel lived. Nehemiah 9:21 (AMPC) says, "Forty years You sustained them in the wilderness; they lacked nothing, their clothes did not wear out, and their feet did not swell."

The Lord hasn't changed. The Father's loving-kindness didn't end with the children of Israel; it's even better with us today. When you were born again, you were born into God's glory, born into God's spiritual cloud; that's the Holy Spirit. You live in His presence, in a divine atmosphere of joy, bliss, and glory, where you're sustained and nurtured by Him, absolutely independent of circumstances.

You're fully at rest. Those who live outside this atmosphere of bliss are the ones who face disappointments, anger, frustration, and discomfort; they're always agitated from within because nothing seems to be going on right. But in Christ, which is the supernatural environment you

were born into, your joy and satisfaction overflows. His presence in, with, and about you makes you an oasis of love in a troubled world. Be mindful of this always. There could be chaos or anarchy everywhere, but in Him, you're at peace and in safety. Hallelujah!



Go Deeper

Exodus 13:21-22; Exodus 14:19-20



Pray

Dear Father, your presence in, with, and about me makes me an oasis of love and grace in a troubled world. I'm born from above; I live the heavenly life here on earth, nurtured by your divine love, and enwrapped in your kindness, glory, and righteousness. Hallelujah!



Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAR

TWO VEAR

Colossians 3:1-4:1, Isaiah 31-32

John 5:1-9, 1 Kings 16



Act

Talk about your new spiritual environment—Christ—to your family, friends, and fellow neighbours today.





YOU'RE THE LORD'S GLORY

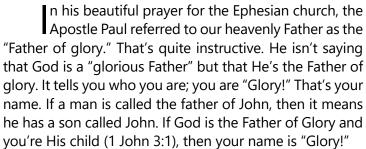
(Answer Your Name And Manifest God's Glory Everywhere You Are) Friday,

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TO THE BIBLE Ephesians 1:17 AMPC

"[For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the <u>Father of glory</u>, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him."

LET'S TALK



You might say, "Pastor Chris, that's just a conjecture"; no! What is Jesus called? Hebrews 1:3 says He's the brightness of God's glory and the express image of His person. Jesus is the effulgence of God's glory; He's the manifestation of the glory of God. Jesus is the glory of God encapsulated in a body. And the Bible says in 1 John 4:17 that as He is, so are we in this world. Making us His glory is part of what He came to do. Hebrews 2:10 says, "For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory..." Hallelujah!

Then 2 Corinthians 3:18 (AMPC) tells us something remarkable. It says, "And all of us, as with unveiled face,

[because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendour..." Observe that it says the Word of God is a mirror, just as James also tells us in James 1:23.

But here's the most beautiful part: When you look in a mirror, you see yourself. Now, 2 Corinthians 3:18 says that when you look in the mirror of God, you see the glory of God. How can you see the glory of God in the mirror if you are not the glory of God? Every good mirror reflects or projects the image before it. If your reflection is called the glory of God when you look into the mirror of God (the Word of God), then you are the glory of God. Praise God!



Go Deeper

Romans 8:30; Isaiah 55:5; John 17:22



Speak

The life and glory of God are manifested in and through me. I saturate and impact my world with the Lord's goodness, kindness, beauty and grace. The glory that I see when I look into the mirror-the Word-is who I am. Hallelujah!



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

Colossians 4:2-18, Isaiah 33-34

John 5:10-18, 1 Kings 17-18



Act

Meditate on the scriptures above concerning you, and declare that you are the glory of God everywhere you are.





ALWAYS REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

(Keep Looking Into The Mirror Of God's Word)

Saturday,

12

TO THE BIBLE 2 Corinthians 3:18

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

LET'S TALK

Before all the hustle and bustle of each day, Liam would always look into the Scriptures to see his real self in Christ. He would spend time looking into the Word, personalising scriptures, and declaring them about himself. As a result, he radiated a joy unknown to others whose minds were burdened by the issues of each day.

God gave us His Word to enable us to see ourselves the way He sees us, understand things from His perspective, and live to fulfil His perfect will. God's Word reveals God's image and opinion of you, which is the image and opinion He wants you to have of yourself. So, as you study the Word and see your true image and identity, retain the picture; don't forget who you are.

James 1:23–24 says, "For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was." Observe the underlined portion. Interestingly, it doesn't say that the one who doesn't do the Word forgot what he looked like; rather, it says such a fellow is like a man who looks carefully at his own natural face in a mirror, thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and forgets "the kind" or "the type" of

man that he saw.

God's Word reveals the type or kind of person you are—the "species" of being that you are. That's extraordinary. For example, in 2 Peter 1:4, the mirror—the Word—shows that you're a partaker of the divine nature, an associate of the God-kind. In Ephesians 1:22, the mirror shows that you're seated together with Christ, and all things are under your feet. You have dominion over all things. You reign victoriously over Satan, sickness, failure, and death. Hallelujah! This is who you are according to God's Word; live accordingly. Praise God!



Go Deeper

2 Corinthians 3:18 AMPC; James 1:22-25



Pray

Dear Father, your Word is the reflection of your immense glory, greatness, excellence and success deposited in my spirit. I'm the expression of your righteousness and the unveiling of your goodness to the world. I'm the effulgence of your glory, perfections, beauty and grace, and I'm conscious of your supernatural life in me. My life is indeed an unveiling of the virtues and perfections of divinity. Hallelujah!



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

1 Thessalonians 1-2:1-16, Isaiah 35-37 John 5:19-27, 1 Kings 19



Act

Write down some truths God's Word says about you as you look into the mirror of the Word today.





HE CALLED US TO FELLOWSHIP

(The Fellowship Of The Heavenly Pantheon)

Sunday,

13

TO THE BIBLE 1 Corinthians 1:9 AMPC

"God is faithful (reliable, trustworthy, and therefore ever true to His promise, and He can be depended on); by Him you were called into companionship and participation with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

LET'S TALK

I'm ever so grateful to the Lord for all that He's made possible and available to us in Christ Jesus. Think about the possibility of fellowship with God. You wouldn't find that in any religion, as no religion offers you fellowship with God. But Jesus brought us into fellowship with God. What an amazing reality!

In our prayers, for example, there're special kinds of communication with God that help us build our spirits because we're in a rich fellowship with the Lord. The Bible says in 1 John 1:3, "That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ." Also, 1 Corinthians 1:9 NIV says, "God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful."

The Apostle Peter takes it further in 2 Peter 1:3-4. He says, "...His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature..." The Greek word that's translated "partakers" comes from the same root word as fellowship; it's "koinonia." Thus, "partakers of the divine nature" is translated from "koinonos theias phuseos," and that means associates of the God-kind.

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This implies that we've been brought into the fellowship of the divine, heavenly pantheon. No wonder the Bible says, "... You are gods..." (Psalm 82:6). The Lord Jesus, quoting the psalms, reiterated this truth in John 10:34, "...Is it not written in your law, "I said, "You are gods"?" This is the wonder of Christianity; it's the whole essence of the Lord's death, burial, and His glorious resurrection.

How beautiful it is to know that we're in fellowship with the Sovereign King, the Monarch of the universe, as John so succinctly puts it in 1 John 1:3. You've been translated from the ordinary realm of mankind to the supernatural class of the Godkind, where you can enjoy true, deep, and quality fellowship and union with divinity. What a blessing!



Go Deeper

2 Corinthians 13:14 AMPC; 1 John 1:1-3; 1 Corinthians 6:17



Pray

Dear Father, thank you for the vital nature of divinity and the inseparable oneness with you that I have in Christ. What an honour, blessing and privilege to be in fellowship with the blessed and only Potentate, the Monarch of the universe and only true and righteous God!



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:1-13, Isaiah 38-39 John 5:28-32, 1 Kings 20



Act

Talk to the Lord as you would do with a dear friend; fellowship with Him as you study and talk His Word.





SEEK THE KINGDOM

(Establish And Extend God's Kingdom)

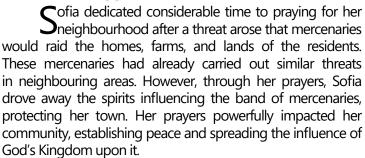
Monday,

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TO THE BIBLE Matthew 6:33

"...Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

LET'S TALK



In our walk with God, it's super important to remember why we're here on earth. What's our main purpose as Christians? Well, it's to establish and spread God's Kingdom to the ends of the earth. The Bible says, "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Habakkuk 2:14 ESV). It's our responsibility to make this happen—it's our job!

Matthew 28:19 gives us clear instructions from the Lord: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Basically, He wants us to make students or pupils of the nations. What a calling; what an incredible mission!

Some people think God is running the world on His own, and whatever happens is just His will. But if that were true, why

would Jesus teach His disciples to pray in this manner: "...Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:9-10)? Why admonish them to pray that way if God's will is always being done in the earth? We pray that way because it's our responsibility to enforce His will in the earth.

God's will is always done in heaven, but in the earth, only God's people can pray His will into manifestation. So, in prayer, speak forth salvation in your city, state, and country. Pray that righteousness fills the land and the Gospel has free course and is glorified, resulting in a massive harvest of souls into the Kingdom. Amen.



Go Deeper

Luke 1 1:2; Matthew 6:33 AMPC



Pray

Dear Father, your Kingdom reigns and is established in the earth and in the hearts of men as the Gospel is proclaimed around the world today. The light of the Gospel shines evermore in all nations, resulting in great testimonies of salvation, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

1 Thessalonians 4:1-18, Isaiah 40-41

John 5:33-47, 1 Kings 21



Act

Spend time in prayer for your neighbourhood and also for the nations of the nations, including yours.



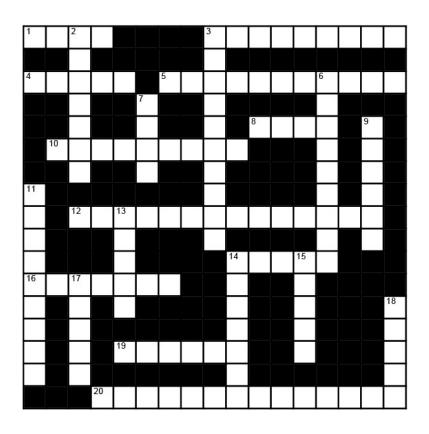


Across

- 1 Goliath's nationality (4).
- 3 ____ shall be cut off from the earth (3,6).
- 4 Samuel was buried here (5).
- 5 Number of burnt offerings sacrificed by Solomon at Gibeon (3,8).
- 8 In 1 Samuel 13, he offered a sacrifice at Gilgal (4).
- 10 Jesus described Himself as this when asked why He ate with sinners (9).
- 12 Who is referred to as 'the voice of one crying in the wilderness?" (4,3,7).
- 14 Number of years of famine Joseph predicted would strike Egypt (5).
- 16 We are to stand fast in the _____ by which Christ has made us free (7).
- 19 In the Book of Proverbs, ____ is portrayed as a woman calling out in the street (6).
- 20 God has crowned man with these (Hint: Psalm 8) (5,3,6).

Down

- 2 In 2 Timothy, he's referred to as a "beloved son" (7).
- 3 In Psalm 2, God said He would give David this as an inheritance if he asked (3,7).
- 6 According to Psalm 3, this belongs to the Lord (9).
- 7 Timothy's grandmother (4).
- 9 Ahab coveted this person's vineyard (6).
- 11 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of _____ (9).
- 13 'The issues of life' come from here (5).
- 14 David's son who became King at his death (7).
- 15 The angel told Joseph to take Jesus and Mary here to avoid the massacre of infants (5).
- 17 The first plague sent upon the Egyptians (5).
- 18 The sort of trees Solomon desired from Lebanon to build God's temple (5).







YOUR PRAYERS ARE POWERFUL

(The Power Of Prayer Isn't In Its Volume Or Shouting)

Tuesday,

15

TO THE BIBLE James 5:16 TLB

"Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results."

LET'S TALK

There's no situation too hopeless for us to change through prayer. Check out what James 5:16-17 says in the Amplified Classic version: "...Pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]. Elijah was a human being with a nature such as we have [with feelings, affections, and a constitution like ours]; and he prayed earnestly for it not to rain, and no rain fell on the earth for three years and six months"

Our prayers aren't just words—they're powerful. Think about Paul and Silas for a second. They were captured, beaten, and thrown into a dungeon with their feet locked up. But in Acts 16:25-26, the Bible says, "About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose" (NIV).

How remarkable is this! Two guys prayed and sang

to God, and there was an earthquake! It's not like they were singing so loud that it caused the earthquake and broke everyone's chains. It lets you know that it certainly wasn't the volume of their singing; it was the power of their prayers!

There's nothing you can't change through prayer. So, make prayer a big part of your life and your daily routine. It will keep you strong and help you stay focused, even when you're facing the toughest challenges and pressures.



Go Deeper

Ephesians 6:18 AMPC; Romans 8:26-27; Luke 18:1



Pray

Dear Father, thank you for the privilege to pray and side with you to enforce your will in the earth and in the lives of men. Even now, I declare peace, progress and prosperity for the nations of the world, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAR

TWO YEAR

1 Thessalonians 5:1-28, Isaiah 42-43 John 6:1-14, 1 Kings 22



ACI

Speak in the tongues of the Spirit for at least fifteen minutes right now.





HOW TO DEAL WITH TEMPTATION

Wednesday,

(Condition Your Spirit Through Prayer)

16

TO THE BIBLE Luke 22:40-42 AMPC

"And when He came to the place, He said to them, Pray that you may not [at all] enter into temptation. And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw and knelt down and prayed, Saying, Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but [always] Yours be done."

LET'S TALK

No one exemplified the power of prayer in overcoming temptation better than our Lord Jesus. Hebrews 5:7 gives us an idea why He prayed to the Father the way He did in our opening scripture: He (Jesus) "...shrank from the horrors of separation from the bright presence of the Father" (AMPC). That separation from the Father was what He never wanted to experience, even for a moment. As a result, He knelt and prayed, and as He did, something remarkable happened: "Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him" (Luke 22:43).

The 44th verse says, "And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly..." Jesus, being in agony, prayed more earnestly. His prayer was so intense that the Bible says, "...His sweat became like great clots of blood dropping down upon the ground" (Luke 22:44 AMPC). Thank God; His prayer was answered. He submitted Himself to the will of the Father by becoming sin for us so we would become the righteousness of God in Him. Hallelujah!

When He was done praying, He said something instructive to His disciples, as seen in Luke 22:45–46: "When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. Why are you sleeping?' he asked them. 'Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation"

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(NIV).

The problem isn't being tempted but falling into the temptation. Jesus here shows us we must pray to avoid falling into temptation. Remember, He was about to experience the horror of being separated from the Father and had to wrestle with the temptation to say, "No, I'm not doing this!" He knew He had to pray because He had Himself taught that "...men always ought to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1).

Like the Master, give yourself to prayer. In the place of prayer, your spirit is conditioned to discern and walk in God's perfect will, and your faith is strengthened to overcome temptations and rule over circumstances. You're invigorated with the might of the Spirit to live victoriously every day. Hallelujah!



Go Deeper

1 Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 5:5-7 AMPC; Matthew 26:41



Speak

Dear Lord, thank you for the privilege and blessing of prayer—a place where my spirit is conditioned to discern and walk in your perfect will always and my faith is strengthened to overcome temptations and rule over circumstances. I'm fully equipped and fortified, strong in the Lord and in the power of His might to triumph gloriously today, and always. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAR

TWO YEAR

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12, Isaiah 44-45

John 6:15-21, 2 Kings 1-2



Visit the Pastor Chris Digital Library and listen to the message, "The Importance Of Prayer."





DON'T MISS THE LORD

(Follow The Leading Of The Holy Spirit Always)

Thursday,

17

TO THE BIBLE Colossians 1:9

"For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding."

LET'S TALK



The Book of Genesis tells a touching story about Abraham and his nephew Lot. When God called Abraham to leave his homeland and go to a new country, Lot decided to go with him (Genesis 12:4). As God blessed Abraham on his journey, Lot was also blessed. They both had so much that the land they were living on couldn't handle all their herds and flocks.

This led to arguments between Abraham's herdsmen and Lot's, until Abraham finally said, "Let's not have fighting between us, between your shepherds and my shepherds. After all, we're family. Look around. Isn't there plenty of land out there? Let's separate. If you go left, I'll go right; if you go right, I'll go left" (Genesis 13:8–9 MSG).

This is where Lot's trouble began. He saw the lush, green plains of Jordan on one side and the dry, less appealing land on the other. He chose the greener side and set up camp near Sodom, a city known for its wickedness, not realising that God's judgement was about to come upon Sodom.

When God sent fire to destroy Sodom because of its evil, Lot's life was spared thanks to Abraham's prayers. But Lot lost everything he had and ended up hiding in a cave. This happened to Lot not because he was a bad person—

the Bible actually calls Lot a righteous man (2 Peter 2:7-8)—but because he missed God's guidance.

So, in your life, the best place to be is always in the centre of God's will. Don't get carried away by what looks good on the surface or by the flashy things in this world. Your decisions shouldn't be based on what your flesh wants but on the leading of the Holy Spirit. For instance, don't move to a new city or country just because it seems like there are better opportunities. You could be making a huge mistake. The Bible says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12).



Go Deeper

Colossians 1:9-1 0 AMPC; Proverbs 3:5-7 MSG; Romans 12:2



Pray

Dear Father, I lay down my goals, ambitions, aspirations, desires and dreams at your feet. I trust your Word, which is the light that guides me in the path of success, victory, and greatness. Through your Word, I receive direction, illumination and insight into the mysteries and realities of the Kingdom. I recognise and act on God-given opportunities alone, yielded only to the guidance of your Spirit, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

2 Thessalonians 2:1-17, Isaiah 46-47 John 6:22-29, 2 Kings 3



Act

Talk to the Lord in prayer, and ask Him for guidance in every decision you make today.





DON'T COPY DEMAS

(Love The Father With A Pure Heart)

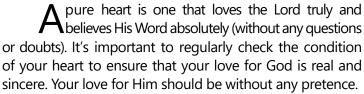
Friday,

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TO THE BIBLE 1 Timothy 1:5 ESV

"The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

LET'S TALK



In reviewing what we read in our opening verse, the example of Demas, a certain character in the Bible, readily comes to mind. Demas worked closely with Luke, the writer of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. He also worked very closely with the great apostle Paul. In fact, Paul listed him among his fellow-labourers in the Gospel: "Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured... Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings" (Colossians 4:12-14 NIV).

Paul also mentioned him in Philemon 1:23-24: "Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow laborers." So, Demas was a co-labourer with Paul. He was in very good company and had a ministry to fulfill. But in 2 Timothy 4:9–10, Paul tells Timothy: "Be diligent to come to me quickly; for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and

has departed for Thessalonica..."

This explains why some people start well and end up badly: their love for the Lord is not genuine. Apostle Paul said Demas forsook him because he loved the world. You can't love the Father and love the world at the same time. To love this world is to not have the love of the Father in you.

Demas might have been working alongside Paul and other Christians, but deep down, his heart was more focused on the world and what it offered. Because of that, he couldn't fulfil his divine destiny and purpose, and he missed out on what God had planned for him. So, love the Lord with a pure heart. Serve Him genuinely, and let Him be the most important thing in your life.



Go Deeper

Galatians 6:14; Colossians 3:1-2; 2 Peter 3:11-14



Speak

Lord Jesus, you reign in my life; you're all that matters to me. Thank you for the grace to live for you and serve you with a perfect heart; you're everything to me. You're holy, pure, righteous, loving and true! You're the only true God; and I love you forever. Amen!



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

2 Thessalonians 3:1-18, Isaiah 48-49 John 6:30-40, 2 Kings 4



Act

Study and meditate on Ephesians 6:24: "Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen."





REFUSE WORLDLINESS

(Love Not The World)

Saturday,

19

TO THE BIBLE 1 John 2:15 NIV

"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

LET'S TALK



This was one of the first Bible verses that impressed upon my young, receptive mind as an eight-year-old. It's God's declaration, and it's final. It says if you love the world, the love of the Father isn't in you. You may confess a thousand times that you love God, but if you're in love with the world or the things of the world, the love of the Father isn't in you.

Some have asked, "Why would God tell us not to love the world when the Bible says, 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son'? Why can't we also love the world like the Father did?" God loved the world of men, not the systems and the things in it. He loved the people and sent Jesus, His Son, to save them from their sins; 1 John 2:16 TPT says, "For all that the world can offer us—the gratification of our flesh, the allurement of the things of the world, and the obsession with status and importance—none of these things come from the Father but from the world." The Scripture is admonishing us against worldliness and carnality.

Refuse to be influenced or carried away by the spirit of the world. The Bible says, "...Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God" (James 4:4). As saints of God, we shouldn't engage in unspiritual discussions where sometimes they spend hours arguing about their favorite sports teams, almost getting into fights over who's better. They'll binge-watch movies and TV shows for hours on end, but when it comes time to pray or study the Bible, they can barely keep their eyes open.

Don't let yourself get so caught up in these things that they end up controlling your life and pulling you away from what really matters. You're in this world for a divine purpose. So, think differently and be conscious of that higher purpose for which God in Christ has called you.



Go Deeper

Galatians 6:14 AMPC; 2 Timothy 4:10 CEV; James 4:4 AMPC



Pray

Dear Father, the world has been crucified to me and I to the world! I live for Christ, and I refuse to be swayed by the spirit of the world, nor enticed by the sensual, carnal, fleshly and worldly trends. I'm from above, and my mind is set on things above. I'm an ambassador for Christ, called to establish heaven and righteousness in the hearts of men, in Jesus' Name. Amen



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

1 Timothy 1:1-20, Isaiah 50-51

John 6:41-51, 2 Kings 5



Act

From today onwards, prioritise prayer, studying the Word of God, and engaging in spiritual disciplines over worldly distractions.





WHAT ARE THE WORKS OF GOD?

(The Lord Jesus Only Does Good Works)

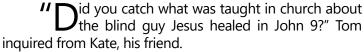
Sunday,

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TO THE BIBLE John 10:32 NASB

"Jesus replied to them, 'I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?"

LET'S TALK



"Yeah, I did!" Kate responded. "The disciples were like, "Who sinned, this guy or his parents?"

Then Tom said: "Exactly! But Jesus quickly corrected them and healed the blind man. Jesus is about healing, not punishment."

In John 9, the disciples, walking alongside Jesus, saw a man who had been born blind. They asked, "Master, who did sin, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" As far as they were concerned, God in His justice system was punishing the blind man or his parents for their sin. What a mindset!

Read the Master's response: "...Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work" (John 9:3-4). Many read this and run off with the idea that the man's blindness is one of the "works of God." That's erroneous!

The translators, on their own prerogative, put a punctuation—a full stop at the end of the third verse—that should have never been there. The more accurate rendering is "...that the works of God should be revealed in him, I must

work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day." Jesus was saying, "In this blind man, we see the work of Satan, but for the work of God to be revealed in him, I have to do something about it!" He then went ahead and healed the man. Hallelujah! The work of blindness didn't come from God.

Acts 10:38 tells us, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." The oppression came from the devil, but the Father sent Jesus, anointed with the Holy Ghost and with power, to heal and restore maimed limbs, give sight to the blind, mend the brokenhearted, deliver those who are oppressed of the devil, and even raise the dead. These are the works of God! Hallelujah!



Go Deeper

Matthew 10:8; Hebrews 10:7; Ephesians 2:10 AMPC; John 11:4-5



Pray

Dear Father, thank you for your unmatched goodness, kindness, love and righteousness displayed in the world today. I declare that Satan's hold over men's lives is destroyed as you work in and through your children to perfect your will in the earth and lives of men, for truly, the earth is filled with your goodness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

1 Timothy 2:1-15, Isaiah 52-53

John 6:52-60, 2 Kings 6



Act

Thank the Lord for His gracious work of healing and restoration that's happening all around the world today.





USE YOUR FAITH

(Be A Doer Of The Word, Not Just A Hearer) Monday,

21

TO THE BIBLE Matthew 17:20 ESV

"...For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

LET'S TALK

The Lord isn't responsible for the evils or the mishaps that people experience; it's not consistent with His nature. He is love personified; there's no darkness in Him. Whatever you may have suffered that's inconsistent with the provisions of Christ in His Gospel didn't come from God. You're responsible for your life—the things that happen with you. It's about your faith and how you use it.

The Lord Jesus said in our opening scripture, "... Nothing will be impossible to you." This is a sovereign declaration; so, the question is, what are you doing with your faith? How are you putting your faith to work? The Bible says, "...My righteous one shall live by faith..." (Hebrews 10:38 RSV). Using your faith to deal with the crises of life every day is your responsibility.

The problem is some have made their faith void or of non-effect: "For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect" (Romans 4:14). Can faith be made void? Emphatically yes! In Mark 7:13, Jesus rebuked the Jews for making God's Word of no effect by their tradition. "Tradition" here refers

to your way of life, your culture, and the things you believe.

If these things are inconsistent with the Word of God, you make the Word of non-effect in your life, and your faith is made void. Your trust must always be in the finished works of Christ; live by His faith (Galatians 2:20).

How do you live by His faith? It's by living the Word, being a doer of the Word. James 1:22 says, "...Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." Get into God's Word today and do it! Hallelujah!



Go Deeper

2 Thessalonians 1:3; Romans 10:17 AMPC; Mark 11:22-23



Pray

Dear Father, by my faith in your Word, I prevail over situations and circumstances. The forces of righteousness, success, divine health, victory, and prosperity are activated in my life as I live by your Word, guided and inspired by your wisdom to fulfil your perfect will for me, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

1 Timothy 3:1-16, Isaiah 54-56

John 6:61-71, 2 Kings 7-8



Act

Declare the Word of God in faith and cause positive changes in your world today.





"SONS"

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2 KJV).

The most commonly translated Greek words for the word "son" in the New Testament are "huios" and "teknon." "Huios" refers to those who are adopted or raised to become like the one who brings them up. Its usage in scripture like Romans 8:14, 19, etc., connotes those raised by God to walk in divinity. Another way to put it is that the "huios" are those who, by virtue of the proper spiritual training, have come to spiritual maturity—they're the adopted sons of God.

"Teknon," on the other hand, means biological offspring, one given birth to through biological means. The reference in the scripture above describes the Christian as the biological offspring of God. This is the same context the word is used in John 1:12-13 (KJV): "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons (teknon) of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Thus, in its usage, "Teknon" refers to a child, whether male or female. It describes the spiritual reality that the Christian is genuinely and vitally born of God.



i-testify!

"Before I was born again, I used to hang out with a rough group of teenagers, experimenting with various substances. After I was born again, I was given a copy of TeeVo by a counsellor as a gift to all those who got born again that day. I started reading the book daily at home, and it gradually transformed my lifestyle, leading me to distance myself from the wrong crowd.

I began sharing the messages I read in TeeVo with others, and soon after, I was given the opportunity to start a TeeVo Club at my school. Even my teachers and principal began asking me to minister during assemblies. Thank you, Pastor Chris, for this incredible book."

Sarah M. Johannesburg, Southern Africa.



BUILT BY GOD'S WORD

(Build Yourself And Build Others)

Tuesday,

22

TO THE BIBLE 2 Timothy 4:2

"Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching."

LET'S TALK



The Apostle Paul, in his letter to Timothy, encouraged him with these words: "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 KJV). Notice that Paul emphasised the importance of being approved by God, not by people. This means you should present yourself to God as someone who is ready and well-trained for the work of ministry, which includes soul winning and discipleship.

There're those who only study the Bible just to prepare for preaching; yes, this will benefit others, but it's crucial that you consciously build yourself with the Word and allow it work within you first! Merely being a conduit isn't enough; your personal growth is important. You have to build your spirit, and this involves allowing the Word to mould your character and frame the way you think and live.

The Word of God must determine your priorities and interests and regulate every area of your life. Romans 12:2 gives us insight into how this works: "...Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." This means that as

you study and meditate on God's Word, you start thinking differently, and that changes how you live. The Word of God should guide your decisions, set your priorities, and influence every part of your life.

The last part of 2 Timothy 2:15 in the Amplified Classic version talks about "...rightly handling and skillfully teaching the Word of Truth," and the Bible instructs that the servant of the Lord must be apt to teach (2 Timothy 2:24). So, most definitely, you have the responsibility to teach and build others, but it begins with you. Build and edify yourself with the Word of God, and also build and edify others.



Go Deeper

1 Peter 2:2; Acts 20:32; Colossians 3:16



Pray

Dear Father, as I build myself with your Word, I experience its transformational power in my character; my mind is renewed and my priorities are aligned with your divine principles. Thank you for the enablement to teach and share your Word effectively with others to build their faith strong, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAR

TWO VEAR

1 Timothy 4:1-16, Isaiah 57-58

John 7:1-10, 2 Kings 9



Act

Renew your mind today and build your spirit strong as you meditate on these scriptures: Matthew 16:18, Acts 20:32, and Jude 1:20.





HAVE RESPECT FOR LEADERS

(Honour All Spiritual Authority)

Wednesday,

23

TO THE BIBLE Psalm 105:14-15 NASB

"He allowed no one to oppress them, and He rebuked kings for their sakes, saying, 'Do not touch My anointed ones, and do not harm My prophets."

LET'S TALK

In Numbers 12:1–16, the Bible tells the story of Aaron and Miriam talking behind Moses' back because of his Cushite wife. They started questioning his authority and said that God could speak through them too, not just Moses. But God heard what they said and called all three of them—Moses, Aaron, and Miriam—to the Tabernacle. God showed up in a pillar of cloud and set the record straight, rebuking Aaron and Miriam. He made it clear that Moses had a unique role as His chosen servant. Unlike other prophets who only heard from God through visions and dreams, Moses had the privilege of speaking to God face-to-face (Exodus 33:11). God asked Aaron and Miriam how they dared to speak against the one He had specifically chosen.

Here's what I want you to notice as a consequence of their error: the Bible says, "...the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed" (Numbers 12:9). He got angry and "walked away!" But here's the thing: when the presence of God leaves like that, trouble comes. The instant God's presence left them, Miriam's skin turned white with leprosy! (Numbers 12:11). There are many people who don't realise this is what happens to them when they get unruly, create insurrection, become disobedient, and dishonour authority in the house of God. They don't even know when the presence

of God leaves. It also brings to mind the story of Samson. The Lord was always with him, until he disobeyed. When the enemy came, Samson woke up thinking, "...! will do as before; I'll just shake myself free.' But he didn't realize that the Lord had left him" (Judges 16:20 TLB). The Spirit of God didn't come on him as He used to, and the enemies got a hold of him and gouged out his eyes.

It's important to honour the Lord always, follow His Word and His ways, and never dishonour spiritual authority as Aaron and Miriam did. Don't speak against or judge God's ministers. Remember what the Bible says: "Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand" (Romans 14:4). Hallelujah!



Go Deeper

Hebrews 13:17; Romans 13:1-3; Acts 23:1-5



Pray

Dear Father, thank you for my leaders and those you've placed in positions of authority over me to nurture, train, and bring me up in the path of truth and righteousness. I willingly yield to the guidance and direction they provide by the Spirit. Your nature of love and humility of Christ are manifest in and through me always, in Jesus' Name, Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

1 Timothy 5:1-25, Isaiah 59-60

John 7:11-19, 2 Kings 10



Act

Study and meditate on Romans 13:1 and 1 Peter 2:17.





LET LOVE ALWAYS RESPOND

(The Outworking Of Love)

Thursday,

24

TO THE BIBLE Romans 13:10 AMPC

"Love does no wrong to one's neighbor [it never hurts anybody]. Therefore love meets all the requirements and is the fulfilling of the Law"

LET'S TALK



While talking to his friend, Xavier lamented about the bully in their class and said: "I don't get why he's always so mean to everyone. He has no regard whatsoever for people's feelings."

"I know, right?" Jasmine replied, "However, we should never let his bad behaviour change who we are. We've got to respond with God's love, no matter what."

"Yeah, you're absolutely right. God's love will always win in the end," Xavier agreed.

It makes no difference how others mistreat you; there's only one way God expects you to respond— in love! The bad behaviour or attitude of others should never get you to be vengeful or resentful. Even when you feel that your kindness is being taken advantage of, maintain who you are; remain loving, tenderhearted and forgiving.

The only way to truly win is through the power of love. The outworking of love in your life is what elevates you. The quality of your personality is measured by the outflow of God's love from you. In God's eyes, love is the ultimate measurement of everything. So, walk in love without compromise; be the manifestation of God's love.

As a child of God, you have the nature of love; you're programmed to love. Speak the love language and sow seeds of love. The Bible says for us to be imitators of God in our love-walk: "Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma" (Ephesians 5:1-2).

God is love (1 John 4:8). Therefore, the outworking of God in your life is synonymous with the outworking of love. If God's love is not expressed through you, then God is also unseen in you. So, always, let the Father's love guide your thoughts, actions and interactions with others.



Go Deeper

Galatians 5:22-23; 1 John 4:7-8; John 13:34-35



Speak

I walk in love and respond always with love. The love of God governs my thoughts, actions and responses. I continually experience the fulfilment and blessings that come from walking in love and living in alignment with God's truths. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

1 Timothy 6:1-21, Isaiah 61-63

John 7:20-31, 2 Kings 11-12



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Study the qualities of God's love in 1 Corinthians 13:1-8.





KEEP THE FIGHT ON!

(Contend For Lost Souls Through Prayer) Friday,

25

TO THE BIBLE 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

"...If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."

LET'S TALK



When it comes to winning souls, we must recognise that we are engaged in a "fight." The Apostle Paul calls it the good fight of faith because there are evil and desperately wicked spirits that seek to keep people away from experiencing salvation.

If the sinners don't receive the Gospel, it's not because our gospel is difficult or obscure; it's because Satan has blinded their minds. As 2 Corinthians 4:4 tells us, "...The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (ESV). Satan is actively working to obstruct their understanding and reception of the truth; that's why we must intercede for them.

Soul winning is more than just telling someone about Jesus Christ; there's also the fight we fight in prayers. Even when they hear and accept our message, Satan still tries to hinder their growth and progress in Christ, attempting to impede their journey of spiritual maturity. What are we supposed to do? Fight! We contend for their souls in prayer.

It brings to mind what Paul said in Galatians 4:19,

"My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you." This is soul-travail! You pray passionately that every resistance to their spiritual growth and progress is broken and that their desire for the things of the Spirit is sustained in them as they grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Have these in mind as you go forth preaching the Gospel everywhere. Always pray that those with whom you share the message will receive it with faith and that Satan's bondage and deception are destroyed. Amen.



Go Deeper

2 Corinthians 3:6; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Matthew 28:19-20



Pray

Dear Father, I am grateful you entrusted me with the sacred task of sharing the message of eternal life with those around me and in distant lands. I'm filled with a deepened sense of zeal for lost souls, and I affirm that the radiant light of your glorious Gospel shines brightly in the hearts of the lost. I declare that this light dismantles the chains of religious bondage and dispels darkness, bringing forth freedom and salvation, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAR

TWO YEAR

2 Timothy 1:1-18, Isaiah 64-66

John 7:32-44, 2 Kings 13-14



Act

Engage in fervent prayer for the salvation of souls right now.





RESTRAIN SATAN'S MANIPULATIONS

(Always Keep Satan In Check)

Saturday,

26

TO THE BIBLE James 4:7

"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

LET'S TALK



You lying devil, I resist your operations in my neighbourhood and city. I cut you off and cast you out in the Name of Jesus! And I declare that peace returns to my city now!" George proclaimed authoritatively as he prayed against the violent protest. Immediately, the wicked spirits responsible for the violence fled, and calm was soon restored to his city.

Our opening scripture implies that you have a responsibility to keep Satan in check, to restrain him from carrying out his manoeuvres, manipulations, and destructive acts of wickedness. The Bible describes him as a liar, the father of lies, and the originator of deception. Jesus said in John 8:44, "...He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it" (NKJV). That's his role: he's a killer.

Satan doesn't seek friendship but rather aims to kill. Deception and destruction are among the many works attributed to him. He is referred to as the evil one and the wicked one, meaning that all his works are evil. These descriptions clearly demonstrate that we can't give him a chance.

Thank God we have the ability to take action against him! In Mark 16:17, the Lord Jesus said, "And these signs

will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons...." So, we must cast him out of our nations, cities, streets, homes and our environments. Otherwise, he will keep doing things that are inherent to his nature: evil, wickedness, killings, and deception.

God didn't say, "...resist the devil and he might flee," no! When you resist the devil, James, by the Spirit, tells us the result: he'll run away from you in terror. When you see the works of Satan in your city, in your country, in your family or anywhere—do what the Word says: resist him by affirming the Word of God, and on certain occasions, cast him out.



Go Deeper

Luke 10:19; 1 Peter 5:8-9; Ephesians 6:10-13



Speak

In the Name of the Lord Jesus, I resist the devil's influence in my life, in my family, city, and nation. Through the Word and by the Spirit, I discern and identify the works of the devil and stop him in his tracks from manipulating, deceiving and misleading the nations, the leaders and the people. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

2 Timothy 2:1-26, Micah 1-3

John 7:45-53, 2 Kings 15-16



Act

Take charge and run Satan and his cohorts out of your town, city, and nation.





SEATED IN THE HEAVENS

(You Sit Where The Lord Jesus Christ Sits)

Sunday,

27

TO THE BIBLE Romans 8:16-17

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."

LET'S TALK

In the first chapter of Ephesians, Paul talks about how God showed His awe-inspiring power when He raised Jesus from the dead and gave Him the highest authority in heaven (Ephesians 1:20). Jesus has all power and glory. How amazing is that? Now, look at what the Bible says in Ephesians 2:6: God "...raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus." The same God who raised Jesus from the dead and gave Him authority also raised us up and made us sit with Jesus in heavenly places. This is incredible!

The term "sit together" comes from the Greek word "sugkathizō," meaning joint sitting or shared authority. This means we share authority with Christ. We are where He is, and we have what He has. The authority Jesus has is extended to us. So, everything Jesus commands is done in our name, and everything we command is done in His Name.

This is totally legit. Our "joint sitting" with Christ isn't something earthly but heavenly; it's established in heaven. In Matthew 18:18 (RSV), before Jesus went back to heaven, He said, "Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall

be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

We are His legal representatives on earth, and what we declare here is backed up in heaven. We have the responsibility to show God's glory in our world and make sure His will is done on earth. So, confidently use your authority in Christ. Make God's will happen and show His Kingdom wherever you are.



Go Deeper

Ephesians 1:19-23 AMPC; Colossians 3:1-4; Philippians 2:9-11



Pray

Dear Father, thank you for the privilege and blessing to have joint sitting with Christ and for the authority and responsibility you've reposed in the Church to enforce your will in the earth. Even now, your righteousness, excellence, beauty and grace fill the nations, and your Kingdom reigns and rules in men's hearts, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAR

TWO VEAL

2 Timothy 3:1-17, Micah 4-5

John 8:1-11, 2 Kings 17-18



Act

Declare that you are seated together with Christ in His authority and use His Name confidently today!





GOD'S LIFE IS IN YOU

(Eternal Life Is Yours—Seize It)

Monday,

28

TO THE BIBLE 1 John 5:13 TLB

"I have written this to you who believe in the Son of God so that you may know you have eternal life."

LET'S TALK



Nadia had an important exam to sit for, yet she had been gripped by a sudden, severe illness. The moment she remembered who she was in Christ, she declared with unwavering faith, "I've got the life and nature of God in me; I am perfectly healthy and will ace my exams, no matter how I feel today." Saying this activated faith in her, and she passed her exam with flying colours.

Eternal life is the life and nature of God. It's the organic and existential attributes of Deity. However, it's not enough for you to know that this life and nature of God is now yours; you have to seize it. That's the thrust of the Spirit's communication through Paul in 1 Timothy 6:12. It says, "Fight the good fight of faith, <u>lay hold on</u> eternal life...."

The Greek rendering of our underlined portion is "epilambanomai." It means to take hold of something without letting go. In other words, don't just be aware that you have eternal life; seize eternal life; take possession of it. This means to live it like you have it.

Every blessed day, walk in the consciousness that you have the life of God in you. Think, act, and live as one who's filled with eternal life. Every now and then, affirm that you have the divine life. It's incorruptible and can't be tainted or

defiled by sickness, disease, failure, death, or the devil.

If, as a Christian, you've been sick and praying, "Oh God, please take away this sickness from me," that may not change anything because He already did when He gave you eternal life. Before God, you're already perfect, even though you might be going through trials, pains, and difficulties. In His sight, there's nothing wrong with you.

Therefore, align yourself with His thoughts and visions through the Word and declare, "I'm perfected in Christ Jesus; I refuse to accommodate any sickness, disease, or pain in my body because I have the life of God in me! I've taken hold of eternal life." You're an associate of the God-kind; live in this consciousness and be who you are in Christ.



Go Deeper

John 3:16; 1 John 5:11-13



Pray

Dear Father, thank you for giving me eternal life and bringing me into a vital union with you. I've taken a hold of eternal life, and this life is working in every fibre of my being. I rejoice that I'm one spirit with you and thus an associate of the God-kind. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

2 Timothy 4:1-22, Micah 6-7

John 8:12-21, 2 Kings 19-20



Act

Declare this: "I have the life and nature of God in me. I am exactly as Jesus is today; I'm divine in every way. Glory to God."





1. What does Isaiah 9:6 infer about the Church?

- A. The Church is responsible for building governments.
- B. The Church operates independently of Christ's authority.
- C. The Church is the body of Christ through which the Lord exercises His authority on Earth.
- D. The Church is a place where authority is limited. (Hint: Read the message on October 1, 2024).

2. According to Romans 12:2, this is the result of renewing your mind?

- A. You will be able to conform better to the world's standards.
- B. You will be able to understand and approve what the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God is.
- C. You will gain the ability to predict future events.
- D. You will become greater in physical strength and material wealth. (Hint: Read the message on October 3, 2024).

3. What does it mean to truly know the Word of God?

- A. It means having extensive knowledge of Bible stories and historical facts.
- B. It means understanding the original languages of the Bible.
- C. It means receiving revelation and guidance from the Holy Spirit to understand God's thoughts, will, and plans.
- D. It means memorising large portions of Scripture for recitation. (Hint: Read the message on October 7, 2024).

4. What was the experience of the children of Israel during their 40-year journey through the wilderness?

- A. They carried their own atmosphere of bliss, lacking nothing.
- B. They frequently faced shortages and hardships.
- C. Their clothes wore out, and they suffered from swollen feet.
- D. They had to rely on surrounding nations for sustenance. (Hint: Read the message on October 10, 2024).

5. Fellowship with God is possible through any religion.

A. True.

B. False.

(Hint: Read the message on October 13, 2024).

6. Which of the following statements is the correct one?

- A. Prayer is ineffective in changing circumstances.
- B. Prayer is only useful in specific situations and not in everyday life.
- C. The effectiveness of prayer is based on the volume and frequency of the words spoken.
- D. The earnest prayer of a righteous person is powerful and can bring about significant changes.

(Hint: Read the message on October 15, 2024).

7. What was the main reason for Lot's misfortune?

- A. Lot was not righteous in any way.
- B. Lot made decisions based solely on external appearances rather than seeking God's guidance.
- C. Lot was disobedient to Abraham.
- D. Lot ignored the warnings of his shepherds. (Hint: Read the message on October 17, 2024).

8. What is the correct understanding of the man's blindness in John 9?

- A. The blindness was a result of the man's or his parents' sin.
- B. The blindness was a work of God meant to punish the man.
- C. The blindness was an oppression from the devil, and Jesus healed him to reveal the works of God.
- D. The blindness was a natural occurrence with no spiritual significance. (Hint: Read the message on October 20, 2024).

9. What is the primary reason for studying the Word of God??

- A. To impress others with your knowledge of the Bible.
- B. To prepare yourself for debates and arguments about Christianity.
- C. To build and edify yourself first, allowing the Word to shape your character and guide your life, and then to edify others.
- D. To quickly memorise verses for preaching without applying them personally.

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

10. As a Christian, what is your responsibility regarding Satan?

- A. To avoid confrontation and hope Satan will leave you alone.
- B. To befriend Satan and seek a peaceful coexistence.
- C. To resist Satan, cast him out, and prevent his evil works in your environment.
- D. To ignore Satan's actions and focus solely on your personal growth. (Hint: Read the message on October 26, 2024).



HIS WORDS ON YOUR LIPS

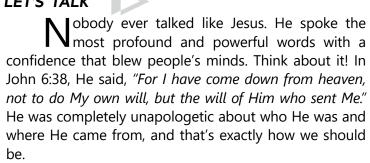
(Think And Talk Like The Lord) Tuesday,

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TO THE BIBLE John 5:26 AMPC

"For even as the Father has life in Himself and is self-existent, so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself and be self-existent."

LET'S TALK



1 John 4:17 says, "Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world." This is how you need to think, talk, and live. Be aware of your divine heritage and identity. 1 John 4:4 says, "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." That means you come from God.

So, like Jesus, boldly affirm who you are. In John 8:12, He said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." You can confidently declare the same thing about yourself because Jesus also said in Matthew 5:14 AMPC, "You are the light of the world...." Be aware of who you are in Christ

and be bold to call yourself what God has called you.

Let the knowledge of your divine identity shape everything about your life. You can live as successfully as Jesus did by following His example and the principles He lived by. Be conscious of the God-life in you and speak boldly about it!



Go Deeper

John 7:32-45; Romans 8:11; 1 John 4:4



Speak

I'm conscious of the life of God in me; therefore, no sickness, disease or infirmity can thrive in my body. The life of Christ is evidently manifested in me, from glory to glory, in the Name of the lord Jesus. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO VEAD

Titus 1-2, Nahum 1-3

John 8:22-32, 2 Kings 21-22



Act

Practise talking like the Lord Jesus today; take scriptures from the New Testament and talk them to and about yourself.



My Notes



NO LIES!

(Speak God's Truth Always)

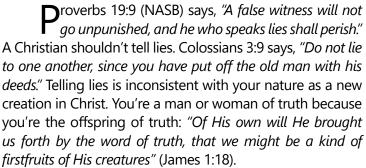


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TO THE BIBLE Ephesians 4:14-15

"That we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ."

LET'S TALK



Lying is one of the cardinal attributes of Satan. In John 8:44, the Lord Jesus aptly described Satan when He said, "... He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it" (NKJV).

The Word of God is truth (John 17:17). And the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Truth (John 16:13). Now, a liar isn't merely someone who told a lie but one who loves and makes a lie; he constructs lies (Revelation 22:15); he plans or strategises his lies. He knows what he is doing is wrong, but

he still goes ahead and does it for selfish reasons. A liar is also one who speaks contrary to God's Word. As long as a man's confessions are inconsistent with God's Word, they're lies.

1 Peter 3:10 RSV reveals something instructive; it says, "...He that would love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile." To speak guile is to speak in antithesis to the Word. The Bible says, "... Put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness" (Ephesians 4:24). Now that you're in Christ, you've put on the new man; you have the God-nature. Act accordingly. Speak the truth always.



Go Deeper

Proverbs 6:16-17: Proverbs 12:1-9: Zechariah 8:16



Pray

Dear Father, thank you for the Holy Spirit who leads and guides me to walk in truth. Thank you for my new life in Christ; thank you for bringing me into the liberty of the Spirit as I walk in the glory of my new life and nature in Christ, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

Titus 3:1-15, Habakkuk 1-3

John 8:33-43, 2 Kings 23



Act

Study and meditate on the opening verse of Scripture (Ephesians 4:14-15).



My Notes



GRACE-FILLED WORDS

(Communicate God's Grace With Your Words)

Thursday,

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TO THE BIBLE Ephesians 4:29 ESV

"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."

LET'S TALK



"My goodness! You're so clumsy and foolish. By now, you should know I don't like my books kept that way," Travis said to Louise, his younger sister.

"That's no way to speak to your little sister. Apologise to her this instance," their mom firmly instructed. "You ought to communicate with everyone gracefully," she added.

"Louise, I'm sorry I said those words," Travis apologised. As Christians, we have the Spirit of Christ. We're the light of the world. We're to think, love, talk, and conduct all our affairs in life like Him. Colossians 3:17 admonishes us to allow every detail in our lives—our words and actions—to align with the character of Christ: "... Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (ESV).

In other words, the character and presence of Jesus ought to radiate through you in your everyday walk. Like Him, let your words be gracious and graceful. Practise His love through your words. People remember you more for the things you said to them and how you made them feel through your words. So, make up your mind that your words will communicate the presence and love of Jesus. Let the world see Jesus in you. Let them feel His love in the words you speak.

In the same way that the Lord Jesus was confident to say, "...If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.." (John 14:9 CEV); your testimony ought to be, "If you have seen me, you have seen Jesus." Let Him be who they see and hear when they listen to you.

Never use terrible, abusive, and insulting words even if you're angry. Never be happy that your words made someone else sad. That's inconsistent with your nature of love. Be like Jesus: the Bible says, "...And the common people heard him gladly" (Mark 12:37). When people hear you, they should be glad because of your gracious, graceful words of life to them that stir the love for Christ in their hearts.



Go Deeper

1 Peter 4:11; Proverbs 16:24; Ephesians 4:29 MSG



Pray

Dear Father, I thank you for your wisdom that's in my heart and in my words, and your love that's seen and heard in me today. Through my words, lives are transformed and improved; those you've placed in my path are blessed, encouraged, and edified by my gracious words, in Jesus Name. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

Philemon 1:1-25, Zephaniah 1-3

John 8:44-59, 2 Kings 24-25



Act

Make every conscious effort to speak gracefully to people from today onwards.



My Notes

Prayer of Salvation

le trust you've been blessed by this devotional. We We trust you we been blossed and 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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