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

Light of Life devotional is a child of the Holy Ghost. It is God's way of expressing His love to you. He is reaching out to you with life transforming truths that will educate, refresh, transform and prepare you for a very fulfilling, fruitful and rewarding experience with God's Word.

HOW TO USE LIGHT OF LIFE DEVOTIONAL FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT

- ▶ Read carefully every line, being mindful of the scriptures quoted/given. Say the prayers and confessions aloud in order to saturate yourself and environment with God's Word.
- ▶ Follow the Daily Bible reading plan that suits your schedule. You can also split it into two parts- morning and evening reading.
- ▶ Use the devotional to prayerfully write out your goals for each month, and follow it up to ensure a life of continuous progress.

***Let's take a walk together through the Word.
God has blessed you.***

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Goals For The Month



1ST THURSDAY

CONFIDENT BECAUSE OF HIS LOVE

1 John 3:1

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

What we have in Christ is beyond this world. It takes revelation to actually comprehend the love of God. There is no capacity in the flesh to know that love; it can only be known by revelation. Hence, Paul, admonishes the brethren at Ephesus at the time:

Ephesians 3:19

And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

The knowledge of the love of Christ is beyond that which can be known by observation. The physical senses can only know the things of this world. The love of Christ is not something of this world; it is heavenly. His love is different from anything else in the world. It is love Divine.

1 John 4:9

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

God manifested His love towards us by sending Jesus into the world to be a ransom for us, that we might live through Him. This is beyond anything that has been before it, and anything that has come afterwards. It is a place of changing conditions; of earth entering into heaven. We came into the life of heaven by the life of heaven being given for us. The love of God is active; it does something.

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

The love of God is not a reaction. God loved you when you were yet a sinner. God does not love the church more than He loves the world. The only difference is that the church has accepted His love.

Our opening text says that we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. That is speaking of the church. The church has accepted the love of God. God is not requiring anything from the world other than that they may accept His love. His, is an unfeigned love, a love that can stand the worst of sin.

To know His love is to be transformed. The knowledge of His love transforms. Learn to meditate on His love.

As you begin to mediate on His Word, even your circumstances will be affected. God is love; and He that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I thank you for showing me by your word how your love was displayed where we are concerned. Thank you for showing me how that your love for us in Christ is active. Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ so that we might live through Him. Thank you for the abundance we have by the life of Christ in us. Thank you for the month of August, as I will give myself to express your love in abundance to my world in Jesus' Name, Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 John 4:1-21

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Deuteronomy 11-16

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2ND FRIDAY

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

2 Peter 3:18

But grow in grace, and [in] the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him [be] glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Spiritual growth is a reality of the new birth. It is supposed to be the pursuit of every child of God. Just like earthly parents, it gives God much pleasure when we make progress in spiritual things. Spiritual growth is a confirmation of the success of the investment of God's Spirit in you. It begins when we start seeing Christ in the Word. It is a result of trainings.

Before we go deeper into this study. It is important that we make some things very clear. Spiritual growth is not a pursuit of justification. Justification is a gift of Christ's resurrection.

Romans 4:25

Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

The resurrection is our very justification. This was what Abraham believed ahead of time.

Romans 4:3-5

3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Since justification would come by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, then it is clear that what Abraham believed according to the scriptures has something to do with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Spiritual growth is not a pursuit of holiness and righteousness. We do not pursue to become what salvation gives us freely. Spiritual growth will definitely influence our behaviours, but it can never earn us God's favour.

Another thing that is very important to note about spiritual growth is that by spiritual growth, we do not mean that the spirit is growing or that it is improving. It is not something that happens in our spirit. The spirit of the man in Christ was rendered perfect through the redemptive work of Christ.

Hebrews 10:14

For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

This perfection is in your spirit. A perfect spirit cannot grow. You can never improve on perfection. This shows that the term “spiritual growth” must be understood with much clarity.

Spiritual growth actually takes place in the mind. It happens as your mind starts grasping the realities that are already available in your spirit. We shall continue tomorrow.

PRAYER

Glorious Father, I thank You for the Word of Your Glory that came to me today. Thank You because by Your Word, I experience spiritual growth constantly and walk in Your perfect will for me, living the transcendent life in Christ, and fulfilling God's good pleasure, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Ephesians 1:1-23

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3RD SATURDAY

SPIRITUAL GROWTH [2]

2 Peter 3:18

But grow in grace, and [in] the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him [be] glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Spiritual growth is the spiritual progress of the man in Christ. It is not a gift, it is a demand. An undeveloped child of God is almost useless in the service of God. God expects you to grow so that you can be of service to His kingdom. Your spiritual growth is not determined by God, but by your response to His Word and the Spirit.

We have been able to establish in our previous lessons what spiritual growth is not. There is yet something very important that we really need to settle in the study. It is the fact that the spirit of the man in Christ does not receive new insight. The spirit of the born again man has perfect knowledge.

1 John 2:20

But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

The knowledge of God is already in your spirit. What happens in spiritual growth is that the mind is trained to catch up with the knowledge you've got in your spirit. John tells us that we know all things. Why? We have received the Spirit of God, and the Spirit of God knows all things.

1 Corinthians 2:11-12

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

You have received the Spirit of God that knows the things of God, the result is that all the knowledge you will ever require are already in your spirit. The Spirit that knows all things can never be expected to grow in knowledge.

Spiritual growth is an activity of the mind. It is the mind being schooled by the Spirit. You are taught Word of God because of your mind. Your spirit already knows all things.

Jeremiah prophesied about it years ago.

Jeremiah 31:33-34

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.
34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

You already have received all of God into your Spirit in the new birth, and that happens once and for all. Glory to God.

CONFSSION

My life is for the glory of Christ. The participation in and sharing of my faith produces and promotes full recognition, appreciation, understanding and precise knowledge of every good thing that is in me in Christ Jesus. The evidence of the indwelling presence of God's Spirit is seen in the quality of life I live. Everything I am and represents exudes the Christ-life. Hallelujah!

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Jeremiah 31:27-40

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4TH SUNDAY

SPIRITUAL GROWTH [3]

2 Peter 3:18

But grow in grace, and [in] the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him [be] glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Spiritual growth is the out-working of the realities we have in our spirit by the Spirit of God. Paul, writing to the church at Philippi, said, “... *Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*” (*Philippians 2:12-13*).

Notice that he did not say “work for your salvation,” rather, “work out your salvation.” The reason is that we do not work for our salvation. Only God worked for our salvation. What man does in the matter of salvation is to receive. What then does he mean by working out your salvation? In the 13th verse, he places emphasis on the fact that God is actually the One working in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure. In other word, working out our salvation would mean for us to give vent to what God is doing on our inside.

What we work out is what God is working in us. That is spiritual growth. This can only happen as your mind begins to catch up with all that is already in your spirit. Paul calls it the renewal of the mind.

Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Spiritual growth is actually primarily a function of knowledge. Hence, the instruction of Peter, “*But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.*” (*2 Peter 3:18*). The word “and” after the word grace is not serving as a conjunction; it is the Greek “kai,” which means even, which is... So, Peter calls growing in grace, growing in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Spiritual growth begins when you start taking in the Word as you should and also working it out. Learning the Word and living it out is actually what it means to grow spiritually.

You cannot claim growth while you are still living like a sinner. The Word of God must be seen in your life and conduct. This also shows the place and importance of a good local church.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I thank You for the blessed privilege to be filled with Your fullness and receive of Your ability, wisdom, grace, power and strength! It is such an honour to be the carrier and dispenser of everything divine. Thank You for my local church which is the place where I am taught for spiritual growth. I will be active in the local church, fulfilling my ministry in the Gospel with Joy in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 12:1-3; Philippians 2:12-16

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5TH MONDAY

KEEP TO OUR GATHERING TOGETHER

Hebrews 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

The local church is far more important to the Christian life than many people today perhaps realize. There is no way anybody can do well in the life of faith without being a part of a local church. The local church is a family. Its meetings are family meetings. Nothing else demonstrates Christianity as a living family like the local church. We participate in the Body of Christ through the local church.

Galatians 6:10

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all [men], especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

A household refers to a house where its occupants are regarded as a unit – a family. The church is a household of faith – where you meet your real brothers and sisters in the faith. Jesus gave us brothers and sisters in the family of faith. The grasp of this revelation is one of the benchmarks of spirituality.

Many people today are struggling because they do not belong to any local church. The pride in them has blinded them from seeing that no Christian can grow all by himself. Your fellowship with the community of faith is crucial to your growth and spiritual advancement. The fullness of God can be touched in our fellowship with one another. There is no need that cannot be met in the local church.

In the local church, others encourage you; they inspire you unto good works. You are given an opportunity of being a blessing to others also. The plan of God for humanity is achieved through the church. That is why the church is very important to God.

The church is not religion, it is a living reality. It is a relationship between a Father and His children. It is not like any other gathering of people. It is a gathering unto the Lord. Make up your mind to be in church tomorrow. Prepare to bless and to be blessed at the same time. Blessings!

CONFSSION

I declare that I am a vibrant and active member of my local church. I do not forsake the gathering of believers, rather, I have the responsibility to encourage others to come to the house of God. I am not an unserious member of my local church, but a healthy one. I help grow and make stable my local church. I refuse to be an instrument of destruction for my brothers and sisters in church. Glory to His Name, even us.

FURTHER STUDY

1 Corinthians 12:3-31

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Joshua 1-8

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Isaiah 22-26

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6TH TUESDAY

LEARN TO ENDURE

James 1:12

Blessed [is] the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

You were made in a way that you can meet a testing challenge, head-on and still win. The life in us does not cower in the face of crisis. The life in you has made you a tough specimen for all conditions of life. There are not times you fail, and times you win. The Word says:

2 Corinthians 2:14

Now thanks [be] unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

This is a daily experience for us in Christ. Refuse to be one who is afraid of challenges. You are not alone in the battles of life.

Isaiah 8:10

Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God [is] with us.

It does not matter the counsels taken against you, or even how many persons that have chosen to watch you fall in life, their counsel shall not stand because God is with you. You must learn to begin to count on the indwelling presence of God that you have in Christ. This is one of the reasons why you need to always be filled with the Spirit. The Spirit-filled life is not an experience to be cultivated in special conditions like house plants. You are not a flower.

Our opening text shows us how blessed an experience it is to endure temptations. Temptations do not come from God.

James 1:13

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

But a number of times, they come to test our quality. True satisfaction is not a function of a temptation-free life, but a life of consistent victory over trials and temptations. The faith we preach from the Bible comes to us out of the crucible of suffering, and yet it is the happiest material ever written. One of the great blessings of the Bible is that you can go there and see lives who went through situations more terrible than yours and yet were victorious.

Their stories help us in the good fight of faith, particularly when we understand that they lived in the same world as us, and had the same opportunity with God by faith as us. Their victories are our example of leaning on God today.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you because I have been made more than conquerors in Christ Jesus. I am not one without stamina and strength before the challenges of life. I remain strong in faith even while surrounded by life's difficulties, and continue to experience the untold blessings of God in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 24:13-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-10.

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Joshua 9-15

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Isaiah 27-31

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7TH WEDNESDAY

THE MATTER OF THE HEART

Romans 6:17

"But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you."

Man was designed to live from his heart. The matter of faith and unbelief has everything to do with the heart. When we are talking about the heart, we are not dealing with the physical organ in man than pumps blood, we are dealing with the real essence of man. Peter calls it the hidden man of the heart; *"But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible...."* (*1Peter 3:4*)

The new birth is the reception of the life and nature of God into your heart, that is, your spirit. The heart of man has always been where God sought to live before time began. The eventual transformation and glory manifesting in your soul and body are the result of the impact and influence of the indwelling of God in your spirit. This is why you must learn to pay attention to your heart.

The preacher in the book of Proverbs counselled that we guard our hearts with all diligence; *"keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it were the issues of life."* (*Proverbs 4:23*)

You need to learn how not to be seeing yourself as a piece of matter; you are a spirit being that has a physical dimension. Everything that is consistent for your life of glory and progress is in your heart, which is your spirit. Learn how to function from the house of your heart, your heart is your real house. There is a different world that comes from your heart which transcends the physical world.

When you learn to live from the house of your heart, you would not be overly concerned about the things happening in this physical world; there is nothing in this physical that can still your flow. Learn to be unmoved by the things happening in this material universe. The activities of your heart are more real than the things happening in this world and you can use them to regulate the outside environment.

PRAYER

Righteous Father, I thank You for the reality of the indwelling in my heart which gives me dominion over this world. The old nature with its decadence and defeat has been perfectly supplanted by the life of the Spirit within. I learn to live from within, established in the path of glory and prosperity in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 10:1-10

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Joshua 16-21

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8TH THURSDAY

THE WORD AND PRAYER

Acts 6:4

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

In the days of the early church, the custom of the land does not allow women to inherit property, so their livelihood depended on what their father, husband and/or son(s) brought home. If none of them existed, widows could glean and pick up the leftovers after others' crop fields had been harvested. This was not considered stealing or begging.

Deuteronomy 24:19-21

19 When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

20 When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

21 When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

That was the way it was done, so the early church had a structure in place for providing daily for the widows among them but the widows among the Hellenists apparently had been neglected, and that obviously was without intent. The complaints got to the apostles, and they responded in the wisdom of God, "***It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God and serve tables.***" (*Acts 6:2*). Notice, he did not say that serving table was wrong. Rather, it was not to be done at the expense of the ministry of the Word.

With only the twelve apostles charged with the responsibility of preaching the Word to the ever-multiplying multitude, combining such with serving tables was very difficult. They instructed the people to select from amongst themselves those who would be over that area of ministry. The reason was so they could give themselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word.

Without prayer, and the ministry of the Word, there is no ministry. It is not a gathering of God's people, if prayer and the ministry of the Word are absent. The apostles obviously must have learned that pattern from the life of Jesus Christ.

The great eras of the life of their Master were created and crowned with prayer. No man prayed as He prayed.

To Him, prayer occupied no secondary place, rather, it was a necessity, a life and a preparation for heavy responsibilities. If we would pray as He prayed, we will have the kind of results He had in the ministry of the Word.

PRAYER

Eternal Father, I thank You because I have a vibrant prayer life; through prayer I exercise myself in God. Through the Spirit, I am effective in my fellowship with the Father. My ministry of the Word is prospering in the hearts of men because of my prayers in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Acts 6:1-7

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Joshua 22 – Judges 2

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Isaiah 38-42

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9TH FRIDAY

THE WORD AND PRAYER (2)

Acts 6:4

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

We saw from our study yesterday, how that by the wisdom of the Spirit, the early apostles handled the challenge of multiplication that they had. Because of the numerical growth they were experiencing, some persons were not getting the attention they used to get. It is the same today in many ministries, but an adjustment can always be made in order to accommodate everyone.

In verse 2, the twelve said to the multitude of the disciples, "It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God, and serve tables." The Greek words used here properly denote "it is not pleasing or agreeable," but the meaning evidently is, it is not "suitable" or "proper." To leave the Word of God and prayer to serve tables would be departure from the design of their appointment.

Is it not amazing that the opposite seems to be the case today? Many would readily agree that someone is a genuine minister of the Gospel just because the person gives people money, food and other stuffs. That is not our primary calling. It is not the design of the minister for us to leave prayer and the ministry of the Word for the pecuniary affairs of the church.

They all said that they would give themselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word. The original expression for the word "But we will give ourselves continually" denotes "intense and persevering" application to a thing, or unwearyed effort in it. In other words, they determined this their constant and main object, undistracted by the pecuniary affairs of the church.

In your ministry, the most important things to pay attention to are prayer and the ministry of the Word of God. When you miss it there, you have missed it in every other place. Prayer and the Word of God are the greatest assets of a minister. A minister who prays is a minister who knows the Word, and the minister who knows the word is a minister who prays.

PRAYER

Thank You, Eternal Father, for the revelation of Your Word that came to me today. I am solidly built on the rock; I am immovable. As I study Your Word and pray, I receive insight and understanding of the principles for an effective life in the Spirit. I am forever victorious, and the Holy Spirit gives me the advantage in all things in Jesus's Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Luke 11:1-13

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10TH SATURDAY

CONCERNING TIME

*Ephesians 5:16
Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

One of the reasons why many gifted persons fail in life is because they lack the necessary trainings in life concerning time. Your time is one of your most important assets. Every accomplishment in life came about by a certain use of time. Time is the same for everyone on this earth, but how one uses time can distinguish one from others. In 1 Chronicles, we were told of a tribe in Israel that had an understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do per time.

1 Chronicles 12:32

And of the children of Issachar, [which were men] that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them [were] two hundred; and all their brethren [were] at their commandment.

This tribe understood both the times and the duties of Israel, hence, the rest of the people were at their command. The understanding of the times and interpretations of their implication is a doorway to leadership. Many of the leaders in our world are not necessarily leaders because they were stronger than other, but because of their ability to discern times and differences in seasons. That was the case of the children of Issachar. They were very few in number, but had other tribes at their command.

Every activity under heaven is time-bound. Your worth in life will be determined by what you are willing to exchange with time. Paul in our opening text instructs that we make the most of our time.

What are you doing now?

You must understand that whatever you are doing now is getting you prepared for something in your future. You can not afford to be careless about your time. Learn to employ your time wisely.

Make up your mind that you are going to dutifully engage your time in ways that will deliver your intended future to you. Life is not a game. There is no future for the man who lacks a sense of direction and purpose. Get up now, sit on your chair, plan your life. You will win. Amen.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank You for the enlightenment that came my way today. I learn under you to plan my life in a way that will make me an effective person. I learn to employ time for my good. I create value with time. I am mightily helped in Jesus Name. Amen.

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

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11TH SUNDAY

SOMETHING ABOUT DESIRES

Ephesians 2:3

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others

Desire is an important step in receiving anything from God. From our key text, we will readily see that while one is in unbelief, their desires are counted to be "fleshly" and of "the mind", this is because of the nature they possess at that time. As a believer in Christ, God is not going to be responsible for your desires, you are the one responsible for the desires you cultivate.

Psalm 37:1-4

1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; [so] shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

In verse 4, the second part is contingent on the first part. If you do not do the first part; "Delight thyself also in the Lord," that second part; "and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." will not be possible. That word 'delight' is speaking of one being pliable in the hands of the Lord.

Once you are pliable in the hands of the Lord, the desires that come from you will be Godly desires.

Desires are not created out of vacuum; they are fruits of knowledge. It is knowledge that sponsors desires. Of all you desire to do or have, at its foundation is the knowledge of the possibility of doing or having that thing.

Ephesians 4:22-24

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

In verse 22, the word "put off" in Greek can also be used as "to strip off", this has to do with the renewing of the mind. The discuss here was mainly about cutting short the root of evil desires. We are to constantly feed our minds with God's word, by doing so, we will find ourselves cultivating Godly desires.

The heart of man is capable of attracting the object of its imagination, this is why we need to meditate on the word regularly, in order to drive wholesome thoughts and images into our minds.

Today, decide to cut the supply of the knowledge that sponsors ungodly desires in you. Anything that makes those desires to be stirred in you, cut them off and arm yourself with the knowledge of God's word.

Hallelujah.

PRAYER

Eternal Father, I thank You for the precious gift that Your word is to me. Thank You for all that I have because of the knowledge Your word gives me. Thank You for helping me by Your word to know the best approach to transformed thinking, in Jesus Name, Amen.

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12TH MONDAY

EXPERIENCING PERSECUTIONS

2 Timothy 3:12

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

Experiencing persecution is a part and parcel of the Christian life. The life of God in us does not exempt us from trials and persecutions. The statement is our opening verse clearly shows us that godly living will cause us to suffer persecutions.

This is almost a forgotten area of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Most people approach the issue of persecution only from a negative stand point. Jesus our perfect example of life and ministry suffered much persecutions in His earth walk.

A number of times, some people take persecutions to be an indicator of a sinful life. That is not true. Jesus Christ in His earth-walk was without sin but He was persecuted greatly. See what the Bible says concerning Him:

Hebrews 4:15

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin

They persecuted Him to the point that they wanted to kill Him. For us, it does not matter that we are being persecuted, what matters is that we are not overcome by the persecution.\

Matthew 5:11

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

It is actually a great privilege for us to be persecuted for righteousness sake. It is something to rejoice about when we are being persecuted because of our faith in Christ. In fact, a man is not well furnished in Christ if he does not know that his faith in Christ can attract persecutions, and can even endanger his earthly living.

John 15:20

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

There is no escaping of persecution for us; that means that the only thing we need to prepare for is victory over persecutions, and not escape.

What is our attitude supposed to be towards those who persecute us?

Matthew 5:44

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Romans 12:14

Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

We were instructed to bless them who persecute us. How do we bless them?

We bless them by praying for them. This prayer is for their salvation (those yet to be saved) and for them to come to the knowledge of the truth (for those who are saved already).

CONFESSTION

Dear Father, I thank You for the privilege that I have to be called your own and to suffer persecutions for Your Name. I do not get bitter when I face persecutions because of your indwelling presence. You are my help and hope in this life. Whatever happens, I will remain a victor in Jesus Name. Amen.

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Matthew 5:10-12; 10:23; Romans 10:35

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13TH TUESDAY

HE IS THE KEEPER

Jude 24-25

24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

One of the erroneous teachings going on in the body of Christ is that we have a responsibility of keeping ourselves in our relationship with God. Many sing songs of unbelief, thinking that they are being humble. For example, some sing, “keep me Lord, Oh Lord, Jesus keep me, Lord.” As nice as this song sounds, it is a practice of unbelief.

The first thing to see in our opening text is that there is an ability in God to keep us. We must trust that we are kept by Him. Another thing which is very important to observe from that verse is that he does not say that the Lord lifts us up every time we fall; rather, it says “He's able to keep us from falling.”

This means that there is no occasion of falling at all for us.

You must renew your mind from thinking that God is just there watching to lift you up each time you fall. No, He is in you to ensure that you do not fall at all. Learn to declare to yourself and to the world around you that you do not fall. Learn to say, “I belong to the community of men who are kept by God from falling.”

What is His purpose of keeping you? He's keeping you from falling so that you will be an effective witness of His glory in the earth. This is something to shout about! This means that, having believed in Jesus, you don't need to keep bothering about how you would be before Him in eternity. John has an answer for us:

1 John 4:17

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

This is what we have by believing the Gospel. We have been conformed to the image of the son of God. As He is, so are we in this world. We are not going to be like Him, we are already like Him. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Righteous Father, I thank you for your great plan for me in Jesus Christ. Thank you for your word which reveals that I am in a state of never falling because I am kept by You. None of my steps shall slide in this life, because I have accurate movements by your Spirit, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

2 Peter 1:1-10; Isaiah 40:31

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14TH WENDESDAY

CONCERNING DREAMS

Ecclesiastes 5:3

*For a dream cometh through the multitude of business;
and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.*

In the leading of God's Spirit, God, Himself is the one leading us. Throughout the whole scriptures, it is observed that He is actually the one leading us, and in His leading, He is mindful of whatever training each of us is receiving. God knows us individually and He comes to us in ways that would get our attention to His leading. There are ways by which God leads us; the basic ways that He leads us is through the inward witness and the voice of our ministers.

Romans 8:16

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

The above scripture reveals that within every believer is the inward witness. The inward witness is not a voice, it is feeling that the believer can perceive. The inward witness is always active within the believer and can witness to us concerning anything that is exposed to our spirit. There is nothing that happens to a believer which the inward witness does not give directions about.

God also leads us through the voice of our ministers: in the case of Samuel, God spoke to him in the voice of Eli. In the case of Joshua, the leading of God to him were the instructions he received from Moses.

You can also pick God's voice in your thoughts; do not always think that your thoughts are casual. It is your thought and at the same time can be God's voice. God's voice is not different from the thoughts of man. This is why many do not know the voice of God.

When you master a particular way of receiving His leading, you will keep receiving His leading that way. Dream is one of the ways that God leads us.

Dreams are very common, and there are many misconceptions around it. Many have difficulty in deciphering the difference between dreams and visions: they are both ways through which we receive revelations from God. The basic difference is that visions can occur while one is awake, but dreams only occur while one sleeps.

Dreams can be a manifestation of the mercies of God. When a man is stubborn to the leading of God in other ways, God seeks to get his attention through dreams.

Job 33:14-16

- 14 For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.**
15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;
16 Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,

We shall continue tomorrow.

PRAYER

Eternal Father, I thank You for your word that came to me concerning Your leadings. Thank You for having me see the ways in which You lead. I declare that I am not ignorant of your leadings. I am not one who is insensitive and resistant to your leadings. My paths are guided by Your leading, therefore I will not stumble. In Jesus Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 2:1-17

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15TH THURSDAY

CONCERNING DREAMS [2]

Ecclesiastes 5:3

*For a dream cometh through the multitude of business;
and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.*

Dream is an activity of the soul. Whatever activity that is dominant in the soul of a man is what will play out in his dreams. So many possibilities that we have today came about because the souls of men interacted with those possibilities in their dreams before they became realities.

Dreams can be from God, from the devil or even natural things. How do dreams come about?

Ecclesiastes 5:3

For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.

Dreams come through our engagements. The activities of the day can greatly affect the dreams of a man. Dreams come from the things known; there must be knowledge before there would be dreams. You cannot dream from a vacuum; you dream from knowledge, from the content of your mind; And there are many ways through which things enter your mind, for instance, your emotions are a gateway into your mind, hence, the things in your emotions can play out in your dreams a number of times.

Your dreams will be the drama of the scripts of your mind; If you have thoughts of fear, you are going to be seeing fearful things in your dreams. A number of times dreams come because your mind is searching out something. Renew your mind, fill your mind with thoughts from God, they will play out in your mind.

When you are dreaming, your soul is very active, that is because your spiritual faculties are still active. Thinking is a spiritual activity because the faculty responsible for that is spiritual, and that is why you can still think in your dreams.

When you have dream, one of the things you have to do is to judge your mind; it is going to help you in judging if it is God that is speaking to you.

Dreams can come to both believers and unbelievers; the first man whom the Bible recorded that dreamt was not a believer:

Genesis 20:6

And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

The writer recorded that it was God that spoke to him because he judged the content of his dream.

Also, Pilate's wife had a dream about Jesus: In her dream, she was able to know that Jesus was a just man, though she was not born again.

Matthew 27:19

When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

Her dream was an attempt of the devil to thwart the mission of Jesus because the prophetic scriptures had revealed the involvement of the ruler of the day in the death of Jesus, hence, the devil came in a voice that could influence the ruler's decision, but devil's plan did not prevail.

We shall continue tomorrow

PRAYER

Eternal Father, I thank You for showing me things that pertain to dreams through Your Word. I am becoming better because I have the light that emanates from Your Word. Your Word dominates my mind, and my activities are influenced by thoughts from Your Word. I am able to recognize when You are leading me through dreams. In Jesus Name. Amen.

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Jeremiah 27:9-10; Isaiah 28:7-8

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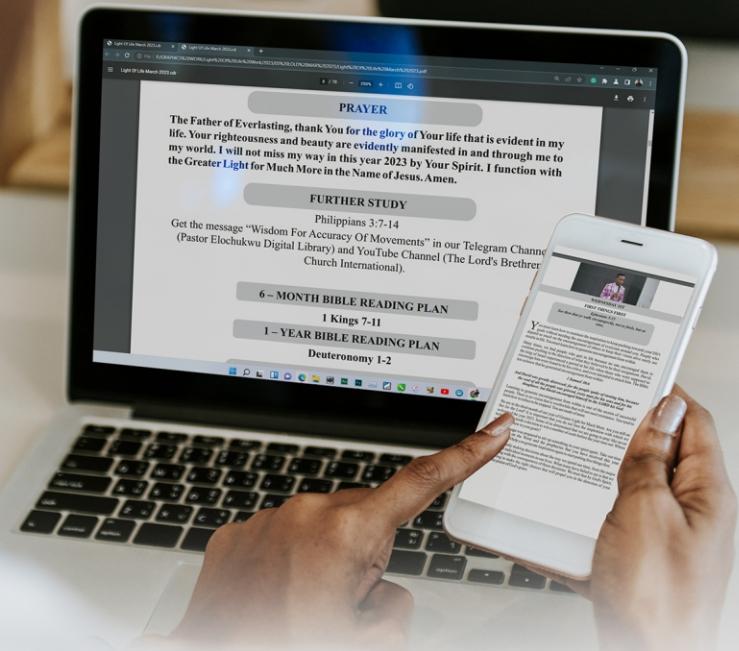
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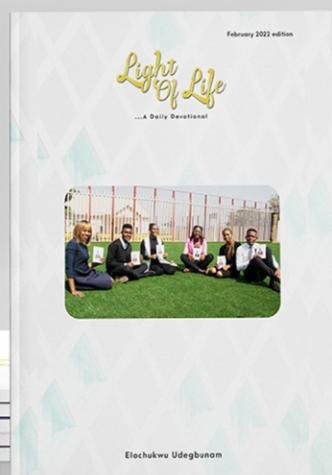
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16TH FRIDAY

CONCERNING DREAMS [3]

Ecclesiastes 5:3

*For a dream cometh through the multitude of business;
and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.*

One of the reasons why God comes to us in dreams is that in our dreams, our logic is down, while awake, our logic could fight the voice of God, so God then seeks for a time our logic can be bypassed in order for Him to pass His message.

The wise men that came from the east to worship Jesus when He was born were led of God in a dream, and that was for the preservation of Jesus.

Matthew 2:12

*And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod,
they departed into their own country another way.*

Joseph too was led of God by dreams for the preservation of Jesus:

Matthew 2:13

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

In the Bible, we do not have an example of believers seeking for interpretation of their dreams. Nebuchadnezzar had dreams and it took Daniel to interpret it. Pharaoh had dreams, it took Joseph to interpret for him, same as Pharaoh's baker and the butler; but Joseph did not need any to interpret his dream; his father and brethren also did not need any interpretation to know what the dreams of Joseph meant. Peter knew the interpretation of his dream too.

The moment you have a dream you do not understand, forget about it and pray in the Holy ghost. God does not speak in shadows. Whatever you are not able to get in your dreams, the inward witness would still bring to you.

A Christian should not go to another believer to know what the Lord has to say about him; there is no precedence of that in the scripture. If a person does not bring words for you, do not go about asking for words for you.

Sometimes, the dreams happen so that you would become one with those things you saw in your dreams, and that would eventually make them happen. Prove the things that happen in your dreams by guarding your mind. Whatever you have in your live is what you allowed, so you can prove the things that enter your life.

PRAYER

Eternal Father, I thank You for your leadings through dreams. I yield myself to your leadings and do not let my logic block me from knowing the things you are leading me into. I prove the things that happen in my life; I refuse anything that is not in alignment with your will and purpose for my life gain entrance into my life. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Genesis 28:10-13; Genesis 31:10-13; Job 33:14-16

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17TH SATURDAY

LET YOUR SPEECH BE EXCELLENT

Ephesians 4:29

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

Everyone who is in Christ must learn afresh how to speak. You must learn the basic lesson of dealing with your speech to a point you become an excellent personality. One of the reasons why many people are ineffective in the things of the Spirit is that they have failed to see that carelessness in words is one of the paths that leads to emptiness in life.

We must sit down under God to learn restraint in speech. We must learn that we dispense energy in speaking and when this speaking is in the negative, it saps us of the energy needed for spiritual engagement.

James wrote in his letter as follow: “*We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.*” (3:2 NIV).

The Bible does not tell us a thing without showing us the way to it. Here, James shows us the way of perfection. The way of perfection is the way of discipline in speech.

The disability of many lives is as a result of power drainage through the mouth. It is a very big problem when you fail to control the things that come out of your mouth. Refuse the life of careless speaking. Learn to speak according to God's word. One sure way of controlling the tongue is to put the word of God in your mouth.

I do not discuss anything more than the word of God. Talking the word is my way of controlling my tongue. You too can learn it. Fill your thoughts with the word, and let the outlets of your mouth be health to others. To speak for the Lord means that your mouth has been sanctified. A sanctified mouth is a holy vessel for the service of the Lord.

Colossians 4:6

“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.”

PRAYER

Eternal Father, thank you for the month of January and all the blessings that I enjoyed in the month. Thank you for all the lessons I got by the Spirit in this month. Thank you for the basic lesson of being restrained in speech so that I can become an excellent personality. Thank you for by your Spirit I become an effective communicator of divine verities in the Name of Jesus, Amen.

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James 3:1-12

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18TH SUNDAY

APPRECIATION IS KEY

1 Chronicles 16:34

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Anyone who desires to be very effective in the life of faith must understand the power of thanksgiving and appreciation. Learning the power of appreciation is one of the sure ways of training yourself to focus on the right things.

Many of the times that people complain and grumble, it is because they are focusing their minds and attention on the wrong stuffs. If you look around them, you ought to observe that there are a number of things to be glad about which they are not seeing. A life of unthankfulness blinds the mind.

Romans 1:21

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

There are many things to be thankful for in your life. Paul shows us the condition of certain people in the verse we just read. They became vain in their imaginations because of unthankfulness, and their foolish heart was darkened. It takes foolishness to think that you have got nothing to be thankful for.

I cannot remember anytime I prayed without thanking God for giving me His Spirit. That way, I was able to retain the consciousness of the indwelling of the Spirit and the importance of His ministry in my life.

Let us consider the word translated “vain” in that same verse of scriptures. It is the Greek word “*mataioo*.” Which means “to make empty.” It is also used to refer to being rendered morally wicked. You see, when people do not see anything worth being thankful about, they start reflecting in their conduct, the frustrations in their minds. Learning to appreciate is one of the ways to renew your mind.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Thanksgiving is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you in all circumstances. It does not mean that all circumstances flow from the will of God, it only shows the posture that God expects of you despite the circumstances. Your Father expects you to have an attitude of gratitude in all you do and say.

Colossians 3:17

*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*

Sometimes, I find myself filled with gratitude, love and appreciation as I think of the many people in my life, who have helped or are helping me become better. You can be thankful for your pastor, leaders, brethren, siblings, colleagues at work. This is one of the most important keys to a happy and successful life.

This week, start sharing your appreciation with others in a way that is both authentic and inspiring. You will become an attractive person. Let words of thanksgiving flow endlessly from your heart from today and always. Blessings.

CONFESSTION

I declare that I am a skilled person where sharing my appreciation is concerned. I learn to let words of thanksgiving flow endlessly out of my lips. It is never going to be something rehearsed or ingenuine. It is always going to be expressed with sincerity. I am conscious of the influence of the blessings of God in my life, now and always.

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19TH MONDAY

YOU MAKE YOUR CONSCIENCE

1 Peter 3:16

Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

The subject of conscience has not really been given the much-needed attention it deserves by many teachers of God's word. Growing up, we were left to ourselves to decide what to believe about the conscience. In the classical view, the conscience was presented to be something that God implanted within the minds of men. Some even described the conscience as the spirit of man within. Thank God that we have His word to teach us what conscience is not and what it is.

The word translated "conscience" in our theme text is "**Suneidesio**" in the Greek, and it means the consciousness of anything. Simply put, conscience refers to the things you are conscious of. The things that you have in your mind. The Bible does not teach conscience as the spirit of man. The word "conscience" is one of those few words in the New Testament Greeks that lacks a parallel word or group of words in the Old Testament Hebrews. But that does not mean that it was not discussed in the Old Testament.

For proper understanding of what conscience is, I will encourage that you read the 32 places the word was used in the New Testament. The Bible is not to be used as a dictionary, and that is why it is important that you learn to study words thoroughly in their different contextual usages. Let us take a look at something Paul wrote to the church at Corinth concerning conscience.

1 Corinthians 8:4-7

4 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.

5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

7 Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

Now, there is a whole lot to learn about conscience from here. "Howbeit, there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience..."

This shows that conscience is a function of knowledge. You are conscious of what you know. Now, pay a very close attention here. The people that Paul is describing here had the consciousness of what is not real.

“We know that an idol is nothing in the world, and there is none other God but one...” howbeit, there is not in every man that knowledge...” From here, it is obvious that one can be conscious of what is either right or wrong. So, the statement that conscience does not lie is not true. It can lie depending on the facts in the mind. This is why you need to feed your mind with the right stuffs.

1 John 3:19-21

19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

It is your responsibility to assure your heart before God. If you do not do that, then your heart will be filled with condemnation. You make your conscience by whatever you feed it with.

CONFESSTION

Blessed be God, and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom, I have overcome the world, its system and wickedness. I fill my mind with the word of Your righteousness. I see within me that You have decorated me with honour and kingdom dignity and my conscience is full of love and Your Glory always. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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20TH TUESDAY

YOU CAN TURN HOPELESS SITUATIONS AROUND

Philippians 1:19

*For I know that this shall turn to my salvation
through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of
Jesus Christ,*

In our journey in life, what we have built is subject to raging winds and rising floods. As the earth remains, things will never keep going in the same direction on their own. Paul reveals to the church at Ephesus that they needed to redeem the time because they days are evil. Until the renewal of the earth, evil will continue co-existing with good. An unsettling thought indeed.

Ephesians 5:16

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

It is important that you understand that things are not bad because of God. If your understanding is that whatever happens must be from God, then you are not in a place where you can exercise faith to turn things around. For instance, if you believe that God made you poor in order to keep you humble, then praying for things to turn around in your finance will be you resisting the will of God for you.

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

God is not the author of evil. Evil does not originate from Him, otherwise, in redemption, we can say that God was redeeming man from Himself. The word clearly reveals that it was the works of the enemy that He destroyed.

1 John 3:8b

...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Someone might ask, “does it mean that God does not know the things I am passing through?” It is evident that God knows all things, but that does not mean that He is behind everything. This understanding must settle in your heart for your walk with Him to be effective.

James 1:13-16

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

It is error to attribute everything happening in your life to God. All of God's work is redemptive. The moment you start seeing it that way, help is very close. You need to retrain your thinking until you start seeing God in a single image. God does not have two faces. He wants to reach out to you, even now. The question is, "will you let him?"

Stop trying to figure out how God can fix the situation. He is a master-strategist. You have His attention now. Receive by faith the help you have in the power of God. Jesus said, "if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Well, the Christian can believe. You do not have a faith problem. Now, that knowledge has come, reach out in faith and turn things around for good.

Put God's word on the situation. Declare that things are turning around for good. Then, go into thanksgiving. Thank Him for the answers, and start acting like it is true, because, it is true. God has blessed you.

PRAYER

Excellent Father, I thank You for Your love and mercy towards me. Thank You for bringing me into a life of liberty and dominion, to reign and give vent to Your righteousness and glory. As I take advantage of the opportunity of prayer, I am making progress in all things in the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

FURTHER STUDY

Philippians 1:1-30

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21ST WEDNESDAY

THE TREASURE IN AN EARTHEN VESSEL

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

There is a treasure in the one who has believed the Gospel. What is this treasure? It is recreated human Spirit. Whoever is born again has this treasure. So, on the inside, you have a treasure. Some believers do not let this treasure within them reflect on the outside; when you look at their lives, there is nothing that seems to point to the fact that there is a hidden treasure in them.

Any Christian that you see today looking treasurable has brought to the outside the treasure that is within; but all of us (Christians) have this divine treasure within us.

Some persons have let their earthen vessel define them, instead of the treasure within them; so, when you meet them, you see only the earthen treasure, not the treasure within them expressed.

There is divinity and humanity; we can express our divinity fully without denying our humanity, and can still express our humanity without denying our divinity.

Do not let your humanity confuse you; the Bible says we have a treasure in us. Some people have a way of describing themselves because they would rather give expression to the earthen vessel instead of the treasure within.

The best of us is still human. There are times humanity come into expression. A Christian can have desires that are not godly but you have to learn how to contain humanity. Salvation does not dismiss your humanity. You are going to be hungry, tired, angry etc, but you have a treasure in your earthen vessel.

There are times the earthen vessel does not want to love, forgive and give, but the treasure has these qualities; the treasure can love, give, forgive because it is of God.

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

In the above scripture, we see the qualities that we have in the treasure that is within us.

In Christian maturity and development, what we are doing is to have the earthen vessel give way for the expression of the treasure within us.

Sometimes, some Christians start despising their spiritual authority because humanity was expressed, but it ought not to be so. You should be able to manage the outplay of the humanity of the Spiritual authority over you. You can see your minister make a misjudgment in matter, but still understand that the best of us is still human.

Let that treasure within you be expressed. You are the expression of God on the earth. Glory to God!

CONFESSTION

I declare that I am giving vent to the expression of the treasure within me. The qualities of the treasure within me bears on my outside. I am an expression of God. I love, I am full of joy, I am peaceful, I am longsuffering, gentle, full of goodness, faithful, meek and temperate. My earthen vessel and its desires do not define. Glory to God.

FURTHER STUDY

2 Peter 1:5-9; Galatians 5:19-25

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22ND THURSDAY

BRING ORDER TO YOUR LIFE

1 Corinthians 14:40

Let all things be done decently and in order.

Order is the accurate arrangement of things. God is a “God of order”. In every believer of the Gospel are divine contents and order is a prerequisite for the full expression of these divine contents within us. Therefore, without order, there may be expressions of these things, but they would be limited.

Disorderliness will limit your expressions in life. You cannot maximize life to the full in disorderliness.

The word “Confusion” in our opening text is translated from a Greek word “*Akatastasia*”, it means instability, a state of disorder, disturbance.

God cannot author instability; He Himself is stable, and therefore cannot be the author disorderliness.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ORDER:

Some of the things that order will help you achieve in your individual life:

1. Order Will Bring Calmness and Serenity to Your Life:

When you have order, you create a peaceful and calming environment. A peaceful and calming environment helps creativity; the quality of ideas you get in such environment is always superior than that gotten from a disorganized environment. There is such a thing as a cluttered environment, leads to a cluttered mind, and the ones with such a mind do not have focused thinking.

2. Order Saves Time:

Have you observed that when your properties are organized, it would be very easy to locate things? Order will help you prioritize your activities. Order will help you to do more in less time. There are some people who are self-employed, but they do not deliver on time, it is so because they do not have order in their lives. Last minute rush is a sign of lack of order. Speed is one of those qualities that will scale you very fast in life. Having a quality of dependability is not enough, you need to have speed too.

3. Order Will Help You Improve Focus:

When you have uncluttered your space and activities, it will help you concentrate on your goals and tasks. Order will help you minimize distractions so that you can focus on what is important. Do not let what is unimportant to take over the major part of your day. Break down your goals and activities into manageable steps.

4. Order Will Help Enhance Discipline:

Maintaining order requires self-discipline. Do not leave the things concerning your growth and development in Christ to chances, create systems to them; systems will make you do the things you ought to do at the right times. Some people are skilled but there is no discipline. They know so much but there is no discipline. Discipline in one area of your life will translate into discipline in other areas of your life.

We shall continue tomorrow.

PRAYER

I declare that I am orderly, hence, I give full expression to the divine contents in me. Disorderliness has no place in me. There is no confusion, instability or disturbance in my path in life. I have a peaceful and calm environment. I save time for better productivity. I have focus and enhanced discipline. Glory to God.

FURTHER STUDY

Genesis 1:1-3; Proverbs 22:29; 21:5

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1 Kings 5-9

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Jeremiah 29-31

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23RD FRIDAY

BRING ORDER TO YOUR LIFE [2]

1 Corinthians 14:40

Let all things be done decently and in order.

God wants everything to be orderly, even the minutest detail in our lives. We cannot have the best of our expression in disorderliness.

We shall continue the thoughts of yesterday's read in discussing the importance of order; some of the things that order will help us achieve in our individual lives:

5. Order Will Help You Grow Confidence:

When we are organized, we feel confident, hence, we tend to take up new challenges. Order will help you take up new challenges because you've built confidence over time.

6. Order Promotes Responsibility:

When you take care of things, you become more responsible. Taking care of your personal space has a way of triggering responsibility and accountability.

7. Order Encourages Mindfulness:

There are people who are not always present mentally in their daily lives. Order will help you be present mentally in your daily life; it will increase mindfulness. Order will help you express divine content in your walk on earth. The way you are now, is not how God made you; you are the maker of how you are now. Man is a free moral agent; he is capable of choices and volition. God does not choose for man. The first recorded us of man's volition was to practice independency against God. That was what happened to Adam; he accepted a life of independence from God. Life was offered him, but he had a choice, and with the power of his choice, he chose death. What we have today is not the universe as God made it, but as we made it. When you have a mind that wanders, it will lead you into too many activities but less productivity.

8 Order Will Help Improve Your Relationships:

Order boosts communications; it will help you set boundaries in your relationships. Bring order into your relationships, especially your divine relationships. Create a system around the people you talk to; there are people you have to be talking with regularly. There is no relationship without communication; Communication is the blood of your relationships.

9. Order Will Help Improve Your Productivity:

If you prioritize your time and manage your time better, we will produce more. When you want to do so much in a day, it may end up bringing you down emotionally. Break the plan down in bits, because the devil has a way of messing up the emotions because of the things one couldn't achieve.

Order will help you prioritize tasks. Break Your tasks into manageable steps. Order will help you make the most of your time and energy, and this will lead to more productivity. Do things differently; live a life of order.

For effective living, focus on productivity, when you are truly productive it will affect the way you see yourself and it will affect the way you express yourself before others; doing things right on your own will translate into confidence before others.

CONFESSTION

I declare that as there is no disorderliness in God, I follow after my Father. Any form of disorderliness is gone from me. I grow in confidence; I am responsible; I am mentally active always; my relationships are improved; I am productive. I make progress in life because of order. Glory to God.

FURTHER STUDY

1 Corinthians 14:1-40

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1 Kings 10-14

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24TH SATURDAY

PREACH THE GOSPEL

Mark 16:15

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

The above instruction is for all Christians and for all times. Reaching the world of sinners and bringing men into the knowledge of the truth should be the thinking, the impetus behind every of our agenda here on earth if we want to truly live for Jesus Christ.

We must view our primary purpose of living as being vitally involved in heralding the Lordship of Jesus Christ all over the world. Until this becomes our chief concern, then, we are not kingdom-minded. In John 4:3-6, we see how Jesus seized an opportunity just to reach out.

John 4:3-6

3 He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.

4 And he must needs go through Samaria.

5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

Weariness made Him pause His journey while His disciples went to get food. While He was there waiting, a woman of Samaria came to draw water. She came alone maybe so that no one would see her because of the kind of life she was living. As soon as Jesus saw her alone, He saw an opportunity to reach out to one more soul. How often we meet people and yet do not know how to seize those opportunities to reach out to them with the Gospel. Every day of our lives comes with unique opportunities to reach out to someone with the love of God.

When you read further (verse 39-42), many other Samaritans believed in Jesus just because He was able to make the most of an opportunity He had with the woman at the well. Do you know how many persons that may come to the Lord through that one person you have not shared the Gospel with?

Ephesians 5:16

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

We must make sure that in our own time, the Gospel witness and fire do not decrease. Whatever our concern with the natural things of life and the issues of society, nothing is as important as the call of Christ to reach the world

of sinners with His saving message. Just like Jesus, we must be able to say:

John 4:34

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Several opportunities will be presented to us but most times people only recognize what they are looking out for. Look out for opportunities to herald the love of Christ.

CONFESION

I am a living witness of a living message. I walk in the consciousness of the fact that God's choice upon my life is to be a witness of Jesus Christ, and this I do with everything in me. I recognize every opportunity that comes my way and I use them to herald the Lordship of Jesus Christ to my world.

FURTHER STUDY

2 Corinthians 5:12-15; 1 Corinthians 9:16-21

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25TH SUNDAY

THE FOUNDATION OF OUR TESTIMONY

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

The blessing of the church is not an individual thing and does not depend on any individual member of the body, though individual members have a role to play in whether or not they would walk in the blessing.

We were blessed in Christ and not in ourselves, thus the responsibility of the blessings does not rest on us. The blessings are in Christ and through Him. We did not become blessed based on any special obedience on our part. Christ is the blessing and the blessings are in Him.

Romans 5:19

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

It's all about IDENTIFICATION. To be in Christ is to be blessed. To walk and conduct our lives according to the word is to practice the blessings.

Everyone in Christ is blessed. There's no single Christian who's not blessed, but there are some Christians who are not walking in the blessings. The blessings are ours in Christ and not ours by conducts, therefore, nothing about us can change the fact that we are blessed.

There is a center towards which all truths are focused. The purpose of God is centered on His Son...

Why? ...that in all things he might have the preeminence. (Colossians 1:18)

No one should speak of God's blessings as something he possesses by merit or as a reward of some obedience. The work of God on earth today is beyond any individual Christian.

Ephesians 2:21-22

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

....in Whom all the building...in Whom ye also are builded TOGETHER

We need to look beyond our individual selves if we must recognize and appreciate the purpose of Christ in us. The problem with so many Christians is that their understanding of the realities we share in Christ starts from a false premise.

Ephesians 1:22-23

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Christ is the head of the church and not of individual Christians. Whatever we have by Him are common to all who are in Him, even though some by reason of better knowledge are ahead of others in the practice of the blessings.

Philemon 1:6

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

Your walk of faith is as effectual as your knowledge and appreciation of certain facts.

Learn to walk in the blessings today.

Go for the word. The precise and accurate knowledge of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus is the key to effective Christianity.

Hope you read it well?

How did it meet you?

Are you going to respond?

CONFESSON

I declare that I do not deserve the blessings of God in my life. Jesus is the only explanation to the goodness of God upon my life. Because of what Christ has done for me, I walk in all of the benefits of salvation. I am a conveyor of eternal verities, and a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has qualified me for God's best. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY

Colossians 1:15-18

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1 Kings 21 – 2 Kings 3

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Jeremiah 37-40



26TH MONDAY

KNOW THE REASON

1 Timothy 3:15

“But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”

If you understand why you are part of your church, you will be better for it. You are not in church to observe and criticize everything that is wrong with the pastor and the brethren. God has never assigned anyone to do that.

Your purpose is not to find business partners, although you may meet some. Do not let business become the focus of your relationship. The work of ministry is paramount.

You are not in church to find a spouse, although you may meet someone, which is very good. Remember, your primary focus is ministry, not marriage. In church, your spouse is another brother or sister with whom you serve the Lord.

No matter what happens, do not lose sight of your primary purpose for being in church.

You came to know the Lord Jesus Christ, to be trained in His Word and wisdom, and to become profitable to Him. You came to know Him so that others would know Him through you.

Ephesians 4

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

When challenges arise, remember that your primary focus is to know the Lord. Do not complain about not being noticed or appreciated. Are you in church to be noticed, or to serve? Keep your eyes fixed on the main thing, and do not let distractions take over.

Remember, the problems you complain about have likely been there all along. You only started noticing them because your heart has been affected. Do not let the enemy of the church rejoice over your life. Fill your thoughts with the word of God, and submit your heart to His leadership.

Today is a great day because you are reading this. Let the word of God help you fulfill His purpose in your local church.

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God has blessed you, and we will keep praying for each other.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank You for I have learned today not to take offence by the actions of my leaders and my brethren. I commit myself to learning Your Word and serving the church. I keep my heart from whatever and whoever that is not encouraging me in Your service in my local church. I fulfil your call on me there. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

2 Timothy 3:10-17

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27TH TUESDAY

DO YOU REALLY KNOW YOU?

1 Corinthians 7:23

"Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men."

Some are choked up in this performance-oriented world without the slightest idea what the plan of God for their lives is. They are many who are just acting out the scripts written by others - parents, the society, the media, and friends. Life has not really begun until you discover what God's plan is and start living it out.

There is a way for you to go. There is a place where activities meet with real satisfaction - that is living according to the plan. Living according to the plan means that you have discovered who you are through the word of God, and you are now responding to that discovery.

Who you are in Christ is linked to what your assignment is. Sons of God do the work of God. It is enough that you live who you are in Him.

The performance-oriented world focuses on activities before identity. They are what they do. They become by doing. For the man who has seen through the word of God, he is not what he does; he does what he is.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

We are His workmanship first. Then, we do good works. They are good works only because of who does them. One who is not in Christ Jesus can have works, but not good works.

In the sight of God, good works can only come from His workmanship created in Christ Jesus.

The question for you today is, "Are you caught up in the web of performance that is not rooted in the knowledge of who you are?"

The word is your only hope.

This is why we teach.

This is why we spend a great deal of time studying His word. We know that without the knowledge of His Word, nothing else makes sense.

Give yourself to His Word. You'll know true satisfaction.

Life is not in your career, business, wealth, marriage, friendships, and influence.
Life is in Christ and His purpose for our lives.

Today is a great day for you.

CONFESSTION

I give myself to the Word of God and I grow thereby. I maintain God's plan for my life and His purpose gains expression through me. Nothing else makes sense to me in this world.

I am not caught up in the web of performance that is not rooted in the knowledge of who I am. The Lord is my heritage. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 Corinthians 7:20-24, 1 John 3:1-2

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28TH WEDNESDAY

YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT STORY

PSALM 37:37

But you can tell who are the blameless and spiritually mature. [What a different story with them!] The godly ones will have a peaceful, prosperous future with happy ending. (TPT)

The justification you have in Christ has marked you out for a happy ending in life. Your latter end is peace. You need to really understand what it was exactly that David saw concerning the man in Christ. David saw that in the righteousness of Christ, the new creation will have future in strenuous wholeness. It is up to you to accept God's dream for you.

When Saul and Jonathan died, David in his lamentation expresses that there's a way an anointed person is not supposed to end.

2 Samuel 1:21

Ye mountains of Gilboa, [let there be] no dew, neither [let there be] rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, [as though he had] not [been] anointed with oil.

He instructed that the news of his death shouldn't be announced in the city of Gath, or be published in the streets of Ashkelon. The reason is that the enemy would find one more excuse for drunken party. Saul died as if his shield was no longer polished with oil.

You must understand that there is a divine expectation in your life. Your life is expected to bear fruits consistent with salvation. Let your desire soar to the level of God's desires for you.

Psalm 37:4

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Desire according to God's desires for you. God wants you to have good things. There're many of God's children who are still struggling to accept that God desires for them to have the best in life. They believe that righteousness is associated with mediocrity and mundanity. God desires for you to realize that within your spirit is the possibility to shed the cloak of failure, to escape the negative syndrome of discouragement, to break with the demoralizing dogmas of defeat and go for life's best.

Psalm 84:11

For the LORD God [is] a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good [thing] will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

You really need to learn how to live in God's dream for you. It starts with your mind. The moment you get the revelation of God's dream for you and see how He dreams and planned life in abundance for you, you will no longer be downcast.

PRAYER

All things in my life are of God; they are divine and perfect. I refuse lack, disease, or death; I refuse to accommodate anything that's of darkness in my life. I live in accordance with the word, and walk by the law of life. I'm controlled by the law of life. My words are potent, bringing forth victories, increase, promotion and abundance for me. As I meditate on the word, I burst forth into prosperity and have good success.

FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 37:1-40

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Jeremiah 49-50

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29TH THURSDAY

ALLOW THE WORD GROW IN YOUR HEART

1 Corinthians 3:6

I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. (NLT)

The hearing of God's word is a very serious business of the faith. Your destiny in God depends on it. It is not something to be treated casually. There are foolish Christians who say "After all, what's important is believing in Jesus, even if I do not go to church." This is the voice of foolishness. The house of God is primarily important because it is the place where we are taught the Word of God. Paul had this to say to Timothy concerning the house of God.

1 Timothy 3:15

But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

The church of the living God is the pillar and ground of the truth. Our walk of faith has everything to do with church attendance. In the house of God, we hear words consistent with our destiny in Christ. The seed of the word is planted in our hearts in the house of God. This seed of the word needs to be taken care of just like people in the natural take care of the seeds planted in the farm. The seed must be watered and protected in order for it to do well. In the same way, the word of God planted in your heart must be watered and protected for it to grow.

For some Christians, the word is sown in the hearts at the first hearing, while for others, it'll take hearing the same thing for a very long period of time for it to be sown in their hearts. You must carefully observe the condition of your heart in order that your journey in the word of God may be a very fruitful one.

In our ministry, we teach the word in series, a number of times just to have it sink into the hearts of people. We often teach the same thing repeatedly until everybody starts smelling the word. Make a decision today to make your heart a fruitful ground for the word. We shall continue tomorrow.

PRAYER

Eternal Father, I thank you for the privilege of receiving your word into my heart. By your Spirit, I open myself for my heart to be landscaped by the word. I do not want to be one who do not have the word growing in my heart. I learn how to approach your word with the needed reverence and honour. The word is growing mightily in my life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 13:3-23

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6– MONTHS BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Kings 20-25

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Jeremiah 51-52

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30TH THURSDAY

BE BOLD

John 16:33

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

We have in Jesus, not just a saviour, but a world conqueror. It makes for boldness and confidence when you get to know that this very world of sin and darkness has been conquered by Christ Jesus. Jesus, before going to the cross of Calvary, told His disciples that He had overcome this world. You could imagine how they must have felt when their master who seemed to be at the mercy of the rulers of the day uttered those words. It wouldn't make so much sense at the time until He rose from the dead. Let's see His very words when He came out of death triumphantly.

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

He didn't escape from hell. He defeated the powers of hell. The power of hell was spiritual death, and Jesus defeated it by His death.

Hebrews 2:14

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

The Jesus of the Bible overcame the powers of Hell and declared humanity free! What are you going through today? He has made us masters in this life. That challenging situation will never eat you up. You are coming out of it victorious. Learn to exude confidence in the face of troubles. We have a man seated at the right hand of the Father. We have a very strong support system in this life.

Jesus knew that His death was going to bring sorrow to the disciples at the time because they couldn't see that beyond that death was a life coming for them. He said unto them, "be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." That word was for them to navigate through those nights of darkness in hope; the three nights of His journey into the lower part of the earth. On the third day, light came. It was light coming from darkness. Listen to me carefully; "Light will come out of the darkness you are passing through now if you'd hold on to the word." Refute to cower in unbelief. Be unflustered. It makes no difference what's going on; you are a victor! Glory.

PRAYER

I have dominion over circumstances. I'm superior to Satan, and I've overcome this world in Christ. I am seated together with Christ in heavenly realms, far above all principality, power, might, dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world but also in that which is to come. I exercise the authority of Christ in and around my sphere of contact, in Jesus Name.

FURTHER STUDY

Ephesians 1:1-23

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6– MONTHS BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Chronicles 1-5

1 – YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lamentation 1-2



31ST WEDNESDAY

YOU ARE NOT LIMITED

Micah 3:8

*But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD,
and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his
transgression, and to Israel his sin.*

You must have yourself convinced that God is not against success. It is not carnal for a Christian to desire progress and better living. There are a lot of Christians who think that it takes a life of mediocrity to be pleasing to God. The truth they've failed to see is that we are already in Christ, who is pleasing to the Father. You have been born into a life endless possibilities. You've got to accept that.

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no变ableness, neither shadow of turning.

God only gives good things. His plans for you in Christ are all good. When you recognize that God is ambitious for your success more than you could ever be, it'll alter your thinking. All of a sudden, you begin to envision the lifestyle He created you for. God is not honoured by mediocrity. You must begin to see yourself doing well in this life. You are a testimony of God's grace. You must let your desire soar to the level of God's dream for you.

The world has not seen anything yet if only you'd let your true quality out. Within you is the possibility and ability to rise, to climb, and to grow. That is the testimony you want. Refuse to be average. God desires that you have and enjoy His best. Your mind needs to accept this reality.

Have you failed in the past? It doesn't matter. You can dream again. Today can become the beginning and emergence of a greater you. Dream again! Refuse to be downcast. You need to get up right now and stand before your mirror and shout "Greater is He that is in me than he that is in this world." The desire to have God's best for you is godly and will be rewarded. This is your moment.

CONFSSION

I rise up from mediocrity and mundanity; I rise up to the dream of the Father for me. I was never created for poverty and deprivation. I was never made to suffer pain, disease or disability. I have faith in God's dream for me. Miraculous changes are taking place in me. My life is a story that will inspire many to the praise of the glory of His grace.

FURTHER STUDY

Jeremiah 29:10-14; Isaiah 46:1-13

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Lamentation 3-5

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- **Calling Sinners to Christ**
- **Building Saints in Christ**
- **Making Every saint a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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