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July Month

July 1

Steadfast; immovable; doing good works.

1 Corinthians 15:58 'be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.'

We are to be steadfast in character so the life of Christ works in us;
...immovable in serving Him so His love can flow through us; and
...doing good works in abundance so His joy is seen in us.

July 2

Unsearchable riches.

Ephesians 3:8 'Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;'

Words cannot tell the riches of our inheritance in Christ; they are unsearchable.
In Him we are
...lifted to royalty;
...given a kingdom;
...filled with His Spirit;
...changed to be like Him.

July 3

Peace beyond human reasoning

Philippians 4:7 'And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.'

The peace of God is beyond human reasoning; remaining constant even in the midst of the storm.
It rests secure in the promises of God; and
...guards the heart from stress and
...the mind from distress.

July 4 (AM)

Joy unspeakable

1 Peter 1:8 'Whom having not seen, you love; in whom, though now you see him not, yet believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:'

Joy is the hallmark of the Holy Spirit.
A person who is filled with the Holy Spirit will be filled with joy;
...supernatural joy that is beyond words.
It is the joy of His presence in us.

July 4 (PM)

God's superlatives

2 Corinthians 9:15 'Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!'

The blessings we have in Christ are beyond our thoughts or words:
unsearchable riches (Ephesians 3:8);
incomprehensible peace (Philippians 4:7);
unspeakable joy (1 Peter 1:8).
His indescribable gift (2 Corinthians 9:15)

July 5

The supernatural supply of the Lord never fails

Philippians 4:19 'But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.'

The Lord keeps and provides for His people.
Even in famine God provided for Elijah;
...not through the rich and wealthy,
...but through a widow woman (1 Kings 17:9).
The supernatural supply of the Lord never fails.

July 6

The trial of our faith

1 Peter 1:7 '...the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire...'

Extreme pressure must be applied in a test if the strength of something is to be relied upon.
Similarly we must face trials to test the strength of our faith.
No matter how hard the test, our faith is able to overcome.

July 7

The presence of the Lord

Hebrews 13:5 '...be content with such things as you have: for He has said, I will never leave you, nor forsake you.'

The presence of the Lord with us is the greatest blessing in life.
David feared no evil thing because of the presence of the Lord (Psalm 23:4).
It is the joy of knowing that He is there at all times surrounding us.

July 8

United with Christ to love one another

Matthew 11:30 'For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

A yoke was used to join two things together.
His yoke is easy because it joins us to Christ and in Him we are brought into the freedom of new life.
His burden that we carry is to 'love one another'.
It is not heavy because the joy of the Lord gives us the strength to do it.

July 9

Holy Spirit keeps us from conflicts.

Galatians 5:15 'But if you bite and devour one another, take heed that you be not consumed one of another.'

The Holy Spirit will keep us from conflicts but we must be willing to yield to His leading.
It is most important that the life of Christ is seen in us.

His love will give us the heart to serve others even when our interest is ignored.

July 10

More than conquerors through His love for us.

Romans 8:37 'No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.'

It is His love for us that makes us more than conquerors.
Who can condemn us? No one; Christ gave Himself for us.
What can separate us from His love? Nothing; He will never leave us.
His surrounding love can never be overcome.

July 11

Seeking things above

Colossians 3:1 'If you then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God.'

Seeking means to desire the Lord with all our heart;
...to learn so we know and understand the scriptures;
...to meditate on His word;
...to be watchful in prayer; and
...to give our energy in serving Him with our lives.

July 12

Lightness of our afflictions

2 Corinthians 4:17 'For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;'

The scripture refers to the 'lightness of our afflictions'.
They are light because the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness; and
...it is through these afflictions that His power is seen working in us.

July 13

Prepared for good works

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

The word ordained means 'to prepare beforehand'.
God has not only prepared good works for us to do now,
He is also preparing us for the works He will have us do in the future.

July 14

Looking unto Jesus

Hebrews 12:2 'Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith...' Looking means 'to turn away from other things and to look towards'.

Our lives will reflect the things our eyes are fixed upon.
If we look with desire upon the things of the world then the world will be seen in us.
Looking to Jesus means to be like Him.

July 15

The gospel turns everything around

1 Corinthians 1:27 'But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise;'

The plan and purpose of God in Jesus Christ turns everything in reverse.
The weak are strong;
...the poor are rich;
...the last are first;
...the least is great; and
...foolishness is the wisdom of God.
In Christ the despised things become mighty.

July 16

Effective prayer

Romans 8:26 'Likewise the Spirit also helps our weaknesses: for we know not what we should pray for as we should:'

Effective prayer is more than words.
It is the cry of the heart.
We may not know what to pray, but the Holy Spirit knows and He is our Helper.
The Holy Spirit will lift the prayer of our heart to the throne of grace.

July 17

The Lord's perfect timetable

2 Peter 3:9 'The Lord is not slow concerning his promise.'

The eternal plan and purpose of God for our lives is that we will be like Jesus.
The Lord is not slow in fulfilling His word but
He patiently waits for those who will receive Him, and
...tenderly cares and protects those who are His.
The Lord has a perfect timetable.

July 18

Scripture is 'God breathed'

2 Timothy 3:16 'All scripture is given by inspiration of God'.

The meaning of the phrase 'inspiration of God' is 'God breathed'.
The New Testament was not dictated by God.
The Holy Spirit moved through the minds; hearts; lives; and experiences of His people.
The 'breath of God' is seen in scripture, and in the lives of His people.

July 19

His love stood with us

Romans 5:8 'But God commands his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.'

The word commands means 'to stand together'.
Christ died for us because He loved us.
The love of God stood with us even when we were devoted to sin.
He loved us then, and His love will continue to stand with us forever.

July 20

Ambassador in chains

Ephesians 6:20 'For which I am an ambassador in chains: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.'

In prison Paul calls himself 'an ambassador in chains'.

He had a purpose to fulfil.

Prison opened important doors of opportunity for Paul to represent Christ.

He did not pray for freedom; he asked for prayer to speak boldly.

July 21

Riches; jewels; and wealth

2 Corinthians 8:9 '...He became poor, that you through his poverty might be rich.'

The riches we possess is Christ; the pearl of great price.

The jewels we wear are the jewels of a godly life through Christ dwelling in us.

The wealth we rely upon every day is the abundant wealth of the promises of God; our anchor and our refuge.

July 22

Faith and love

Colossians 2:2 'That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding,'

Faith and love should be the outward witness that Christ is our life.

Faith looks to who we are in Christ and rests in this;

...love seeks to express this faith through our relationships with others.

July 23

The anointing that abides in us

1 John 2:27 'But the anointing which you have received of him abides in you,'

The Holy Spirit is able to lead us in our daily life.

In Christ we are the temple of the Holy Spirit and the anointing abides in us.

We must learn to be sensitive to the anointing;

...to recognise the anointing; and

...be willing to follow His guidance.

July 24

Fishermen

Mark 1:17 'And Jesus said unto them, Come after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.'

Fishermen go where there are fish.

They use the right method; they sail far out into the sea;

...they face stormy weather;

...they work through the night.

The world needs the gospel;

...fishermen are needed to go to the world.

July 25

Growing in grace

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 forever. Amen.'

Growth is a product of life;
...it takes place inwardly and is seen outwardly.
His grace working in us will be seen by the beauty of His character;
...knowledge of who we are in Christ will make us strong.

July 26

Paul's ministry known by those he led to Christ

2 Corinthians 3:2 'You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:'

Paul's ministry was known by his love and care for those he led to Christ.
They were written on his heart.
He prayed for them;
...encouraged them;
...taught them; and
...desired to be with them.
The power of the gospel was seen working in their lives.

July 27

The Christian athlete

1 Corinthians 9:25 'And everyone who contends for the prize is self controlled in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.'

An athlete must train hard;
...keep a disciplined lifestyle; and
...be focused on the race.
The Christian runs for the prize of pleasing Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

July 28

Rejoice in the Lord

Philippians 4:4 'Rejoice in the Lord at all times: and again I say, Rejoice.'

Joy will attract others to Christ.
Our rejoicing is in the Lord.
We rejoice because of His love surrounding us;
His power protecting us;
His promises securing us; and
...for all that He has done for us.
In all things we can rejoice because of His presence with us.

July 29

The preaching of the cross

1 Corinthians 1:18 'For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.'

Jesus died in our place to deliver us from the power of death;
...set us free from sin,
...guilt and condemnation;

...to make us a new creation;
...to give us new life, and
...to bring us into the family of God.

July 30

Fulfil your ministry

Colossians 4:17 '...Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you fulfil it.'

Ministry is service.
The Lord fulfils His purpose through His people serving one another.
The Holy Spirit enables us to do our part individually so that together His purpose is fulfilled.
We must be careful to fulfil our part in His purpose.

July 31

The sword of the Spirit

Ephesians 6:17 '...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God'.

The sword of a Roman soldier was attached to his belt.
The sword of the Spirit is taken from the belt of truth.
It is a word from scripture that the Holy Spirit puts on our heart for a specific purpose.
It is essential to fill our minds with scripture so the sword is ready.

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