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This book is dedicated to all Christian's worldwide,
intending ones and also to those new converts worldwide.

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Eyes that looks are common, but eyes that see are rare,
without vision, sight have no hope, Heaven is real and Hell
is real

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Preface

Taking Actions

Sight is to see things as they are; Vision is to see things as they could be.

God will direct your steps when you make a concrete plan to move toward what you desire.

“Commit to The Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.” Proverbs 16:3

Business is the feasibility of the market price.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen with the natural eye.

Hebrews 11:1

Faith is seeing the future in the present.

Faith is vision.

Without counsel purpose are disappointed; but in the multitude of counsellors they are established. Proverbs 15:22

This book is a guide to a Christian lifestyle.

1

Faith is not a Risk

Faith is not a risk but, a sure and practical act.

-Prophet T.B Joshua

A King had a male servant who in all circumstances always said to him; my king, do not be discouraged because everything God does is perfect, no mistakes.

One day they went hunting and a wild animal attacked the king, the servant managed to kill the animal but couldn't prevent his majesty from losing a finger.

Furious and without showing gratitude, the king said; if God was good, I would not have been attacked and lost one finger.

The servant replied; despite all these things, I can only tell you that God is good and everything He does is perfect ok. He is never wrong. Outraged by this response, the king ordered the arrest of his servant. Later, he left for another hunt and was captured by savages who use human beings for sacrifice.

The savages found out that the king didn't have one finger in place; he was released because he was considered not "Complete" to be offered to their gods.

On his return to the palace, he authorised the release of his servant and said; my friend, God was really good to me.

I was almost killed but for lack of a single finger I was left to go. But I have a question; if God is so good, why did he allow me to put you in jail? He replied; my king, if I had gone with you, I would have been sacrificed because I have no missing finger.

Everything God does is perfect. He is never wrong, often we complain about life, and the negative things

that happens to us, forgetting that nothing is random,
and that everything has a purpose.

The fruits of the Spirit

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Long Suffering
5. Gentleness
6. Goodness
7. Faith
8. Meekness
9. Temperance

Against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

The Gifts of the Spirit

(Spiritual Gifts)

1. Word of Wisdom
2. Word of Knowledge
3. Faith
4. Healing
5. Miracles
6. Prophecy
7. Discerning of Spirits
8. Divers kinds of tongues
9. Interpretation of tongues

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame spirit, dividing to everyman severally as he will.

1 Corinthians 12:8-11

Salvation means to be saved.
You can't be saved until you are born again.
Salvation is a product of being born again.

Personal Questions

Are you born again?

How can you be born again?

Steps to Christ

1. Change
2. Submit to Jesus
3. Total Repentance

Salvation is a gift of God.

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;” Titus 3:5

KJV

Your dressing must reflect the glory of God.

2 Created for a purpose

Popularity is a job and not a privilege, nothing but job and worries, you work to get in, work to stay in.

In Genesis 1:26 "And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." KJV

If Jesus pronounces you, No one can denounce you. Christianity is an awakening and not a belief system.

A good leader must be a good follower.

Purpose brings out the best in you.

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Romans 8:37 KJV

Ideas are seeds of destiny planted by God in the minds of humankind.

Christ knew his purpose on earth. "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." Isaiah 53:7 KJV

We as his servants and friends whom he made in his image have a purpose to preach the gospel and win souls for him. "We loved him because he first loved us." 1John 4:19

Ideas and Focus

When ideas are cultivated, they become imagination, imagination if it is watered and developed becomes a plan finally, if a plan is followed it becomes a reality.

For your future to stand out you need God to give you wisdom, but you need to create a unique idea to achieve that purpose of yours?

"And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." Genesis 2:15 KJV.

God will give you your David to conquer your Goliath.
Jesus will give you your Solomon to rule your world.
Ordinary people talk about people, Great people discuss ideas.
What you know and apply determines how far you can go in life.

Five Rules of purpose

1. Love yourself
2. Do Good
3. Always forgive
4. Harm no one
5. Be positive

Always remember that there are two ways of life.

1. Gain the world and lose your sour soul.
2. Gain your soul and loose the world.

“If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.” Isaiah 1:19 KJV

You are an image of God.

Points to consider

1. Image Genesis 1:26

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." KJV

2. Conqueror Romans 8:37

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." KJV

3. Dressing Genesis 2:15

"And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." KJV

4. Willing Isaiah 1:19

" If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land."KJV

So you need to know that men and people of vision are needed.

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I send me." Isaiah 6:8 KJV.

Be willing and bold to take on responsibility like our Lord Jesus did, and know that "Christianity is a lifestyle and not a religion."

To live up to your purpose in life you must picture your future from the scripture. In Genesis 1:26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." KJV

The word "Image" refers to moral and spiritual character. While the phrase "in our likeness" means "to function like" In other words we were created to live according to the nature of God and to function as he functions in the world. Thoughts are the most important and words are the most powerful.

The Creative Power of Faith

Nothing on earth is more important than a thought.
Thoughts are more important than words because
thoughts are produced from thoughts.

“My God will meet all your needs according to his
riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Philipians 4:19

Faith sees problems as opportunity.

Life is the way you see it.

Great thinking precedes Great Achievement.

Big thinking precedes great achievements.

You don't need to be big to think great thoughts. You
need to think great thoughts to become big.
You must realize that ideas control the world.

Ideas are powerful that many nations are ruled by the thoughts of men who have long since died.

You can't keep your ideas to yourself; you must clearly conceive and express them.

Your success or failure is determined by how you see it.

Do you have sight or vision?

Do you have a Purpose?

3 **Love**

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

In the A aspect of the scripture we just read, talked about the global vision of Redemption that God has towards humanity, while the B aspect talks about the faith each of us need to have in order to be redeemed. "Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Dictionary Definition of Love

A strong feeling of deep affection for somebody or something.

**Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary 7th
Edition
P.878**

Let all that you do be done with love. 1Cor.16:14

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." 1 John 4:18 KJV

As a Christian you must love God and claim his promises, Remember all of God's biddings are his enabling's.

"We love him because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Christian Love

"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honour giving preference to one another."

Romans 12:9-10

Oh yes! God will honour and uphold every true – hearted believer who is willing to walk closely with him in the perfection of Christ's Love.

Rich magnanimous and abounding in love, He knows how to give good and perfect gifts to his children. First give your heart to Him, keep your hands clean and have a closer walk with Him. He will surely embarrass you with blessings. (Deut. 28:1-14)

All the commandments of God are centred on love

1. Love for God and
2. Love for Humanity. (Exodus 20:3,4,7,8,12-17)

The first four is love for God, while the last six talks about love for humanity.

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

1 John 4:10,11

Love for Enemies

"Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay." Says the Lord. Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." **Romans 12:17-21**

Perfect Love

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." **John 14:21**

As humans we need the love of God to direct our paths.

“But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.” **Colossians 3:14**

God’s love is unique and in order to be perfect, you need it.

“And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.” **Philippians 1:9-11**

Nothing can be able to separate us from the love of Christ. **(Romans 8:35,38-39).**

4

Repentance and Baptism

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. **Acts 2:38 KJV**

Christ is the source of every right impulse. He is the only one that can implant in the heart enmity against sin. Every desire for truth and purity, every conviction of our own sinfulness, is an evidence that His Spirit is moving upon our hearts.

Youth Edition Steps to Christ P25.Ch3. EG White

What is Repentance

Repentance includes sorrow for sin and a turning away from it.

We shall not renounce sin unless we see its sinfulness; until we turn away from it in heart, there will be no real change in the life.

There are many who fail to understand the true nature of repentance. Multitudes sorrow that they have sinned and even make an outward reformation because they fear that their wrong doing will bring suffering upon themselves.

The Need for Baptism

Ye must be born again was the words of Jesus to Nicodemus in John 3:1-6.

Before Christ started his ministry he was baptized by John the Baptist and the Holy Spirit in form of a dove came upon him and there was a voice from Heaven

saying "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." **Matthew 3:13-17**

Baptism is of two forms, ye must be born of the water and of the spirit, so it means when you have been deeped into the water by in mansion, as you are rising, you are awaking to live the life of Christ, with His Holy Spirit as your guide.

A New Life in Christ

In giving ourselves to God, we must necessarily give up all that would separate us from Him. Hence the Saviour Says, "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." **Luke 14:33**

In our journey to make heaven, we must love God, with the joy of communion with Him, Love to Christ should be the spring of our action.

Do you want a new life in Christ?

Ask yourself this question.

What has Christ given for me?

The Son of God gave all-life and love and suffering –
for our redemption.

The warfare against self is the greatest battle that was ever fought. The yielding of self, surrendering all to the will of God, requires a struggle; but the soul must submit to God before it can be renewed in holiness.

5 Restoration

But in Keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

(2Peter 3:13NIV)

One thing that science and the Bible do have in common is the belief that this earth, as we know it now, is not going to last forever. For science (at least some versions of it), the same cold and mindless forces of chance that brought the earth and life on it into existence are the same cold and mindless forces of chance that are going to eventually destroy it. The Bible too teaches that this earth isn't going to last forever, but will indeed be destroyed. In the scenario that science offers, however that destruction is the end of everything forever; in contrast in the biblical scenario, it's the start of something brand new and wonderful, and that lasts forever, as well.

As God created the heavens and the earth in the beginning, He will create a new heaven and a new earth, and with them we are all offered a new beginning. Only God, only the creator, could do that for us. And it all comes to us through the work of Jesus in our behalf. Without the plan of salvation, we'd have no hope for anything beyond that which this life now offers a pretty dismal thought.

Revelation 21:1-5

Adam was given the responsibility to be ruler of the world. When he sinned, Adam's dominion was compromised. Satan now exercised his power in the creation, causing the corruption and violence that we see everywhere. After the cross, however, Jesus won back the earth from Satan's dominion (**see Matthew 28:18, Rev.12:10, John 12:31**)

And even though Satan is still allowed to operate on the earth and do damage, we can rejoice in the knowledge that Satan's days are numbered: Christ's victory on the cross guarantees that.

Reunited with God

Sin had broken the relationship between God and humanity. God sent the couple away from his presence for their own protection.

Humans could no longer see God's face and live. The Lord, though of His own initiative, brought in the plan of salvation, through which the broken relationship could be healed, even at a terrible cost to Himself.

Read Genesis 3:24, Exodus 33:20, and Deut. 5:24-26

God and humanity are to be reunited, at peace, and meeting face-to-face. The earth will be without any curse, and all that has been lost will be restored. The redeemed will be given a new environment, a new life, a new dominion, a new peace with the rest of the creation, and a new relationship with God. The original purpose behind the creation will be in harmony, and that harmony will last forever.

Even now, before the recreation of heaven and earth, how can we learn to enjoy a closer communion with God?

What choices do we make that impact our relationship with God, either in positive or negative ways?

The Nature of God

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24 KJV

You are not an accident on earth.
God created the human race for his pleasure.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Revelation 4:11 KJV

Don't live your life without purpose.
Only a manufacturer knows his blueprints.
We are God's blueprint.
Stop living in the flesh.

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. John 6:63 KJV

We have God's DNA in us.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion

over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. Genesis 1:26 KJV

Operating in the Supernatural

You are on this earth as a sign. New birth makes you a spirit because God is also a Spirit. You can now operate in the same realm as God (the supernatural) by reason of what He has done for you through Jesus. You have been positioned here on earth as a supernatural being to take charge, and to enjoy God's glory. You are from above. You are created for signs and wonders, not for pity and regrets. So, know it, understand it, and walk in the consciousness of this truth, and you will be in command perpetually. David O. Oyedepo

Every Christian is expected to conform to the image of Jesus.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. Romans 8:29-30 KJV

In Mark 9:23, Jesus said all things are possible to him that believeth. In Mark 10:27, He also said: "With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible."

God is a Spirit, and I am a spirit too.

Jesus said to the Pharisees, "Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world" (Jn. 8:23).

We are ambassadors here on earth.

They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes. - Psalm 82:5-7 KJV

The Love of God

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

Scriptural Proofs of Love

"Behold, what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God" (1 John 3:1).

"I am come that they might have life, and might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11).

"He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye" (Zechariah 2:8).

"This love of which I speak is slow to lose patience—it looks for a way of being constructive. It is not possessive: it is neither anxious to impress nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance. "Love has good manners and does not pursue selfish advantage. It is not touchy. It does not keep account of evil or gloat over the wickedness of other people. On the contrary, it is glad with all good men when truth prevails. "Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that still stands when all else has fallen" (1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Phillips).

"The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee" (Jeremiah 31:3).

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, "nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38, 39).

Nothing between my soul and the savior. His banner over us is love, for God is love. When you walk in love you walk in God.

Since Jesus came to dwell with us, we know that God is acquainted with our trials, and sympathizes with our grief's. Every son and daughter of Adam may understand that our Creator is the friend of sinners. For in every doctrine of grace, every promise of joy, every deed of love, every divine attraction presented in the Savior's life on earth, we see "God with us." Ellen G. White

Formed for myself

This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise. Isaiah 43:21 KJV

God created you to serve him, to magnify him and not idols. You were designed as a carrier of His Glory, an embodiment of His Divine Grace.

Friends only God through His Holy Spirit can reveal your purpose on earth.

The Believer's Authority

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. EPHESIANS 6:12

Our authority is on Jesus, His name and blood is a shield for the believers.

He never sleeps; He never slumbers, always on guard over his flocks; you and I.

When you realize this truth, you will always stay connected to God at all times.

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Corinthians 5:19-21

New Birth

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:5-6

God has called you into His marvelous light for a marvelous life.

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 1 Peter 2:9

When you realize this, you will begin to soar higher. Always have the consciousness of this scripture in you. You have been called to shine, to lead, to continually praise Him.

YOU ARE AN AMBASSADOR

You are an ambassador, a representative of Jesus on earth. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ... 2 Corinthians 5:20

We are reps here on earth, our economy is unshakable, our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness.

As Christ's representative, you are required to stand in for Him here on earth.

By reason of this privilege, you enjoy the immunity of the kingdom you are representing.

The ambassador enjoys special privileges. David O. Oyedepo

Prayer of Salvation

If you want to give your life to Christ and be saved, pray this prayer with all sincerity and confidence.

Lord Jesus, I come to you today, I am a sinner, I cannot help myself. Forgive me of all my sins. I believe in my heart that you died for me and you were raised up by God.

Today I accept you, Lord Jesus, as my Lord and Saviour.

Cleanse me with your precious blood; deliver me from sin and Satan to serve the living God. Thank you, Jesus, for saving me. Now I know I am born again, in Jesus Name.
Amen.

If you have said the above prayer, congratulations!
You are born again and your life will not remain the same
anymore.

Sophia C. Mackintosh was inspired to write this book as
an awakening that heaven is real.

I pray that this book changes and saves lives in Jesus
name.

The Gate Way to Heaven: is a guide to living a Christian
lifestyle.

Are you born again?

How can you be born again?

First you have to confess Jesus as your lord and Saviour
and he will cleanse you from your sins. Salvation is a
gift of God. **John 3:16**



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