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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
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Introduction

Hurray! your favourite daily devotional, Rhapsody of Realities, is now available in 807 languages, and still counting. The 2017 edition of the devotional has been packaged to enhance your spiritual growth and development and position you for resounding success throughout the year. The life-changing thoughts in this edition will refresh, transform and prepare you for a very fulfilling, fruitful, and rewarding experience with God's Word.

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-Pastor Chris Oyakhilome



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MONDAY

1



Our Place Of Glory And Victory In Him

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:4-6).

Ephesians 1:21 says Jesus Christ is seated in the place of authority in the heavenly realms, not just above or near above, but “far” above all principality and power, every rulership or government, and the authority by which they govern. The Wuest Translation says, “...over and above every government and authority and power and lordship....” Blessed be God! There’s none like Jesus! He has the supremacy and dominion over all things.

However, the most beautiful and inspiring part of it all is our connection to Him in His victory, glory, and authority. Remember that we’re members of His body; we’re connected to Him. Read our theme scripture again and see the connection; it reveals your current location, your place of glory and victory in Him. You’ve been raised up together, and made to sit together in heavenly places, in Christ Jesus.

This therefore means you’re over and above all principality and power, every rulership or government, and the authority by which they govern. You have the supremacy and dominion over all things. It doesn’t matter where you go in this world, be in charge and in control. Refuse to be sick. Say “no” to anything that hurts or binds. You’re not an ordinary person. You’re superior to Satan, demons and all

their influences.

You're a victor in Christ Jesus, born to reign and rule over circumstances. Always acknowledge and affirm who you are, what you have, your connection with the Lord Jesus Christ, and your place of glory and victory in Him.

| **CONFESSTION**

I'm seated with Christ in the place of authority, over and above all principality, power, and the rulers of the darkness of this world! I live in the dominion, victory, and glory of Christ; my life is the expression of God's righteousness, and the manifestation of His wisdom and excellence, now and forever, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 24:13-35
2 Samuel 9-11

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 6:45-56
Numbers 4

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 2:1-6
Ephesians 1:19-21
Colossians 3:1-2

TUESDAY

2



True Joy Is In Fulfilling Your Purpose

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

One of the greatest blessings you could ever experience in life is to discover God's purpose for your life and to fulfil it. God has a purpose for your life; He placed you on earth for a definite purpose. Jesus was on earth for a specific purpose and He was clear about it. He affirmed in John 10:10, "*The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*" His whole life was about something: to save and give life to all men.

He lived and fulfilled the will of the Father. Hebrews 10:7 in prophetic reference to Jesus, states: "...*Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.*" Like Him, you were born for a purpose; you came to fulfil the will of the Father. Perhaps you're wondering, "But how do I know the will of the Father? How do I know His purpose for my life?" You can boldly ask Him, and He'll tell you. If you're born again, the will of the Father and His purpose for your life shouldn't be a mystery to you. Jesus said it's given to you to know and understand the mysteries of the Kingdom of God (Luke 8:10).

Moreover, as you study God's Word and stay in fellowship with the Holy Spirit, God's purpose for your life becomes clear to you. The will, nature, and purpose of God are revealed in His Word. He also guides you to your divine purpose as you walk with Him, and do those things that

please Him.

You weren't born for nothing. You were born for the glory of God. You were born to walk with Him and bring Him honour. He planned from the beginning that you should serve Him with your life, and walk worthy of Him, pleasing Him in all things, and fruitful in every good work.

Let the divine vision to bring Him glory and express His righteousness be your passion, pursuit, and purpose every day, and you'll experience true fulfilment in life.

| PRAYER

Blessed Lord, I thank you for granting me insight into mysteries and secrets, and filling me with the knowledge of your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Guided by your Spirit, I walk in your perfect will at all times, bringing you glory, honour, and praise, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 24:36-53

2 Samuel 12-14

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 7:1-13

Numbers 5

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 4:17

Acts 26:16-18

Ephesians 2:10 AMP

WEDNESDAY

3



Be All Out For The Gospel

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 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 (2 Corinthians 5:18-19).

Living for Jesus Christ and making yourself relevant in the ministry of reconciliation are what count the most in life. Everything in your life—your thoughts, ideas, the excellence in your life—should be about soul winning. Refuse to make the lesser things of life your focus; be all out for the Gospel. In 1 Corinthians 9:16, Paul said, "...necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" He was all out for the Gospel. He lived to fulfil God's dream of making the Gospel known to the Gentiles.

You're an ambassador and a steward of the mysteries of Christ. You're a soldier in Christ's army and must therefore remain militant in bringing God's Word alive to those in your world, touching them with the love of Christ and the glory of His grace. Don't be comfortable with ignoring the sinners around you; the Bible says it's not the will of God that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9). He wants them saved, and He's counting on you for their salvation.

Romans 10:13-14 says "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*" You're the preacher, sent of God to those in your world who haven't yet known the Lord;

don't let them keep living without hope, and without God in the world. Take advantage of every opportunity to preach the Gospel to them.

| **CONFESSTION**

I've received increased grace and ability to fulfil the ministry of reconciliation to those in my world, and in the regions beyond. I'm fervent in soul-winning and intercession; through me, the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ shines brightly in the hearts of men, destroying the shackles of bondage and darkness, and lighting up in them passion for Christ and His righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 1:1-18

2 Samuel 15-17

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 7:14-23

Numbers 6

FURTHER STUDY:

Matthew 28:19-20

2 Corinthians 3:2

Mark 16:15

THURSDAY

4



Living Out The Word

*But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed
(James 1:25).*

Doing the Word of God should be natural for you as a Christian, because being born again, you're born of the Word (1 Peter 1:23). That means you have the nature of the Word, which gives you the ability to do the Word. Simply living out the Word is the key to an excellent and victorious life; that's where the blessing is.

Where some Christians have a problem is that they don't know how to do the Word. Some think that doing the Word means "obeying" the Word, no; both thoughts may sound similar, but they're very different. In the Old Testament, they were told to obey the Word of God. In the New Testament, we don't obey the Word of God; we do the Word of God! In the Old Testament, the Word was to them an outside force. In the New Testament, it's an inside force. The Word lives in us today; we're born of the Word, and are thus, one with the Word.

You'll only have to obey the Word if you had a different life or nature apart from the Word. God's Word is your life, and through the "mirror principle," He made it possible for you to live out the Word.

Here's how it works: The Word of God is the mirror of God. The Bible says anyone who hears the Word and doesn't do what it says, is like a man who sees himself in a mirror, turns around and forgets what he looks like (James 1:23-24). This means that God expects you to see yourself the way He sees you in His Word, and then act accordingly.

For example, the Word says you're a joint-heir with Christ; therefore, you should never talk broke or live as one who's disadvantaged in life. The world belongs to you as much as it belongs to Christ. All things are yours (1 Corinthians 3:21). Irrespective of your feelings or the circumstances, endorse these truths and act on them accordingly. The blessing is in acting on the Word, not just hearing or believing it. The creative power of the Word becomes effective once ignited by the faith-response from your spirit, bringing about a transformation in your life, from glory to glory.

| PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you because your Word is working mightily and producing results in me. My life is for your glory, and I exude the excellence of the Spirit, fruitful and productive in every good work, and manifesting the fruits of righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 1:19-51

2 Samuel 18-19

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 7:24-37

Numbers 7

FURTHER STUDY:

James 1:23-25

2 Corinthians 3:18

1 Timothy 4:15

FRIDAY

5



Create The Future You Desire

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap (Galatians 6:7).

The Lord Jesus, in narrating the parable of the sower, said, *"A sower went out to sow his seed..."* (Luke 8:5). Then in the eleventh verse, He explained that the seed the sower sowed was the Word of God, letting us know that words are seeds, and that what you sow is what you reap. If you sow the right words into your life and future, they'll produce the right harvest.

Your words are important; steer your life in God's direction for you with the right words. Jesus said you shall have what you say (Mark 11:23). You can't keep speaking negatively and expect to have an excellent life. Proverbs 15:4 says, *"A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit."* A wholesome tongue is one that speaks life, health, righteousness, and abundance.

Perverseness, on the other hand, means crookedness; inconsistent and contradictory choice of words that deform and destroy the human spirit! Many unknowingly bruise their spirits when they speak words that are inconsistent with the provisions of the Gospel. This is why you must consistently talk right. Speak forth the blessed Word of God and sustain yourself in the transcendent life.

Your life goes in the direction of your words. If your words are excellent, your life will be excellent. Your life today isn't an accident; it's the result of all the words that you've been speaking, positive or negative. Create the future you desire! Only speak words that are consistent with the glorious life of righteousness, peace, health, wealth, and joy that God has made available to you in Christ Jesus.

| CONFESSION

I have such a beautiful and transcendent life in Christ. I'm the expression of God's glory, grace, wisdom and righteousness. The Word of God has produced life in me! I walk in victory always, and live triumphantly to the glory of His Name. Blessed be God!

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 2:1-25

2 Samuel 20-21

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 8:1-9

Numbers 8

FURTHER STUDY:

Proverbs 18:21

James 3:2

Colossians 4:6

SATURDAY

6



The Consciousness Of Christ In You

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27).

In Colossians 1, the Apostle Paul spoke plainly when he explained the Gospel as it pertains to the Gentiles. I want you to understand the construction in the twenty-seventh verse: "...this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

A "mystery" connotes esoteric communication or language; something revealed, but only to a select few. That mystery, the Bible says, is "Christ in you, the hope of glory." What does this truth mean? First, it means glory revealed, glory realized, glory manifested in your life! The reproaches are gone; you now have a life of honour and excellence.

I would to God everyone in the body of Christ would understand this! For example, when Christ is manifested in the life of a sinner, the power of sin is broken, and righteousness takes effect. When He's manifested in the life of one who's been bound, the chains are broken, and deliverance takes place. When He's manifested in your life, everything that's of darkness is dispelled.

It reminds of Peter's encounter with Aeneas, who had been paralysed and bedridden for eight years, but he was a Christian. Peter didn't have to pray for him; all he said was, "Aeneas, Christ makes you well: rise up!" Immediately, the man jumped off his sickbed (Acts 9:33-34). If you're sick in your body today, what you need is the manifestation of Christ in your physical body. The consciousness of the life of Christ

in you will make you invincible and eternally triumphant.

Now that you're born again, the life in you is the supernatural life of Christ. Christ has fully tabernacled in you! You've become His living headquarters; He looks through your eyes and walks with your legs because you've become His vessel; His body.

| **CONFESION**

Christ lives in me; He's my righteousness, my glory, and my beauty. His life and nature in me makes me invincible and triumphant! I'm healthy, strong, excellent and vibrant! I manifest the character of Christ to my world, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 3:1-21
2 Samuel 22

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 8:10-21
Numbers 9

FURTHER STUDY:

John 14:2
Colossians 2:9-10

SUNDAY

7



Get The Power Working

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us (Ephesians 3:20).

God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask for or imagine; but He does it, not according to His power in heaven, but according to His power that works in us. This means you have to get that power active and working all the time. In Acts 1, just before the ascension of the Master, He said to His disciples, *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you..."* (Acts 1:8). To receive the power is the first thing; the next is to get it working.

Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 1:6, *"...stir up the gift of God, which is in thee...."* He was referring to the power of the Holy Spirit, which can be dormant in your spirit, unless activated. One way to activate that power is praying in tongues. Another way is through meditation on the Scriptures. When you pray in tongues often, and take out time consciously to meditate on the Word, your spirit will always be aglow.

Understand that a Christian isn't meant to be begging, "God, please do this or do that for me"; no! He's one endowed with the dynamic ability to effect changes; He's to reign in life by Jesus Christ (Romans 5:17).

Even though God has got all the power and ability, He doesn't move in on your behalf or move into your situation to do things according to His discretion. "But isn't God sovereign?" you might ask. Yes, He is, and in His sovereignty, He's chosen to work His power through you. You have a role in the operations of the miraculous and supernatural in your

life. Get the power in you working, and bring it to bear on anything, or any area of your life.

| PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the power of the Spirit that's fully operational in me for the supernatural. I can do all things through the ability of Christ in me; I'm sufficient in Christ's sufficiency, full of grace and the wisdom of God, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 3:22-36

2 Samuel 23-24

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 8:22-33

Numbers 10

FURTHER STUDY:

- Acts 1:8
- Colossians 1:29
- Micah 3:8



DEMOCRACY DAY 2017

Democracy Day is an annual celebration in countries such as Canada, Cape Verde, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Nigeria. In Nigeria, it commemorates the nation's restoration of democracy in 1999.

This year, as the country marks 18 years of uninterrupted democracy come May 29, partners of Rhapsody of Realities will seize the opportunity to distribute millions of copies of the devotional around the country. They'll also organize seminars and undertake community projects in different parts of the country.

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MONDAY

8



Growing And Multiplying By The Word

And the word of God increased... (Acts 6:7).

If you study the portion of Scripture referenced above in context, you'll realize that the Word didn't increase without the disciples. At this time, all they had was the spoken Word; they didn't have the epistles or the written Word about Jesus. They went everywhere preaching what they heard and saw. So, the Word increased because they increased. The Word went forth in them, and anyone who tried to persecute them, persecuted the Word. That's what Jesus said from heaven when Saul of Tarsus was persecuting the Church (Acts 9:4,5).

In Acts 12:24, it gets better, "*But the word of God grew and multiplied.*" We previously read that the Word of God increased, but it's not enough to increase; there's got to be growth and also multiplication. Imagine that as a Pastor, your church is increasing, and then the Lord says to you, "You've got to move to the next level; you've got to grow." How's that going to happen? It'll be by the Word: "*As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby*" (1 Peter 2:2). 2 Peter 3:18 also says, "*But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ....*"

There're people who will come to church because they love the music in Church; that's nice. But until and unless the Word of God is what everyone in church wants and looks forward to—there will be no growth. The Lord Jesus said the one who feeds on His Word is like a house that's built on a rock; the floods and the winds came and beat against it, but

the house remained standing.

Build your life on the Word and you'll be unshakeable. You'll grow, make progress and multiply. When you multiply, you add more growth. The Bible says, "*So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed*" (Acts 19:20). At this level, you're not just multiplying; you're prevailing. You no longer pray against challenges; they crumble before you. You'll have no fear of persecution or crises; the Word of God has made you more than a conqueror.

| **CONFESION**

The Word of God is alive in me. I'm making progress and profiting in all areas of my life through the Word. I'm flourishing like the palm tree, luxuriant and luscious like a well-watered garden. I'm fruitful and productive, bearing fruits of righteousness, and pleasing the Father in all things.

Blessed be God!

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 4:1-26

1 Kings 1

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 8:34-9:1

Numbers 11

FURTHER STUDY:

- 1 Peter 1:23
- Colossians 3:16
- Psalm 92:12-13

TUESDAY

9



Discover Jesus

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5).

Man doesn't know reality until he finds Jesus, the Son of the living God. But who exactly is Jesus, the man of Galilee?

First, He's the Word-incarnate. This is an amazing truth. Think about it: Your word is the expression of who you are. It's the expression of your views, opinions, thoughts, emotions, and ideas. In the same way, the Word of God is the totality of God's thoughts, ideas, opinions, will, and emotions. John 1:14 tells us that God's Word was personified, and the result was the man, Jesus: "*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us....*"

He's the expression of the thoughts, will, and emotions of God. His laughter was God laughing; His smiles were the smiles of God. When He stretched out His hand, that was God stretching out His hand. When He loved, that was God's love manifested. Everything He did was the expression of God.

Secondly, He's the expression of God's person. This means He's the character and essence of God. The Bible tells us something beautiful about Him in Hebrews 1:3: "*Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person....*" He's the perfect personification of the abstract idealism of God. In the world, the term, "God" doesn't convey a person; it conveys an idea. God doesn't make sense to the human mind, because they can't find or define Him. The Bible, however, presents Jesus as God's perfect imprint, the icon of the unseen God.

Thirdly, Jesus Christ is the glory of the Father. He's

the outshining of the Father's glory. What does this mean? Imagine the filament of a light bulb. When electric current passes through, it glows. The filament is like the Father: He's the power, but the outshining is Jesus; He's the radiance or light that comes from the Father.

The world doesn't understand why we can be so passionate about the man, Jesus. Until you know Jesus, God will only be an idea to you. Your search, stops when you meet this awesome, glorious, Lord of heaven and earth. That's why we tell people, "Discover Jesus!" When you discover Him, you discover reality; you discover life.

| **CONFESSTION**

As Jesus is, so am I; I'm one with Him! In Him I live, and move and have my being. I have His righteousness, life, and nature in me. I'm the effulgence of His glory and the express image of His person. Therefore, I think, act, and live as His perfect representation. Hallelujah!

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 4:27-54

1 Kings 2-3

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 9:2-13

Numbers 12

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 1:15-19

Hebrews 1:1-4

WEDNESDAY

10



The Language Of Victors

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak (2 Corinthians 4:13).

1 John 5:4 says, *"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."* As Christians, we're victorious in Christ Jesus, and we maintain our victory by speaking faith-filled words. We speak the language of victors. We speak righteousness, success, and excellence only. The Apostle Paul calls our language "the wisdom of God": *"Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world....But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery..."* (1 Corinthians 2:6-7).

Never be among those whining and griping over the dwindling state of the world's economy or the darkness in the world; rather, speak the wisdom of God! Affirm what Jesus said about you: *"Ye are the light of the world..."* (Matthew 5:14). Declare that ideas, solutions, joy, fulfilment, and direction are flowing through you; you're making things happen; you're teaching the world how to live.

When someone says, "Business is really down these days," you say, "No, business is booming; it's better now than ever!" Job 22:29 says, *"When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up...."* That's how victors talk; they respond to circumstances and situations with the Word; they say what God has said. Hebrews 13:5-6 says, *"...he hath said...So that we may boldly say...."*

If you've been experiencing symptoms of an ailment, for example, don't voice the symptoms; declare healing and health. If you were feeling weak, declare that you're

strengthened and invigorated with might by the Holy Ghost in your inner man. Affirm that the life of God in you is superior, and therefore, destroys and dispels every sickness, disease, and pain from your body.

Keep affirming your righteousness and triumphant life in Christ! Reign and rule over circumstances with the Word of faith in your mouth.

| **CONFESION**

I declare that I'm triumphant, victorious, prosperous, and successful in all things. My life is for the glory of God, and His righteousness is expressed in, and through me. I'm like a tree planted by the streams, fruitful, productive, and luscious. Thank you precious Father, for making my life so beautiful!

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 5:1-30
1 Kings 4-6

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 9:14-29
Numbers 13

FURTHER STUDY:

Proverbs 18:21
Mark 11:22-23

THURSDAY

11



Elevated To His Class

But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit (1 Corinthians 6:17).

1 Corinthians 1:9 says God has called us into fellowship (oneness) with His Son Jesus Christ. This is bigger than what the natural mind can conceive, and that's why some Christians don't understand it. To be called into the fellowship of Jesus Christ means you've been brought into His class; you're in partnership with Him and participate in His interests. In Him you live, and move, and have your being (Acts 17:28).

You're not an ordinary person; you're a joint heir with the Monarch of the universe (Romans 8:17). You're a member of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones (Ephesians 5:30); meaning you can't go anywhere or do anything without Him. He's in you and with you always to guarantee your success in life. No wonder He said that if you're severed from Him, you can do nothing: "*I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing*" (John 15:5).

Peter describes our fraternal union with Him rather beautifully; he calls us "Partakers of the divine nature"; associates of the God-kind (2 Peter 1:4). This means we're in God's class, having the same life, nature and character with Him. Now we can think like Him, because we have the same mind with Him (1 Corinthians 2:16). We can express and manifest His glory and His righteousness because we're the epitome of His righteousness, as we're the effulgence of His glory.

This is Christianity! That God would bring man into His own class of being! We're superstars from Zion. We're

superior to Satan, and have dominion over the forces of darkness! Hallelujah!

| PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the oneness and fellowship I enjoy with you through the Holy Spirit that lives in me. Your divine presence in me makes me more than a man. I'm an associate of the God-kind; I live triumphantly above the influences of the world, walking in dominion over Satan and the forces of darkness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 5:31-47
1 Kings 7-8

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 9:30-37
Numbers 14

FURTHER STUDY:

- 1 Corinthians 12:13
- 2 Peter 1:4
- Colossians 2:10

FRIDAY

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Glorify God In Your Body

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? (1 Corinthians 6:19).

Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit; it's God's house. 1 Corinthians 6:20 says, *"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."* You're to glorify God in your body as well as your spirit. This means you can't afford to have your body ravaged by sin, Satan, sickness and disease. You must say, "No" to the devil, to cancer, asthma, leukemia, or any kind of sickness or infection! Declare, "No illegal transaction of the enemy can take place in my body, because the Holy Ghost lives in me!"

Understand that though your body is God's house, it's your responsibility to keep it flourishing in health. You have the right to decide what happens in your body. Romans 8:13 says, *"For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."* This means you're to put to death or disallow the misdeeds or wrong actions prompted by the body. Paul, writing to the Corinthian Church, explains that we'll all give account to the Lord for whatever we allow in our physical bodies (2 Corinthians 5:10).

It makes no difference how much Satan has attacked and tried to ravage your body. Maybe you're unable to walk, this is the time to take charge! Command strength into your limbs in the Name of Jesus; declare that you're strong, healthy and sound. Affirm vigorously that irrespective of the trouble in your body, greater is He that's in you, than he that's in the world. The glory of God in your spirit impacts your

physical body, ridding it of every pain or infection. Refuse to accommodate any trouble in your body; demand a restoration in the Name of Jesus, and there'll be a change.

Jesus said, "...*Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven...*" (Matthew 18:18). The word "bind" also means "forbid" or "disallow." Therefore, whatsoever you forbid or disallow in your body shall be forbidden or disallowed in heaven. Speak health and life to your body and give yourself enough rest when it's necessary. Your body was made for beauty and for glory. Therefore, glorify God in your body.

| PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for showing me my responsibility as it pertains to my physical body. I vehemently refuse sickness, disease, and weakness. I'm vitalized, quickened and energized in my physical body by the Spirit that dwells in me. I live in higher planes of life where I reign in righteousness, through Christ Jesus. Blessed be God!

1 YEAR BIBLE
READING PLAN:

John 6:1-24

1 Kings 9

2 YEAR BIBLE
READING PLAN:

Mark 9:38-50

Numbers 15

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 12:1

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Romans 8:10

SATURDAY

13



Victorious All The Way

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:57).

While many are only particular about, and overwhelmed by the wickedness, evil, perils, destruction, and darkness that are prevalent in today's world, some of us are enjoying a triumphant life in Christ. We're celebrating the goodness of the Lord, reigning and ruling over circumstances. That's Christianity; it's a call to the victorious life.

2 Corinthians 2:14 unveils God's desire for you to live triumphantly every day, and in every situation: "*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.*" You're born a victor. Success is in your spirit; acknowledge this truth. Refuse to allow anything or anyone frustrate you. The Lord Jesus has given you the victory over limitations, struggles, and the pressures of life. He said in John 16:33, "...*In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*" It makes no difference what you're going through or the situation you may be in right now; your victory is assured.

1 John 4:4 declares, "*Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*" This is something to shout about! You have to maintain your place of victory over Satan, the world, and the circumstances of life by keeping your gaze on the Word.

Even when you go through diverse tests, He says, "Count it all joy" (James 1:2), because your victory is

inevitable. Paul said, "*For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory*" (2 Corinthians 4:17). So you see? You can only win! Keep walking in victory, excellence, righteousness, and blessings, for they're your birthright in Christ Jesus, irrespective of the persecutions and crises of life.

| **CONFESSTION**

Thanks be unto God who gives me the victory in all things, through our Lord Jesus Christ! I reign and rule over circumstances. Success is in my spirit. I walk in excellence, righteousness, and prosperity. Christ is in me; therefore, there's glory, honour, and beauty in my life. Hallelujah!

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 6:25-59
1 Kings 10-11

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 10:1-12
Numbers 16

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 8:33-37
1 John 4:4

SUNDAY

14



Access To Greater Wisdom

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30).

Notice that the verse above doesn't say, "...Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us Lord and saviour...." Yes, He's our Lord and Saviour, but that's about all that many Christians know Him as. He's however also our wisdom, our righteousness, our sanctification and our redemption. Howbeit, in our study today, we'll major on Him as our wisdom. Christ is your wisdom. Do you know what that means?

We all celebrate and admire Solomon for being the wisest man that ever lived, but Christ, the embodiment of wisdom Himself, lives in you. That completely outshines what Solomon had. You don't operate with human wisdom anymore; you have access to greater wisdom. You have accurate insight into reality. You have understanding of the deepest things in life, and the ability to reason and act right. That's the operation of the wisdom of Christ in you: a guiding force or inner working power that leads you and causes you to make the right decisions.

Christ being your wisdom means you're excellent all the way. He makes you think what you should think, say what you should say, and do what you should do at the right time, in God's way, for God's purpose. This is what's been made available to you in Christ Jesus. You have such extraordinary amplitude of comprehension, superior mental as well as supernatural sagacity to excel in all that you do: in your job, business, academics, finances, ministry, etc.

How could you ever fail, when Christ, in whom are

hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, lives in you? How could you ever be confused in life? There's nothing that's beyond your scope of understanding! You can know anything; you have astute insight and discernment into things that others find difficult to unravel, because inside you are concealed all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

| PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you, for I'm in Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Therefore, I'm innovative, creative, inventive and ingenious. I always function with supernatural amplitude of comprehension, thinking excellent thoughts, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 6:60-71
1 Kings 12-14

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 10:13-22
Numbers 17

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 1:17
1 Corinthians 2:6-7



In the month of June, cell leaders from across the ministry worldwide will converge on the prestigious LoveWorld Convocation Arena in Lagos, Nigeria, for the International Cell Leaders' Conference (ICLC) 2017 with the man of God, Pastor Chris.

The conference promises to be a special time of impartation of the Word and the Spirit, designed to move leaders in the cell ministry to the next and higher level of their work. Attendees will also be equipped for more effectiveness in the propagation of the Gospel of Christ, fired up with a new fervency for soul winning.

Start making plans now to attend!

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MONDAY

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Christianity Is A Real Life

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

When we say Christianity isn't a religion, there're those who wonder, "What exactly is the difference?" There's a great difference. Even though there's religion in Christianity, Christianity in itself is a real life. Religion is about man's belief in what he assumes to be: some divine being or some form of spirituality or spiritual consciousness to which he devotes himself. In other words, it's man's exploration of that which is spiritually unknown. In religion, man tries to find out if there's a God. He then hopes that whatever he does will be pleasing to that "spiritual being," whoever it is, and that he might get some help or recognition from him.

Another part of religion is that man realizes he's more than a physical body; he has the intuition that he might be a spiritual being and purposes to find out about it. Therefore, he starts dabbling into ideas and activities that might give him some consciousness of the spiritual. All that is religion, but still not even the "Christian religion"; remember we said there's religion in Christianity, even though Christianity itself isn't a religion.

The Bible tells us the religion in Christianity: "*Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world*" (James 1:27). But this won't save you. As Christians, we're instructed to help the needy, but that's just one part of what Christians do. You could call that the religious part of Christianity, but

Christianity, essentially, is God at work in a man; it's divinity alive in humanity. It's the outworking or revelation of the spiritual, in the message of Jesus Christ through human vessels. It's a living relationship, a fellowship with a living God.

In Christianity, the divine life of Jesus Christ is imparted to the believer's. So, when you received Christ into your heart, it was a real experience; something actually happened: Christ took up His abode in you. It's not an assumption, a speculation, a conjecture or a theory; it's real. You received the pulsating life and nature of God into your spirit. Blessed be God!

| PRAYER

Blessed Father, I thank you for the life of the risen Christ in me. I'm forever grateful for making my heart your home. I walk in the light of my transcendent life in Christ, exuding divine excellence, manifesting power, righteousness, and dominion, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 7:1-24

1 Kings 15-17

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 10:23-31

Numbers 18

FURTHER STUDY:

John 17:3

1 John 5:11-12

TUESDAY

16



The Spoken...Written...And Incarnate Word

*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...
(John 1:14).*

God's Word first came to man as the "Spoken Word." The Bible shows that He spoke directly to men, such as Moses, Joshua, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He also spoke to men through angels (Hebrews 2:2).

In Hebrews 1:1, we read that God spoke to the fathers through the prophets. He then commanded the prophets to put the message He gave them into writing. Thus, from the Spoken Word, we got the "Written Word," given for the purpose of witness and evidence. With the Written Word, God's people could compare His message given to different prophets, at different times, and see a consistency. This way, they'd always know what to do, where to go, and how God wanted them to live.

God yet moved further, and this time He spoke His Word in a most remarkable way, through the Man, Christ Jesus—the Word incarnate. The Word became flesh. Since God had already given His people the Written Word, it was easy to judge and examine if anyone who claimed to be the Messiah was right or wrong. John 1:45 declares, "...We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth...."

After the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we see a new dispensation of the "Spoken Word." This time, God wasn't speaking through the prophets of the Old Testament, but through the Apostles, and then those who believed in their message. In Mark 16:15, Jesus said to His

disciples, "...*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*" They took the message to others, and many believed it. The same message was given to you and you believed it.

Something special and extraordinary happened when you believed and received the Word: He (the Word) incarnated in you; He took up His abode in you. Now, He's living out Himself in you! You're God's voice, His hands, His legs, and His temple. You're the reproduction of the Word. 1 Peter 1:23 says, "*Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*" 2 Corinthians 3:3 describes you as the epistle of Christ. You're Christ's message to the world! Glory to God!

| PRAYER

Dear Father, your Word is truth, and it's eternal. I'm the reproduction of the Word, and my life is the expression of your will, thoughts, ideas, and opinions, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 7:25-8:1-11

1 Kings 18-19

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 10:32-45

Numbers 19

FURTHER STUDY:

James 1:18
2 Corinthians 3:2-3

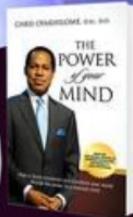
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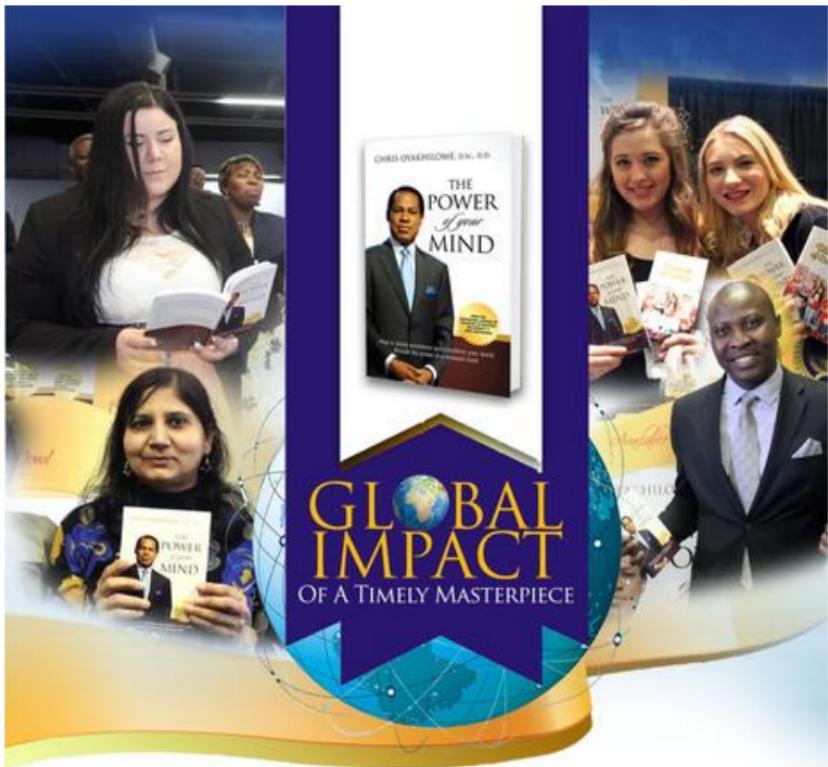
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In the first quarter of 2016, the news of the release of the much-awaited treatise by Pastor Chris Oyakhilome, entitled, "The Power Of Your Mind" reverberated quickly around the world. This was to be expected, as the life-transforming classic came at a time it was most needed. Borne of the author's passion to see God's people grow unto maturity, it guided many to explore the unlimited potentials of their minds and thus, function in divine excellence.

Between then and now, the book's tangible and undeniable impact has swept through the

nations like a tidal wave. From the highest corridors of power to the four walls of a primary school class, it has blessed and inspired many to transform their world through the power of a renewed mind.



Available In Various Languages And Formats

The masterpiece on mind-management is currently available in paperback and hardback, and in over 50 languages namely, Afrikaans, Arabic, Brazilian-Portuguese, Bulgarian, Chichewa, French, German, Hindi, Hungarian, Icelandic, Italian, Kinyarwanda, Korean, Malay, Romanian, Shona, Sinhala, Slovak, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish...and still counting. It's also available in the audio and enhanced e-book formats.



A Material Worth Studying

A major event that highlighted the book's impact last year was the first-of-its-kind simultaneous study programme tagged, "15 Days of Excellence." Readers in different continents and time zones studied the book concurrently, using its workbook, the "Individual Excellence Study Guide."

Many received miracles by participating in the study programme. One of them was Adina from the UK, who had been trying to get a job without success. During the 15 Days of Excellence, she learnt how to use her mind as a tool to get results, and within that period, she miraculously got a job.





Swift Spread Around The World

The swift spread of "The Power Of Your Mind" into different countries bears testimony to the efficacy of its timely message. So far, it has been distributed in various public places, and schools, through the "The Power of Your Mind Educational Excellence Program."

The results of the program have been phenomenal. Targeted at students in primary and secondary schools, it has reached over 200,000 students and still counting in India, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Nigeria, and Ghana. So far, over 150,000 of them have given their hearts to the Lord!

In 2016, the government of Ghana endorsed "The Power of Your Mind" as part of the academic curriculum in schools across the country. Different schools in other countries have also adopted the book into their curricula.

Pass Rates Increase By 100%!

Just as the man of God promised that if schools with bad grades got the book, they would have better results, a miracle happened in South Africa, at the Tulip Group of

Schools. Its secondary school had experienced a consistent drop in the pass rates in the last 5 years, leading to a sharp drop in the number of enrolled students.

"The Power of Your Mind Educational Excellence Program" however held at the school and transformed the students, making them independent, bold, and able to prioritize and manage their time wisely. This turned around the fortunes of the school, which recorded 100% in its Matric Results. This meant all the students scored so high, they all gained admission to the University!

The drive to organize the Educational Excellence Program to schools is ongoing. Let's get the life-transforming book, "The Power of Your Mind", into the hands of more students in schools around the world, thereby aligning the minds of our future leaders with divine excellence.

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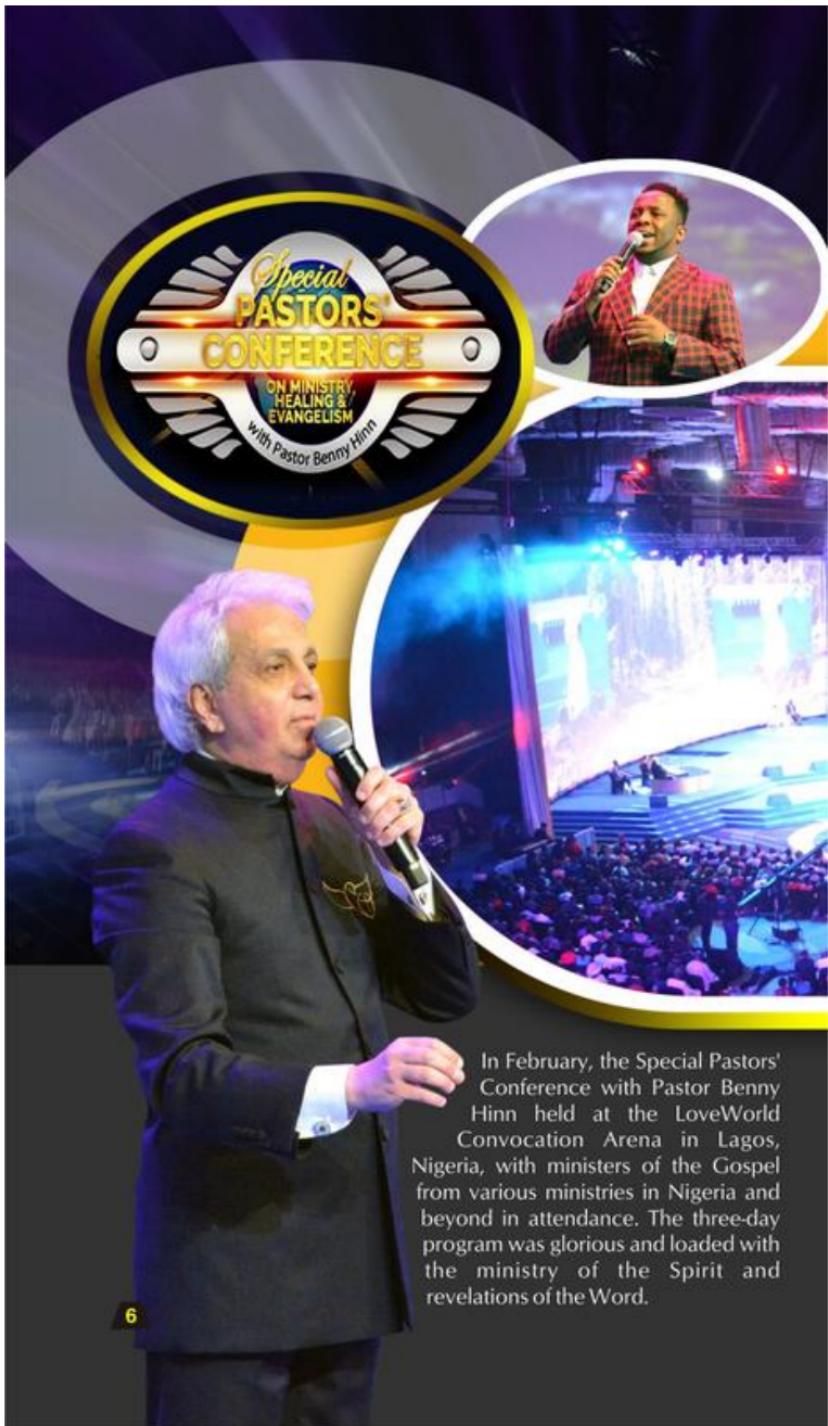
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In February, the Special Pastors' Conference with Pastor Benny Hinn held at the LoveWorld Convocation Arena in Lagos, Nigeria, with ministers of the Gospel from various ministries in Nigeria and beyond in attendance. The three-day program was glorious and loaded with the ministry of the Spirit and revelations of the Word.



Many around the world, who joined online, testified of the enormous impact of the live services. E.J. Ezekiel testifies: "What a blessing to connect to this conference all the way from Ireland. I've been mightily blessed since it started!"

D. Thyagaraj from Bangalore, India, also had this to say: "I've been thoroughly blessed by this conference. I wish I was there in Lagos to receive more. The Word is rich and the anointing is thick. Thank you man of God."



■ Rev. Tom Amenkhienan

Drink All That The Spirit Will Pour!

While addressing attendees onsite and online, Rev. Tom Amenkhienan, a member of the Central Executive Council of Believers' LoveWorld, and the Director of Church Ministry & Organization, charged them to "drink" all that the Spirit of God was going to pour out during the programme.

"Can you imagine a meeting where two great men of God, Pastor Chris and Pastor Benny, are on the same platform? Don't let this be one more meeting that adds to the list of meetings you've attended, without the result showing in your life," he admonished.

Pastor Benny Inspires Unity

The man of God, Pastor Chris, started off every day by welcoming everyone, and specially recognizing ministers from various ministries present at the programme. In his words:

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"The reason many ministers are here today is because most have been specially influenced and touched by Pastor Benny's ministry." Then, addressing Pastor Benny, he said: "Because you're here, we're meeting tonight. Not only have you brought us God's Word in a special way, you also inspire love and unity."



■ Rev. Chris Oyakhilome

God Has Chosen Nigeria

The large crowd cheered with great excitement each day as Pastor Benny stepped forward to minister. In his usual manner, he started his sessions with lavish worship and exuberant praise to the Lord, extolling Him in a most inspiring and touching way.

He thereafter acknowledged the great work the Lord is doing in and through Nigeria, stating that Nigeria will shake the world with the power of the Holy Ghost: "God has chosen Nigeria to be a light to the nations. It's time for her to take her place," he declared.



Jesus Is Our Example

During the three services, Pastor Benny took the congregants on an odyssey into the depths of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Talking about the anointing of the Spirit, he explained that some people limit it to the "double portion" because of what they read in the biblical account of Elijah and Elisha, but it's much bigger than that.

The Spirit of the Lord was given to the Master without measure. Elisha isn't our example; Jesus is our example, and there was no limit to the anointing on His ministry.

Going further, he explained that when a man is born again, the Holy Spirit comes and mingles Himself with that man's spirit, thus becoming one inseparable

entity: "*But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit*" (**1 Corinthians 6:17**).

Three Things The Anointing Produces

The anointing in one's life, which is the result of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, produces three key things. The first is hunger. Hunger is the sign of life. Once a baby is born, the next thing it wants to do is to eat. So, the anointing produces hunger for the Lord and for His Word; hunger to know God's mind.

Secondly, it produces faith. Suddenly, everything in you will know you belong to God. You'll have the witness of the Spirit that God loves you, and that heaven is your home.

The anointing will also produce love. You'll want to spend time with the Lord and walk with Him.



Three Ignitions Of The Spirit

The moment hunger, faith, and love erupt in your heart, some things begin to ignite. The first thing that's ignited is the Scriptures. They come alive in your heart. After that, communion comes alive. Thirdly, worship comes alive. "I call these the three ignitions of the Holy Ghost," Pastor Benny stated.

Reading from **Ephesians 3:20**, which says, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us," he explained that the power that works in us is "dunamis" (Greek): Power that ignites itself. So, the Word of God ignites communion with God, which ignites worship. Worship ignites more words, which ignite more communion and the cycle goes on and on.

When the ignition continues uninterrupted, it begins to affect the soul, thus affecting the way you think about life. It begins to transform you into that image of Christ, so much so people will look at you and say, "I see Jesus in your life."

A Profusion Of Prophecies And Miracles

The anointed teaching of the Word and the ministry of the Spirit during the three services charged the atmosphere with divine power, resulting in a profusion of prophetic declarations and several healing miracles.

Led by the Spirit to prophesy about Nigeria, Pastor Benny declared: "Get ready, people of Nigeria—O, people of the Most High God, people of the Kingdom, men and women of power—for so the Lord calls you now. You're His vessels of power. He has set His love upon you and His heart on you. His eyes are upon this land to do good to the people. Yea, I have chosen this nation to fulfil my purpose...."

The Special Pastors' Conference with Pastor Benny Hinn was a milestone in the lives of all ministers present. The man of God released the unction on them in a special way, and they received increased grace to keep them in the path of ever-increasing success in life and ministry.



REACHOUT AZERBAIJAN

2017

Officially known as the Republic of Azerbaijan, the country is situated in the South Caucasus region, at the crossroads of Southwest Asia and Southeastern Europe. It has a population of over 9 million people, with 99.2% practising Islam.

Recently, Rhapsody of Realities partners embarked on a trip to the capital city, Baku, where they held an impactful ReachOut campaign. Anticipating challenges ahead, they forged on, being more propelled by the cry of millions of men, women and children in the country, who needed to hear and receive the Gospel.

Strong Resistance And Constant Threats

Strong resistance came as expected from several individuals and groups who issued threats of arrest and

detention. Despite the threats, the Lord granted the partners boldness to preach the Gospel, just as He did with the disciples in Acts chapter 4.

As they distributed copies of the devotional, some received it gratefully, while others turned it down. However, many of those who publicly turned it down, came privately to get copies from the partners for themselves, their family, and friends. They did this to avoid being prosecuted.



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**Satisfying Men's Hunger
For The Word**

ReachOut Azerbaijan was a true reflection of the deep hunger for the Word in the nations of the world and a continuous search for the truth contained only in the Gospel. **"For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness"** (**Psalm 107:9**). The void in many hearts were filled, and the thirst of many quenched when they learnt about the message contained in the Messenger Angel.

The partners were overjoyed, and at the same time moved with great compassion to pray more

and do more, seeing the bondage in which men are in, and the dire need for their liberation.



WEDNESDAY

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The Written Word Is For Meditation

Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all (1 Timothy 4:15).

In our previous study, we alluded to the fact that God commanded His prophets to write the Word for the purpose of witness and evidence. But there was something more—a better purpose for which He wanted the Word written: It was for meditation. Having the Word in written form created images in their minds, far better than what anyone could tell them. They could read it repeatedly, and communicate the same truths, without having to alter any word or sentence.

When you deliver information by oral tradition, there're bound to be changes as it moves from one generation to another; but not when it's written. When it's written, the substance or core of the message is retained. That's how come today you can read, recite, and meditate on the Word in its originality. Moreover, what you meditate upon feeds your spirit, and literally transforms you. That's why God wrote the Law for Moses on tablets of stone. Even when the tablets got broken, God commanded Him to get another set, and he did, and gave it to the children of Israel, commanding them to meditate on it. He knew that if they meditated on it long enough, it would produce results and cause them to live and act accordingly.

There're Christians who have a hard time following God's Word and His ways of doing things. It's because they don't spend time to meditate on the Scriptures. If you'd meditate on God's Word, you wouldn't need to make an

effort to act in line with it. Joshua 1:8 says, *"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do...."* Notice it doesn't say, "...and thou mayest observe"; it's not another commandment. It says, "so you may observe to do." Meditation on God's Word will compel your actions to be in sync with His message. Success and prosperity result from meditating on the Word.

| PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I thank you for your Word that dwells richly in my heart; its power is activated for transformation in my life today, as I study and meditate thereon. I'm victorious and flourishing, having significant attainments, and persistent productivity in all that I do, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 8:12-30
1 Kings 20-21

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 10:46-52
Numbers 20

FURTHER STUDY:

Psalm 1:1-3
Habakkuk 2:2
1 John 1:1-4

THURSDAY

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Emulate Him In Your Love-walk

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith (Galatians 5:22).

Your maturity as a Christian is measured by the love of God that you express to others. Romans 13:8-10 says, *"Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law....love is the fulfilling of the law."* 1 John 3:14 says, *"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death."*

The new creation is created to love. Observe our opening verse again; it doesn't say, "But the fruits of the spirit are..."; rather, it's specific. It says, "...the fruit of the spirit is love...", letting you know that love is the dominant fruit of the recreated human spirit. It's important that you understand and walk in the dimensions of God's love.

In Ephesians 3:16-19, Paul reveals the four dimensions of God's love: the breadth, length, depth, and height of His love. He then prays for the Church to comprehend these facets of divine love: *"...that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God"* (Ephesians 3:17-19).

You can only give of what you have, and the more you have of a thing, the more of it you can give. So, how full are you of His love? How much can your love give, and how much can it endure?

The Lord Jesus said in John 13:35, *"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to*

another." Let love flow out freely through you at all times. Let your words and actions be love-motivated, because only such receive God's blessings and approval. God, in Christ, demonstrated His love, and also gave you the ability to love like Him (Romans 5:5).

Emulate Him in your love-walk. "*THEREFORE BE imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father]. And walk in love, [esteeming and delighting in one another] as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a slain offering and sacrifice to God [for you, so that it became] a sweet fragrance*" (Ephesians 5:1-2 AMP).

| **CONFESION**

I have the ability to love like my heavenly Father. Everyone I meet is touched and impacted by the love of God that flows through me. I rejoice exceedingly for the great love with which the Father loves me, and the ability He's given me to express His love to others. Glory to God!

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 8:31-47

1 Kings 22

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 11:1-11

Numbers 21

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 5:1-2

1 John 4:8-12

John 15:9

FRIDAY

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Live The Higher Life

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 (John 16:33).

These are the words of Jesus; such powerful, comforting, lifting and encouraging words! He said, "...In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." What a confession. He lived the higher life. When He physically walked the earth, even though He was in a world plagued with gross darkness, economic hardships, sickness, oppression, disasters, death, etc., He was so detached from the problems and the influences of His day. He lived in another realm, unscathed by the vagaries of nature and corrupting influences in the world.

Why was He so different? It's because He had a peculiar mind-set; the mind-set of the righteous. And according to the Scriptures, we're like Him. 1 John 4:17 says, "...as he is, so are we in this world." We're therefore to live the higher life—in absolute dominion over the world and its systems as He did. His victory over the world was for you. You've already been made triumphant.

When you face challenges, persecutions, distressing situations, turbulent times, be of good cheer, because in Christ, you've overcome the world. 1 John 4:4 says, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Having this consciousness will even affect your prayer language; you won't be begging God to help you against the enemy or to deliver you from the problems you might be facing. Rather, you'd say, "In the Name of the Lord Jesus, I have overcome the world and its systems, its hatred, its

penury, its corruption, depression, and falsehood!"

Refuse to allow anything in this world get you depressed or despaired; you're more than a conqueror. You're bigger than the world and all its problems. Live the higher life in Christ by simply living in God's

| **CONFESSTION**

I've overcome the world and its systems, because greater is He that's in me, than he that's in the world. I live in dominion over all the powers and schemes of the enemy, as I walk in the wisdom and righteousness of God, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 8:48-59

2 Kings 1-3

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 11:12-26

Numbers 22

FURTHER STUDY:

Psalm 34:19-22

2 Timothy 3:12

Romans 8:31-39

SATURDAY

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True Fulfilment

There is far more to your inner life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body (Luke 12:23 MSG).

Life has much deeper fulfilments than money, material things, and earthly pleasures. Some people have amassed so much wealth and abundant material possessions, yet they aren't fulfilled. Some think that by acquiring more money and properties, making more friends, having more children or getting more famous, they'll finally become fulfilled, but they've realized it's not so. True fulfilment is in discovering your divine purpose; God's will for you in Christ, and accomplishing it.

Jesus said, "...*My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work*" (John 4:34). That should be your goal, your joy, your fulfilment and satisfaction. You need to realise that man is a spirit being; therefore, the most important things in his life are spiritual. His fulfilment will come from his spirit as he fulfils God's purpose. There's a divine purpose for your life, which you must discover and achieve, for you to be truly fulfilled in life.

Have you asked yourself, "What does God really want for my life?" When you discover His dream for you, be glad about it, and go for it, and you'll be fulfilled. Not everybody may be excited about what God has called them to do, but if you're spiritually minded, you'll be. Be determined to please Him in all things, and He'll fill your heart with joy.

As you study the Word, fellowship with the Holy Spirit and function in the church, you'll discover your specific purpose in Him, and how exactly He wants you to live. That way, life would be more meaningful to you and you'd be able

to help others discover their purpose in life, and experience true fulfilment.

| PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for my true fulfilment, which lies in doing your will. You're at work in me, to will and to do your good pleasure. Thank you for guiding me by your Spirit in the direction of your perfect will. My promotion, prosperity, victories, and joy are guaranteed as I fulfil my purpose in you, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 9:1-41
2 Kings 4-5

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 11:27-33
Numbers 23

FURTHER STUDY:

Philippians 2:13
Hebrews 10:7

SUNDAY

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He Lives In You

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

The Spirit's communication in the verse above is a very enlightening one. He emphasized a similar thought in 1 Corinthians 6:19, drawing attention to who we really are: ***"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"***

Many in the Church today are ignorant of this deep spiritual truth. If you're conscious that the Spirit of God, who is the conveyor of the blessings of God, and of all that's been given to us in Christ Jesus, lives in you, how could you live an ordinary life? Even if your body has been so bruised, broken, and ravaged by sickness, disease or infirmity, meditating on this truth will revitalise your whole being.

Romans 8:10 says, ***"And if Christ be in you,*** (though ***the body is (be) dead because of sin...the Spirit is*** (gives it) ***life because of righteousness.***" The Spirit of God isn't docile inside you; He's active. Actually, He perambulates in you. In 2 Corinthians 6:16, He said, ***"...for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."***

Notice His choice of words: "I will dwell in them," that means "settle down in them!" He has set up His headquarters in you, but that's not all. He also said, "I'll walk in them." "Walk" here is the Greek word "emperipateo" and it means to patrol the boundaries of a property in order to fix and replace any damaged part or notify of any trouble. Part of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in you is to ensure that anything that goes wrong in your body is fixed. If it needs to be renewed, He'll

renew it. No wonder He says, "...He who raised Christ from the dead shall also vitalise your mortal bodies by His spirit that lives in you" (Romans 8:11).

Become conscious that the Holy Spirit lives in you in all His power; He's all that you need. His presence in you keeps you victorious over the devices of the evil one and the corrupting influences in this world. Hallelujah!

| PRAYER

Precious Father, how great thou art! I thank you for the great honour and blessing of having the Holy Spirit live in me; by virtue of His indwelling and abiding presence, I'm infused with divine energy and supernatural wisdom to do the will of God, and live triumphantly over and above circumstances, in Jesus' Name.

Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 10:1-21
2 Kings 6-7

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 12:1-12
Numbers 24

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 4:4
Acts 17:28



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MONDAY

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He's Alive And At Work In You

For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose (Philippians 2:13 NIV).

The thought in our opening verse is such a powerful blessing. It lets you know that there's a divine force, something supernatural and completely beyond you, that makes you do the things you do as a Christian. That force or power is Christ in you.

When you study the life of Jesus in His earth-walk, you'll see that power at work in Him. Acts 10:38 declares, *"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."* It was God working in Him to give sight to the blind, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, mend the broken hearted, deliver those who were oppressed of the devil, and even raise the dead.

That same Christ, in His mighty power, is at work in you through the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul in Colossians 1:29 refers to how he took advantage of this energy of the Spirit that works mightily in us: *"Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily."* Then, in our opening verse, notice that he didn't speculate; he didn't say "Well, maybe it's God that's working in you," no. He stated a definite truth: It's God who's at work in you, both to will and to act according to His good pleasure.

The good things you do don't just come from your head or your mind; they're God-inspired. If it's good for God and pleasing to Him, and good for people, then He's the One working in you, making you willing and causing you to act accordingly!

"Christ in you" makes you willing to serve God and helps you do it. He's alive in you. He talks through you, walks in you, and works in and through you so your life will glorify God. He impacts the world through you. Hallelujah!

| PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you, for you're the One who's active, alive, and working in and through me, both to will and to fulfil your good pleasure. I'm strengthened by the Word and your Spirit, to express your goodness and love to my world today; I live to fulfil your purpose, and help others do the same, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 10:22-42

2 Kings 8-9

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 12:13-17

Numbers 25

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 2:16-17

Hebrews 10:7

Philippians 2:13 AMP

TUESDAY

23



Faithful And Empowered Witnesses

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15).

The Lord Jesus, before His glorious ascension, charged us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. We're His faithful and empowered witnesses. You can say like Paul, "*And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry*" (1 Timothy 1:12). Your life as a Christian is to bear witness of the reality of the Kingdom, and minister the Gospel to those in your world and in the regions beyond.

You've received the power to be a faithful and effective witness of the Lord Jesus. He has made you an able minister of the Gospel (2 Corinthians 3:6). One vital evidence that the Holy Spirit is active in your life is soul winning; dynamic evangelism! Whenever people received the Holy Spirit in the Bible, they preached and taught the Word with boldness, resulting in the conversion of sinners. For example, Peter ministered the Gospel and converted three thousand souls in one day: "*Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls*" (Acts 2:41).

Christ has come, and has brought salvation to the whole world. It's our responsibility to tell the untold and take the message of salvation to the ends of the earth. The Gospel has been committed to our trust, and many people may never hear it, except through you. It's your responsibility to let others know what Jesus came to do. He was born to die for

the sins of men, and raised back to life for their justification. He came to make men sons of God. Everyone in the world today must hear that Christ Jesus came that they might have life (John 10:10), and we're the bearers of this glorious news.

The Gospel message is the only hope for the world today. It's man's only means of salvation. Paul said, "*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek*" (Romans 1:16). It's your responsibility as a minister of reconciliation to take the message of Christ's salvation to the lost and dying of this world. This is your calling, and you've been empowered for the job!

| PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, necessity is laid upon me to preach the Gospel; it's all that I live for! Thank you for your grace and power at work in me as I reach out to the unsaved with the Gospel, delivering them from darkness into light, and from the power of darkness unto God, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 11:1-16

2 Kings 10-12

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 12:18-27

Numbers 26

FURTHER STUDY:

Luke 15:7

1 Corinthians 9:16

Romans 10:13-15

WEDNESDAY

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A Real Spiritual Birth

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Being born again is much more than changing your behaviour or turning over a new leaf. When you received Christ into your life, something actually happened; there was a real spiritual birth. You were born of the Word of God and the Spirit of God. That's how come you have the life, nature and character of God in your spirit; it's a completely new life.

Romans 6:6 says, *"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."* The "old man," the life you had before you were born again, isn't suspended; it's dead. You're a new man. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."* The Greek rendering of the expression "new creature" refers to a new species of being; one that never existed before—one without a past.

In the presence of God, everything you were, and did before you were born again never existed; there's no record, because you're a new creation, a new being. Christians who are ignorant of this are held in bondage to their past, which invariably makes them ineffective in the things of God.

Understand that your spirit has come alive to God, and seeks only to please Him and do His will now that you're born again. You might ask, "How come some people still do the wrong things even after they've been born again?" The truth is, those things don't come from their human spirit, but from

the “unrenewed” mind and the senses. This is the reason you must keep renewing your mind with the Word. Keep learning, meditating on, and living the Word. That way, you’ll train your spirit to rule over your mind and the flesh.

You’re the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. You’ve been born into a newness of life; live accordingly.

| **CONFESSTION**

I live in victory, and walk in righteousness. The Word of God renews my mind, strengthens my spirit, and purifies my soul. The glory of God is revealed in me today as I meditate on the Word, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 11:17-57
2 Kings 13-15

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 12:28-34
Numbers 27

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 3:9-10
2 Corinthians 5:21
Romans 6:4

THURSDAY

25



Present-hour Truths

Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart (2 Corinthians 3:3).

The epistles are special out-breathings of the Spirit addressed to the new man in Christ, and they mostly consist of present-hour truths. When you study the Pauline revelations, Peter's epistles and some of John's Spirit-inspired thoughts, you'd discover truths that are operative in the "now" of our lives.

For example, Paul tells us, "*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature...*" (2 Corinthians 5:17). This isn't history, a prophecy, or a promise. You aren't going to become a new creation when you get to heaven or after you've prayed hard enough; you're a new creation NOW! It's a fact for today.

Another beautiful present-hour fact is 1 Peter 2:9. It says, "*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.*" You were created to display and manifest the beauty, glory, excellence, holiness, grace, and righteousness of God. This is your calling in Christ Jesus.

When you study Revelation 1:6, you find yet another operative truth: "*And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*" This isn't something to hope for; it's already happened. You're a king-priest, ordained of God to reign in life; to decree a thing and have it established unto you.

Another of such glorious realities is that you're an heir

of God, and a joint-heir with Christ! "*And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ...*" (Romans 8:17). This means everything that belongs to Him belongs to you in the same way and degree that they belong to Him. Both of you own everything one hundred per cent together! Therefore, like Him, you've also been appointed heir of all things. It's for the same reason that Paul said, "...*all things are yours*"(1 Corinthians 3:21).

These are some of the truths about the new creation, which, as a Christian, you must be conscious of and live by. Study the Word to know more, and live in the reality of who you are in Christ!

| PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for imparting me with the knowledge of the truths in your Word, which are operational in the "now" of my life. I'm enlightened in my spirit to grasp deeper and higher truths in your Word, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 12:1-19

2 Kings 16-17

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 12:35-44

Numbers 28

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Timothy 2:15
2 Peter 1:12

FRIDAY

26



He's Unlimited

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God (Psalm 90:2).

Many people have unconsciously placed a limit on God, who He is, and what He's capable of doing. Notice what our opening verse says about His illimitable personality: from everlasting to everlasting, He's God. That means both in the dateless past, and in the dateless future, He is God. Isn't that amazing? No wonder the human mind can't easily grasp things about Him.

1 Corinthians 2:14 says, *"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."* For example, there're those who question the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus. They even say, "How can God, who is neither a woman nor a man, have a son?" When you ask such questions, you're relegating God to the realms of ordinary human beings, and some biological processes. Come on! He's God! Man lives in the three-dimensional world, and all he knows is limited to that realm, but God exists in a far much higher dimension.

In Jeremiah 32:27, He said, *"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?"* When you know Him as the self-existent One, you'll understand how come He could send His Word through an angel to the Virgin Mary, and it produced a child—Jesus—with the agency or the seed of man.

Don't live your life according to speculations and theories of men; there's a higher knowledge. Follow the Word. God isn't a man, and He's not restricted by man's

limitations. He's God Almighty. Trust Him and you'll be blessed.

| PRAYER

Almighty Father, the maker of heaven and earth, and the giver of life, I worship and adore you for who you are. You're great and greatly to be praised. There's none like you! Your ways are higher than the ways of men; you're glorious in majesty. You're the only true God, and I adore you today, trusting you with my life forever, in Jesus' Name.

Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 12:20-50
2 Kings 18-19

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 13:1-11
Numbers 29

FURTHER STUDY:

Matthew 19:26
Jeremiah 32:17

SATURDAY

27



He's Everything You Need

After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward (Genesis 15:1).

The Lord is your exceeding great reward. To have Him is to have everything. He's everything you need in life. He's your satisfaction, your joy, and your fulfilment. Never think, "If I only had this or that, my life would be wonderful." No. What you have is all you need, and you have Christ. Christ is everything. He's all you need to produce whatever else you think you might require.

Turn your attention away from everything else, to the Lord and He'll lead and guide you in the glorious path that He's destined for you. You belong to Jesus Christ, and He's more passionate about your success than you could ever be. Therefore, have no fears; refuse to worry. Rest confidently in His love, knowing that He has everything it takes to lead you in perpetual victory. Refuse to allow anything distract you from serving Him as you should. Set your affection on Him and on the things He cares about. Be a soul winner.

Remember, you're not of this world; therefore, your affection shouldn't be on the things of this world: "*If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth*" (Colossians 3:1-2). All that you are, and all that you have, are in Him. He's your reason for being. Trust Him with your life and He'll order your steps and direct the affairs of your life to be in sync with His perfect will for you.

| **PRAYER**

Blessed Father, I rejoice in you exceedingly, for you're my life and my all! Thank you for the grace you've granted me to be an effective soul winner and a minister of reconciliation. How I love and appreciate you! I live for you alone, and rejoice that you're my everything. Thank you for granting me all that I need to fulfil my destiny in you, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE
READING PLAN:

John 13:1-30

2 Kings 20-22

2 YEAR BIBLE
READING PLAN:

Mark 13:12-23

Numbers 30

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Corinthians 3:21-23

Psalm 34:8-10

Psalm 16:5-9

SUNDAY

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Walking In Full Knowledge

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9).

Observe the Spirit's choice of words through Paul, and his beautiful prayer for God's people in our opening text. He desires that we be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. I'll like you to notice the distinctive word "knowledge." That word is the Greek "Epignosis," and it means absolute knowledge, far removed from speculations and assumptions; it's exact, precise, definite or full knowledge.

The Spirit's desire for you isn't just for you to have an idea or be merely aware of God's will; He wants you to become fully acquainted with His will. He wants you to come into the full comprehension of the will of the Father. Moreover, when you know God, you know all things, for He's the embodiment of all wisdom and knowledge. So, in Christ, you have insight into reality. You can have full knowledge about anything. Can you imagine that?

You might ask, "Why then is this not working for me?" Simple! Hosea 4:6 says, "*My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge....*" First, you have to know about it, like you're learning now. Romans 10:17 says, "*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" Secondly, you have to be conscious of it for it to work. If you don't know it, you can't use it; and if you're not conscious of it, it'll not work.

Thirdly, you have to confess and declare this to be the reality of your life: you're filled with the knowledge of

God's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding! Bring it to your everyday consciousness. Philemon 1:6 says the communication of your faith becomes effective by the "epignosis" of every good thing, which is in you in Christ Jesus. This means as you're brought into this full and special knowledge of all the good things that are in you in Christ Jesus, the demonstration of your faith becomes more productive. Glory to God!

| PRAYER

Lord, I thank you for enlightening my spirit to know and apprehend all that you've made available to me in Christ! I'm walking in the reality of my inheritance; the communication of my faith is effectual, as I walk in the exact, and full knowledge of Christ. I walk in victory, dominion, and success always, in Jesus' Name.

Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John
13:31-14:1-14
2 Kings 23-25

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 13:24-37
Numbers 31

FURTHER STUDY:

Philemon 1:6
Ephesians 3:17-19
Ephesians 1:15-18

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SEED THE NATIONS WITH THE WORD!



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He Makes You Creative And Innovative

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

One of the beautiful and amazing benefits of having the Holy Spirit in your life is that He makes you creative and innovative. He opens your eyes to see what others don't see, and your ears to hear what others don't hear. He anoints your eyes to see the right things, and your mind to understand and conceive lofty ideas.

This brings to mind the famous words of Michelangelo, the great artist. He said, "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free." He saw what he could get out of an ordinary piece of marble, which everyone else thought was just a stone with no value. From that same stone, he went ahead to create the famous statue of David.

You're born of the Master Craftsman, and that makes you a master craftsman yourself. This means you can see value where others don't. You can have creative and innovative ideas; you can bring new things into this world. That's the nature God has given you, because you're His workmanship, His product. Some Christians would say about themselves, "I never have any ideas; I'm not creative." That's wrong. Never talk like that.

God created you in His image and in His likeness (Genesis 1:26), which means He made you to look like Him, and to function like Him, and He's a creator. He can bring something out of previously non-existent materials. God doesn't need to look outside of Himself for the materials with

which to create anything because all He requires is inside Him. Likewise, you can bring something out of nothing. The power is within you through the Holy Spirit.

Your creative abilities aren't limited to what your mind can imagine. You have insight into mysteries and secrets through the Holy Spirit. You have access to divine wisdom. Your mind has been anointed to see further and deeper than that of the ordinary man. Therefore, you should always look inwards for fresh and innovative ideas for your work, and those around you will marvel at the excellence with which you do the things you do.

| CONFESSION

I'm the workmanship of God in Christ Jesus; I'm created for good works. I'm excellent and sound, fruitful and productive in every good work. I'm bearing fruits of righteousness, pleasing the Father in all things. My life is for the glory of God. Hallelujah!

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 14:15-31

1 Chronicles 1-2

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 14:1-11

Numbers 32

FURTHER STUDY:

Genesis 1:1-3

1 John 4:17

Exodus 35:30-35

TUESDAY

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He Is Goodness Personified

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 (James 1:17).

God is good (Psalm 24:1). He's goodness personified, but not many people see or perceive Him as such. They think He wants us afraid and apologetic all the time; so they try to be careful with Him, hoping not to offend Him. God isn't that way. He's not waiting to see you slip or make a mistake so He can sniff from heaven and wipe you off the face of the earth. He's loving and kind.

The Lord Jesus unveiled the Father to us as a loving Father. When He walked the earth, He represented everything that the Father is. The Jews knew God as the God of judgment. Then, they heard Jesus call God "Father"; that was new, and they understood what it meant. The Bible says, "*Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him*" (John 10:31). They wanted to kill Him for daring to call God His Father, thus making Himself equal with God.

The Jews weren't acquainted with the God who loves the world so much as to give His only Son to die in their place. They knew Him as a consuming fire; therefore, they couldn't relate with Him. They couldn't be persuaded, because their opinion and perception of Him was wrong.

God is love, and cares so much for you, up to the strands of hair on your head: "*Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows*" (Matthew 10:29-31). That's why He doesn't want you to be worried or fretful over anything in life. He's

aware you require money, clothing, food, shelter and all the necessities of life, and has already made them available to you.

He said in 1 Corinthians 3:21, “*...All things are yours*”; believe and accept it, for it’s true. Live with the consciousness that God has truly made everything you’d ever require for a triumphant life here on earth available to you in Christ Jesus. Enjoy your life by simply accepting His Word and living accordingly.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I praise and thank you for your goodness in my life. Thank you for caring so much for me, for granting me everything I require to live triumphantly on earth. Christ is glorified in me today, and His righteousness is unveiled through me, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John 15:1-17

1 Chronicles 3-4

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 14:12-21

Numbers 33

FURTHER STUDY:

Matthew 6:25-34
Philippians 4:6

WEDNESDAY

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Levels Of Maturity

For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil (Hebrews 5:13-14).

Some Christians get very excited to read 1 Corinthians 1:30: “*But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.*” Then, they come across James 1:5: “*If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him*” and get confused. “Should one still ask for wisdom after Christ has been made unto us wisdom?” they wonder. Now, those two verses aren’t contradictory at all; it’s about levels of maturity in Christ.

The Scriptures are given to us to guide and lead us, and as you study, you’ll find that there’re different kinds of instructions for different groups of Christians on the basis of their maturity. Some are addressed to the babes in Christ; others, to the maturing in Christ, and then, there’re instructions for the “fathers” or the spiritually mature in Christ.

The one who’s still a babe in Christ may quote and confess that Christ has been made unto him wisdom, but he hasn’t really caught it. His words and actions may still be incongruous with the Word, and the wisdom of God. He isn’t yet manifesting wisdom, which is a fruit of righteousness. He still acts and thinks like the rest of the world, like those without wisdom. So, James says to such a fellow, “Ask that wisdom becomes a reality in your life.”

Remember, it's children, the babes in Christ, that ask for things. Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given unto you"; He related it with children asking their father for bread (Luke 11:9-12). The spiritually mature doesn't ask for anything, because he lacks nothing in Christ. This has become his living consciousness. This is the level God wants you to grow into, where you know that all things are yours; you're not asking for wisdom, but walking in wisdom.

| **CONFESION**

I'm bearing fruits of righteousness, and the glory of God is revealed in me today in wisdom, power and might! I live in victory and dominion over the elements of this world, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

John
15:18-16:1-16

1 Chronicles 5-6

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 14:22-31

Numbers 34

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Corinthians 3:21-22
Galatians 4:1-2

PRAYER OF SALVATION

We trust you have been blessed by this devotional. We invite you to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life by praying thus:

"O Lord God, I believe with all my heart in Jesus Christ, Son of the living God. I believe He died for me and God raised Him from the dead. I believe He's alive today. I confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life from this day. Through Him and in His Name, I have eternal life; I'm born again. Thank you Lord, for saving my soul! I'm now a child of God. Halleluiah!"

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I was once in dire need of a job; I searched everywhere to no avail. But then, I got born again after studying Rhapsody of Realities, and my life changed as I learnt how to apply the Word to every aspect of my life. Not long afterwards, I was offered a job! I also became the first in my family to get married the proper way. That's what God's Word can do!

-W. Nyaruwa; Zimbabwe

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I had been born again, but wasn't living to my full potentials in Christ. I was still being intimidated by situations and circumstances, but after persistent study of Rhapsody of Realities, I started to discover my full potentials in Christ. The Word built me up, and now I preach the Gospel with boldness everywhere I go. Even my prayers are different now; I don't pray because I have problems. Rather, I fellowship with God through speaking in other tongues. Hallelujah!

-S. Aimé Césair; Ghana

FUNGAL INFECTION GONE!

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Reading Rhapsody of Realities has transformed my life. I've experienced rich fellowship with the Holy Spirit. I used to have fungal infection, which affected my skin seriously. After saying the prayer on healing in one of the devotionals, the infection disappeared!

-P. Alada; Nigeria

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-H. Dunde; Ghana

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