



SPIRITUAL MILK FOR THE NEW BELIEVER

*“O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he has
“done marvellous things:his right hand, and his holy arm,
has gotten him the victory.” Psalms 98:1*

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he gave power to become children of God; who were born not
of nor of blood nor of the will of flesh nor of the will
of man, but of God"*

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Preface

1Peter 2:2. "Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation"

As a Christian counselor who is always in contact and connection with new converts. I have from the depths of my spirit desired to publish a simple and easy to understand book for newborn baby Christians. For a long time in my prayer closet, I have been yearning from the deepest parts of my heart, with undiluted desire to see young converts being built up in the knowledge of the truth, for them to be able to learn the real nature of the new life they have received and seeing them channeling their energy in the direction of our Lord and Savior Jesus. Spiritual milk represents those foundational truths that nurture new believers. Spiritual milk is designed for those taking their first steps in faith. The apostle Peter explicitly encourages believers to crave pure spiritual milk. As new Christians consume these basic teachings, they establish the foundation necessary for deeper understanding and stronger faith in their walk with God. Spiritual milk describe elementary Christian teachings. The apostle Peter directly references this concept in

1 Peter 2:2-3, "as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious."

It is very important for a new believer to have pure spiritual nourishment. In biblical context, spiritual milk represents foundational Christian doctrines essential for spiritual development. These basic teachings include repentance, faith toward God, baptism, understanding spiritual birth, the real you, the new creation, sanctification, justification, deliverance, the nature of God, indwelling of the Holy Spirit, joining a bible believing church, prayer and bible study, handling persecution and opposition, cutting off bad companion, developing companion with faithful Christians and dealing with bad thoughts. Spiritual milk serves as an entry point for new believers before advancing to more complex theological concepts.

The desire to see young Christians being rooted and grounded in the Word of God matched the desire of God for souls, causing the Holy Spirit to come in contact with me and at the same time moving me to write a useful tool in feeding new believers who have made a decision and set their lives towards an earnest and fruitful Christian life. This publication is designed for believers who have recently chosen Christ as their Lord and personal Savior, for them to be fed with the spiritual milk, founded on the basic truths upon which infant Christians will build a strong and effective life in Christ, a life rooted and grounded in the Word of God, for the new believer to understand that as new converts, they have believed and received Christ and Christ has also received them and given them his very kind of life that is eternal, they are now God's children, royal priesthood, people who live by faith not sight; that they may grow on the unshakeable rock, maturing and becoming priesthood who are able to offer spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Young Christians are vulnerable, just as new-born babies, they can easily be tossed to and fro and be carried about with every wind of doctrine and the deceptive bait of the devil. The foundation of baby Christians is very important, without it many new converts will struggle with stunted growth because many new born again Christians after church meetings, they go back to where they have little or no godly counsel or help, some new born again Christians go back to their husbands/wives who are not born again, unbelievers who put their lives on risk of backsliding and going astray, they are encircled by unbelievers who maybe struggling with drug and alcohol addictions, violent behaviors and outburst of wrath, anger and bitterness, born again children maybe going back home to face parents, guardians relatives and friends who are still lost in sin. We should also sympathize with new believers who are going through anxiety, depression, insecurities, suicidal thoughts, trauma anger and many different anxieties. Praying in my prayer closet and meditating I looked upon the Word of God and gave God all the glory and honor for His Word which is able to shape, mold and transform believers into the real image of God. I thank God for the power of the Word, nutritional diet that feed young tender spirits and souls of new believers

making them willingly, joyfully and trustingly surrender their lives hopes, dreams in the hands of the Lord, I truly acknowledge and give thanks to the Lord for the power and impact of His Word. The unspeakable joy fills my most inner being seeing young converts developing the nature of God, dismantling the old self and letting go ungodly soul ties and strongholds that were lodged in their hearts. They are certain topics that are too heavy for young believers. Those topics will confuse them more and cause them to think they are not making progress those sermons and teachings must be put back on the shelves until young Christians are able to handle those topics. Young believers, are still struggling with flesh issues, jealousies, quarrels, gossiping, malice, anger, hatred, unforgiveness, selfishness, self-centeredness, failing to share or blessing others. They are at a stage of learning to walk in true righteousness like a baby learning his first steps. When the baby starts to walk, he falls down over and over again. It does not matter how often he falls and within certain limit it does not matter how hard he falls. The parents continue to give loving support until the baby walks steadily. It is the same with our heavenly Father, He continues giving loving support, approval and encouragement to help young Christians grow and mature in true righteousness.

Young Christian will learn to walk in righteousness by the power of the Holy Spirit that enables them to do right.

Ezekiel 36:27 "And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them."

The Spirit of the Lord obligates young converts to take their spiritual milk and to do the will and purpose of God. He the Holy Spirit propel young Christians to say and do what is right. The Holy Spirit will stimulate you on the right path of life. As a result, your walk in life will be a walk in the right direction because of the power of the Holy Spirit that is at work in your spirit.

New believers must not at all be treated like mature Christians give the love time and space to grow help them with their spiritual milk.

New believers have to crave the spiritual milk, that helps them to turn away from old existence

Turn away from old sins

Galatians 5:16-. "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God."

Turn away from the world

1 John 2: 15-18" Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time."

Turn away from old self

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

Turn away from darkness

1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Stay away from forbidden practices

Deuteronomy 18:9-12 "When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee."

Isaiah 8:19-22 "And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward. And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness."

Spiritual milk will help young Christians turn to right living

Romans 6:18 "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."

I am confident that what the Lord has impressed in my heart shall be a blessing to young Christians as they build on the unshakeable rock of all ages JESUS CHRIST. As you diligently study this material continue referring to the Bible. May God grant you the Spirit of wisdom, knowledge and understanding, may God's grace shape your now and future according to His principles.

CHAPTER ONE

Understanding Salvation

1 Thessalonians 5:23 "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ"

The greatest decision that you will ever make and never regret is to follow and serve the Lord with all your heart and soul. A person who walks with the Lord is well positioned in life. Nothing can destroy the life of a believer whose life's passion, desire, emotions and appetite are founded on the Word of God and the gospel. Salvation is the most beautiful thing that can ever happen to a person, it is the deliverance of the spirit, soul and body from sin imparted in our spirits at the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, it is being saved and protected from satanic schemes and all dark forces. Salvation is life in Christ, living and operating by the power of the Holy Spirit and enjoying the victory Jesus Christ won for us on the Cross of Calvary. It takes the deliverance, justification, glorification, transformation and sanctification of the spirit, soul, and body for a person to be made whole. Justification is being made right with God, it happens the moment we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior, deliverance is being set free from the kingdom of darkness and its control, it is being set free from demonic influences and fleshly behaviors. Sanctification is a life long process where we daily partake the Word of God, beholding the Word and letting it transform us in the image of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, sanctification is becoming holy like Jesus, glorification is being perfectly in unity with God and being transformed by God in eternity.

Salvation is what separates us from darkness bringing us to the

marvelous light of Jesus. Salvation reconciles us to God, it is living by God's principles, preventing acting on sinful nature, it includes eternal life, without salvation, a person remains in a state of spiritual death, separated from God, not knowing who they really are, their purpose in life and their future and eternity. Salvation is not merely about avoiding hell and getting into heaven; it is also about experiencing abundant life and peace now in a relationship with God. It also offers liberation from the shame and guilt of sinning. Salvation offers forgiveness and cleansing, allowing us to move on without guilt or penalty or sin. All acts of deliverance are totally in God's power and expressed to us through His loving kindness, mercy and grace. God's plan of salvation is a way to reconcile sinful humans with God because no one can be saved by being an extra-good person or doing more good deeds.

True and permanent salvation is birthed from a sincere heart desiring God to take away the sinful nature and replacing with His nature of righteousness. Spiritual birth is rooted in willingness to let go sin and accept the righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ because our own righteousness are filthy rags.

Isaiah 64:6 "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities like the wind, have taken us away"

Salvation comes to you when you have faith in Jesus Christ. It is not attained by good works or by being a good person.

Ephesians 2:8-9: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

As a sinner you have to acknowledge your need for salvation: Recognize from the depth of your heart that you are a sinner and you need God's forgiveness. Believe in Jesus Christ, have faith that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose from the dead for your justification. Repentance means turning away from sin and committing to live a new life aligned with God's will. Confess the Lordship of Jesus: publicly or

privately declare Jesus as your Savior and Lord. We are all redeemed by a process called salvation. You are delivered, justified and sanctified, you are declared righteous. Its not of your making or your own works of righteousness, outside Christ you can never be righteous. When you receive our Lord Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, His sanctification or holiness instantly fills your spirit, soul and body. During the born again experience, your spirit, soul and body receive the newness of life.

Hebrews. 10:14 "Christ's sacrifice has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified or being made holy. "

Christ perfected us for all times that word perfected in this verse indicate tense meaning it is a done deal. The deliverance of the soul is not noticeable at start, this does not mean you are not saved or you are not a child of God, soul deliverance is also represented by being made holy, indicating continuous action. Soul deliverance will manifest in phases as believers grow in Christ, day by day. When we believe that only Jesus is our Savior we are justified and instantly declare the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Sanctification of the soul is a process. Sanctification of the soul, will continue manifesting as you daily partake the Word of God, it is a long life process. Our Lord Jesus has become wisdom to us, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. It's completed work. Christ has become our wisdom, but we are not perfectly wise every moment of every day, but we are certainly growing in wisdom every day through daily leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit and Scripture reading, we also grow through the blood of Christ that purifies our conscience from dead works making us able to worship the living God, the verb purifies is in the present tense, so it is an ongoing process. Our Lord Jesus has become our holiness or sanctification, but we are not now perfectly holy or sanctified every moment but certainly we are growing in holiness every day through daily leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we daily study and meditate on scriptures, that is the present participle of "*being sanctified or being made holy.*"

It is now your responsibility to work out what God worked in your mind and body and spirit, working out your own salvation with fear and trembling. Progress for soul deliverance is a process, it is your duty to work on deleting old mindset and aligning your thinking with the Word of God.

Your soul is delivered and freed from mental oppression at your new birth, because you are empowered to have the mind of Christ, no demon can stop you from having the mind of Christ, your mind is empowered to have dominion over sin and death. Your mind is empowered to make every thought captive and make it obey God. In Christ you are given the power to destroy old and detrimental mind-sets.

The deliverance of the soul is a process that works according to your willingness to change your mind set by renewing your mind with the Word of God. It is a process of daily partaking the Word of God replacing old mind sets by feeding your mind with the Word of God.

As you renew your mind with the Word, three things are happening, one, you are feeding your spirit being, the real you, your spirit is growing and maturing in wisdom, knowledge and grace, you are gaining favor of God and men, two, you are being delivered from mental oppression because you are replacing old thinking habits with the mind of Christ, and thirdly, your body is being healed from sicknesses and diseases, that is called deliverance of the body. Deliverance works hand in hand with repentance, without true repentance, there is no deliverance.

Repentance is a deliberate decision to stop sinning and disobeying God. It is turning to right living by abandoning sin, evil, desires of the flesh, worldly attitudes and worldly appetites, and everything else that displeases and hinders our relationship with our heavenly Father.

CHAPTER TWO

You are delivered spirit, soul and body

Colossians 1:12-13 "giving thanks unto to the Father who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness to the kingdom of His beloved Son"

Deliverance is the permanent removal of sinful nature, it is part of the finished work our Lord Jesus did on the Cross of Calvary, in which Jesus won the war against sin and its consequences. We are delivered from bondage, demonic covenants, demonic spirits, evil entities, slavery, torment, our sins, the sins of our forefathers, from covenants we made knowingly or unknowingly, we are delivered from sicknesses and diseases that stood as strongholds in our lives, from darkness, spiritual attacks, Satan's schemes, addictions, mental oppression, curses; poverty and from many other strongholds.

You are redeemed by a process called salvation. You are delivered justified and sanctified, you are declared righteous you now begin a new journey in Christ totally different from the life you were living.

When you are in Christ in other words, your union with Christ is what makes you righteous, its not of your making or your own works of righteousness, outside Christ you can never be righteous. When you receive our Lord Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, His sanctification or holiness instantly fills your spirit, soul and body. During the born again experience your spirit, soul and body receive the newness of life. Your spirit is no longer owned or ruled by the devil. Your soul is delivered from mental oppression and your body from sicknesses and diseases. The spirit is restored as the image and likeness of God immediately.

Spiritual deliverance.

When you confess the Lordship of Christ Jesus, salvation and transformation takes place in your spirit and immediately right there and then you made a new creation. The devil is no longer your lord and master he has lost the right to possess you and control you, he has lost right to rule and reign over your life. Jesus is now your Lord and Master the One who purchased you with His precious blood. Before one is born again he/she is possessed by the devil. To be possessed means to be controlled spirit, soul, and body by the devil. When one spirit is possessed spirit, soul and body, the only way is deliverance of the spirit, soul and body by receiving Jesus. When you get born again your spirit is regenerated made new just like Jesus Spirit.

Acknowledging the Lordship of Jesus means that Jesus is the ruler, the boss, the master of your whole life. He cannot be Lord of a part of your, He must be given control of your entire life your whole life spirit, soul and body. the most important truth in the Christian life and salvation is the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Lordship of Jesus cannot be separated from the name of Jesus.

Philippians 2:9-11 "Therefore God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven and those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"

When the Lordship of Jesus is a settled issue in the Christian's life, all other issues are settled, because as you acknowledge the Lordship you do not struggle to be led and guided by Jesus. You do not

struggle with serving God; witnessing and soul winning; stewardship of time, talent, and gifts or being faithful to God's work; missions; and many other aspects of Christian responsibility. . When Jesus is Lord of a person's life, he will fulfill his duties, obligations, and responsibilities with joy. The lordship of Jesus has both future and present relevance in our lives. There is coming a day when every person who has ever lived will bow and acknowledge that Jesus Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. But for the Christian that great confession should be an everyday reality. A Christian should live moment by moment in faithful submission to the lordship of Jesus Christ.

Understanding Spiritual birth and spiritual deliverance.

John 1:12-13 "But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave them power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

Spiritual birth is the process by which one is born of the Spirit of God, this process occurs when a sinner believes that Jesus came to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15 "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners"

The sinner express true sorrow for his sins, desiring repentance that is sincere, longing to be washed and set free from his transgressions. The prayer of king David after his fall was not only for his sins to be forgiven but for God to cleanse and purify his heart. He longed for purity, holiness, joy of the Spirit, harmony and communion with God.

God will forgive us for any sin, and translate us into His kingdom of light when we are willing to give up sin. God is not so desperate as to negotiate for anything less than complete agreement with Him.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" Isaiah 1:18

Psalms 51:1 -15 "Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight, so that thou art justified in thy sentence and blameless in thy judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which thou hast broken rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will return to thee. Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of thy deliverance. O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise."

When a sinner confess the Lordship of our Savior Jesus Christ, God grant forgiveness and salvation through Jesus' sacrificial death; that very moment, the Holy Spirit breathes new life, transforming a sinner into a child of God and a member of God's family.

You might not really understand the process of conversion, that does not mean that you are not converted, after the salvation prayer you are declared born anew;

1Peter 1:23 "You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God."

The angels of heaven rejoice and celebrate over souls that repent. You are welcomed to the family of God.

Hebrews 12:22-24 "But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to a judge who is God of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks more graciously than the blood of Abel."

Understating Soul deliverance through the power of salvation

Many Christians wrongly believe that after they have been born again and filled by the Holy Spirit, their soul does not need to be worked on, your soul needs to be renewed and set free from sin and the effects of sin and you have been empowered to work on your soul. The salvation and the transformation and immediately newness of life took place in your spirit forming a new

creation. Your soul is still tarnished or soiled by the sinful nature and it needs to be progressively released and transformed by renewing your mind with the Word of God. That is how you obtain soul deliverance. His sanctification or holiness instantly fills your spirit, soul and body. Now you work out what God worked in your spirit, soul and body.

When your carnal mind dominates your spiritual mind you need to study the Word of God more and more and let the Word of God dwell richly in your heart by faith. Carnal mind is filled with anxiety, doubt, fear disbelief and hopelessness, spiritual mind is filled with hope, faith peace, love, happiness and certainty.

A child of God must not be governed by carnal mind that is the five natural senses, sight, touch, taste, smell and hearing. Spiritually minded Christians have their attention on the unseen realities. Carnally minded people say I am sick, I am broke whilst the spiritually minded Christian says I am healed, I am rich. Grow up in Christ by investing in the study of the Word and become spiritual minded.

Soul deliverance confuses many young converts because they also want instant soul conversion, in counselling session many young Christians always ask these questions, "why do I struggle with old self feelings of fear and rejection when I am prayerful, and I fast, and the Word of God itself agrees with me that I am born again and it says behold everything is new I am now a new creation in Christ and all things have been made new in me, why I am still struggling with depression, sin, anxiety, immorality, bad thoughts, rejection, failure, addictions, unforgiveness pornography, promiscuity, homosexuality, illnesses and fear, just as I was before everything was made new." The answer and solution to mental oppression is renewing your mind with the Word of God. It is only in Christ that you find mental freedom, in Him you are set free from wrong thoughts, negative mind sets, and strongholds that have been formed in your minds from maybe the way you were

raised, the abuse you suffered, the rejection, failure, ill-treatment you endured, divorce, bereavement, addictions, abandonment and diseases . As you earnestly and prayerfully study the Word, the Holy Spirit your helper, will begin to help you discern and understand the Word of God. Lets say you are studying on the subject of forgiveness the Holy Spirit will shade light on the power of forgiveness and how unforgiveness hinder your progress and spiritual growth. As you study the Word of God, the Holy Spirit will do a work in you helping you to understand the power of forgiveness and how unforgiveness hatred and grudges hinder spiritual growth and progress, repent and ask God for forgiveness. If you refuse to repent you block God, from demolishing the strongholds of unforgiveness. Repent by turning to right living, break any agreement with negative thoughts and make agreement with God's Word and principles. The Word of God is the way the truth and the life. Abandon negative thoughts, abandoning negative thoughts means aligning your thoughts with the Word of God, having the mind of Christ, being in total agreement with God spirit, soul and body, it is removing, or to cutting ties with wrong thoughts. Abandon thoughts of poverty, fear, unbelief, confusion, discouragement, depression, rebellion, and wrong ideas. Uproot from them from the roots and give those thoughts no opportunity to spring again.

Make every thought captive and make it obey God.

2 Corinthians 10:5 "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

As soon as a wrong thought comes to your mind, you must take

authority over it, do not entertain it, cooperate with it, or meditate upon it. Wrong thoughts are poisonous arrows from the enemy, and if you are not vaccinated with the Word the enemy will keep on poisoning you mind oppressing you mentally.

Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable if anything is excellent or praise worthy think about such things."

Isaiah 26:3 "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast because they trust in you"

Our thoughts have a powerful impact on our actions and our wellbeing. Negative thoughts often hurt our spiritual growth, physical health and take away our joy. Now that we are children of God, we are empowered to conquer bad thoughts, by focusing and filling our minds with God's truth. It takes practice to align negative thinking patterns, when you do not make effort to deliberately change your thoughts to focus on the things that are good and noble you face stagnant spiritual growth, when you recognize an evil thought, make that thought captive and make it obey God immediately.

2 Corinthians 10:5 "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

Replace the evil thought with the truth found in God's Word.

Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, what ever is admirable if anything is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things"

The Word of God is filled with wisdom knowledge, understanding and guidance to help us change negative thinking patterns by aligning our thinking with God's truth. Study the Word of God, meditate, confess, declare and decree. God's Word is a powerful tool in controlling your thoughts. What you think, confess, declare and decree you become. Erase old sinful ways of thinking, but never leave an empty space in your mind , immediately fill your mind with good thoughts found in the Bible.

Psalm 119:11, " I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you"

Make the Bible part of your every day life. Memorize as much scriptures as you can. When evil thoughts come into your mind, immediately turn your attention to God's Word.

Matthew 4:4 But he answered, "It is written, "

Evil thoughts come from Satan, they must be resisted The most wonderful thing about resisting the devil is that he flee.

James 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you"

The devil's strategy is to place evil thoughts in the mind, for those who lack knowledge to act on those evil thoughts. Whenever evil thoughts enter your mind make that thought captive and align it with God's truths, as you change bad thoughts your character is also being transformed to Christlike character. When we do this, the enemy will not be able to guess our thoughts or anticipate our reactions because our behavior will no longer be based on the

desires of the flesh. Stay in permanent communion with Jesus and continually renew your mind. Seek supernatural encounters with His presence, which will bring transformation to your mind and heart.

As soon as your mind begins to be transformed to work think and act as the mind of Christ the devil has lost ground and territory to God, because the enemy lives in bad thoughts, ignorance and rebellion. If you stop studying the Word of God with a humble and prayerful heart, if you neglect the spiritual knowledge, wisdom and understanding old thought patterns and old habits will start to resurface. The renewal of our mind is not a choice but a requirement; Renewal always establishes the will plan and purpose of God in our lives it keeps our minds focused, our faith on high levels and our eyes on Jesus. Your mind must be set by you on the things of above where Christ is seated.

Colossians 3:2 "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

Do not be double minded it weakens your mind and it creating doubts and opening to receive demonic suggestions and allows the devil to take you back to old self.

James 1:8 "A doubleminded man unstable in all his ways"

Make a conscious decision to believe what God has said put the devil to shame because the devil is our enemy he has a way of pervading minds that has not yet decided to believe or commit itself to what God commanded, stand in perfect trust and faith for you to be in a position to open doors of blessing, favor, grace, and opportunities.

Program your mind to a system of meditating on the Word of God. Our minds are vehicles and we always reach where our mind has been set. If you have not established your mind in God, the enemy will set your direction for you, he will order your footsteps. As a born again child of God it is your spiritual milk to know that your destiny is in Christ and the Holy Spirit and the Word will provide you with the direction and the plan that will enable you to arrive safely at your destination. Break any agreement with wrong thoughts.

confession

I come in to agreement with the mind of Christ.

I renounce every wrong thought, argument, reasoning, and imagination mind-set that conforms to worldly thinking, unbelief, lack, sexual immorality, fear, rebellion, stubbornness, and anything that is against the will of God.

I take every thought captive to the Lordship of Jesus Christ

Body deliverance

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (1 Peter 2:24)

Body deliverance is a process of healing the body. Our Lord devoted more time to heal the sick; wherever he went he healed the lame, blind, paralytic and all kinds of diseases. Christ took our infirmities and bore our sickness you no longer have to be sick. Sickness and disease is one of the reasons why Jesus came to destroy the works of Satan.

God's name is not glorified when His children are vexed and tormented with sickness, diseases and infirmities; that cause grievous vexation, lunacy, blindness, deafness and dumbness. The cruel lash that tore the pieces of Jesus' cutting across the deep furrows, healed mankind from cancer, HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, sugar diabetes, heart problems, tumors, kidney problems, blindness, deafness, dumbness and many diseases that the devil may inflict on humans. Nothing can keep you from being healed if you are willing to act whole heartedly on the Word. There is no room for ifs, might's, hope so if you want total healing. God is completely dependable. His promises are sure and When you are prayed for either by church elders, pastors, members of your family or friends, claim victory and close your case. You can even lay your own hands and pray for yourself, after praying for yourself also claim victory and close your case. God has promised to get you well and he will keep his promise.

When symptoms and pains of affliction return; launch into the deep with the God's Word and by your faith and not your feelings. Never let those symptoms to cause you to doubt what God has done for you. Do not look back; the wife of Lot looked back and lost her life. You will lose your healing if you doubt. Declare and decree that you are the healed one of God, living in perfect and divine health. Confess and meditate on the Word of God concerning your case. Stop talking about your affliction and diseases. Sickness is the work of the devil, if you delight in talking about sickness you are broadcasting the works of the devil and definitely it will do you no good. Do not listen to the deceit of the devil; instead spread the wonderful works of God.

The Samaritan woman who met Jesus at the well rushed into the city and invited others to come and see. In John 9:9-12 the man who was blind when he received his healing, did not hesitate to tell others of the miracle. Do not be frightened, stand up for Jesus who has performed wonderful miracles of healing in your life. Stand up even if your friends does not believe divine healing, yes stand up and keep your healing. When Christ heals he does not only cure he also transforms the spirit, soul and body. Jesus heals more than the body; he heals and transforms the whole person; because physical health cannot be separated from spirit and the soul. In most cases physical sickness is caused by mental problems. Anxiety, worry and sleeplessness contribute to poor health. Sometimes sickness comes as a result of sinful actions.

Cases of illnesses are different In the book of Job, Job got sick even though he was a blameless man who feared God and shun evil, his friends suggested that his personal illness was as a result of hidden sins; they believed that somehow his sinfulness has caused his misfortunes and illness. Some cases are indeed for the glory of the Lord.

Let your mind be saturated with this truth it is the will of God to heal you. When you have sinned humbly come to him with a repentant heart like the prodigal son, he returned to his father's house with a truly repentant heart. Sinning gives the devil the upper hand to steal, kill and destroy your health, finances, ministry, marriages and all that is connected to us; but when you have done wrong humbly ask God for forgiveness God is faithful and just to forgive you and cleanses from all unrighteousness. God promised healing.

God has obliged Himself to deliver His people. God does not want his children to suffer the terrible penalty of sickness when his son suffered that we will not suffer

"But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

Mar 1:34 And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him

"And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee." (Exodus 15:26)

"But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs." Mark 7:27

"That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Matthew 8:17

"And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee." (Deuteronomy 7:15)

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (1 Peter 2:24)

"And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." (Exodus 23:25)

Maintaining your body deliverance

Christians should realize that our bodies belong to God. Knowing that our bodies are as much part of God's good creation as your spirits and souls, and they do have a definite purpose in God's plan and cannot be used against His will, such knowledge, wisdom and understanding put the way you use your bodies on an entirely different light, causing our bodies to be in honor and reverence of the Creator.

What you do with your body knowingly or unknowingly affects your relationship with God, lack of knowledge makes the ignorant perish. You cannot defile your body and think you will live within peacefully. Unfortunately, some Christians are double minded. They want the way of the world and the way of God at the same time; when believers walk in the way of double mindedness they fail miserably to discern or understand the perfect will of God.

James 1:7 "For that person must not suppose that a double minded man, unstable in all his ways, will receive anything from the Lord."

As a born again child of God you should recognize that your body is

created for the perfect will of God and for His glory. This is a principle that will help you in your life time even in building strong marriage. Let your bodies be the kind that pleases God, train your soul and body to want things that are in alignment with the will and purpose of God.

You have to train your bodies to kneel down in worship, bodies must be trained to stand up in prayer, bodies must be trained to fast and pray, to fellowship with God and to enjoy sitting, standing or lying comfortably whilst studying the Word or in fellowship with the Holy Spirit, your body must be put under subjection. Most bodies are trained to watch television, play games, eat food and spend time gossiping on internet but the most important things that are spirit and life, the things that hold the body in perfect oneness is ignored and neglected.

Training the body to do something new is not easy, so we all need the Holy Spirit. Its not easy to train your body to fast or stand up and pray all-night. Training can cause pain. The moment you start a new diet of fasting the body wants to remind you of all the things you are going to miss surely we cannot live with the flesh in control, we cannot allow sin to be in control. Sin is toxic to couples and their marriages. It opens doors that allow the spiritual force of death to have influence. Tap into the power of God by positioning your mind and body.

Apostle Paul says, "If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

The physical body is not responsible for the actions one acts upon whether good or bad. The things your body act upon is a

reflection of who you really are, the attitude and character of the inner man. Jesus said remain in me and I will remain in you that include your bodies. You can never built a happy body to body oneness when you cheat or use your bodies for ungodly purposes.

Your body is the temple of God

1 Corinthians 6:19 "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?"

When you use your bodies according to the will of God, fruitfulness is achieved in your life. When you say yes to God, accepting by faith what Jesus did for you and trusting His grace and forgiveness to save you, then God puts His Spirit inside you as a guarantee of your salvation. When God puts His Spirit inside you, your body becomes a temple a living sanctuary of God, a residence for His love. Couples should not abuse, vandalize or damage the temple dedicated to God. When you commit adultery, cheat, steal, lie, watch pornography, have extra marital affairs , when you deprive your body of rest and sleep, when you overeat, stress and carry anxieties in your bodies you are actually destroying your bodies, the temple meant for God's glory.

1Corinthians 6:19 "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own;"

2Corinthians 6:16 "What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Your body belong to God, it is God's property, instruments of righteousness, not yours to use for worldly purposes. God expects you

to take care of your body not to profane it, you are the steward of your body, you are the caretaker.

Taking care of your body is an issue of spiritual stewardship. When you also profane your body by indulging in sexual promiscuity you also ruining the temple of God. Use your bodies according to the will of God one day you will have to give an account on how well you took care of your body.

Psalms 78:7-8 "so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God but keep His commandments and they should not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God"

Your body belongs to Jesus

1 Corinthians 12:27 " Now you are the body of Christ and Individually members of it."

You will stand before God and give an account on what you did with your body, ask God for forgiveness for profaning and contaminating His holy temple, ask God's mercy for not using our bodies the way God meant our to be bodies used, as His holy temple, correct the error whilst we still have the time. We cannot please God with bodies that are defiled and vandalized, our bodies as believers should be cleansed and sanctified, let your bodies be purified from everything that contaminates.

Romans 8:12-13 "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

Minds are filled with worldly pleasures has a way of directing their bodies on paths of darkness that ruin our bodies, minds that are filled with the Word of God set upon the things of heaven are automatically positioned to live for the glory of the Lord spirit, soul and body.

Many Christians ruin their lives because of using their bodies as they want. The truth is we do not own our bodies, God does and we do not use our bodies according to our will or go wherever we feel like going, the footsteps of the righteous man are ordered by the Lord, that means our bodies are directed by the Lord. God created your bodies, and He expects you to use your bodies the way He intended for it to be used. Many rebel and endanger their lives. Some Christians out of ignorance declare that their bodies belong to them and can use them anyhow. But God says, you're wrong. It's not your body, because you didn't create it. God made it, and He gave it to you to use not according to your will but according to His will and to live in it as your earthly tent or housing whilst you are on the planet earth.

*1 Corinthians 12:27 "Now you are the body of Christ
and Individually members of it."*

The body is not meant for sexual immorality

*1 Corinthians 6:13 "... The body is not meant for immorality,
but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body."*

Our bodies are not to be made members of prostitutes. The Bible says you should flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples

of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. Your body is holy because God made it, and everything God makes has a purpose. We are to bring glory to God with our bodies, so we can't label that the spirit and soul matters more than the body. God owns your body and He wants it to be used according to His perfect will.

Our bodies have been bought with a price

1 Peter 1:18-19 "You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers such as silver or gold but with the precious blood of Jesus, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."

We were bought not of perishable things but the precious blood of Jesus. Being bought with the blood of Jesus mean your bodies has been redeemed, where the blood of our forefathers transferred generational curses of sicknesses and disease the blood of Jesus speaks victory over diseases canceling every written records of diseases, canceling any ancestral blood lines that connect us to ungodly body use like; adultery, pornography, idol worship, wickedness, curses and sins of our forefathers. As a child of God you were bought with a price and there is need for you to glorify God in your body.

*1Corinthians 6:20 "you were bought with a price..
So glorify God in your body."*

Jesus paid for our bodies when He died for us on the cross. Your body is more valuable than you will ever imagine. Jesus was wounded for your spirit, soul and your body to be redeemed, He was bruised, chastised and stripped. He gave his precious life and spilled his precious blood to purchase and redeem your spirit, soul and body. If you want to have a glimpse of how valuable your spirit, soul and body is to God, just look at the Cross. With His arms outstretched, nailed to the cross, crown of thorns on his head, beard plucked out, the spear piercing his side, the love displayed on the cross shows how valuable your spirit, soul and body is. Christ died for your body as well because he bought us with his precious blood, it is necessary to take care of your body by using it according to the will of God.

Do not let sin reign in your body

Romans 6:12-13 "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not yield your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but yield yourselves to God as men who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments of righteousness."

Do not allow sin to reign in their mortal bodies, to make them obey its passions, do not yield their members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but yield themselves to God as children of God who have been brought from death to life, and their members as instruments of righteousness.

CHAPTER THREE

You are delivered from fleshly and demonic influences

As a new convert you have to learn from the early stages of your Christian life to change worldly and ungodly appetites to kingdom diets and principles. No one can cast the flesh it is your duty to drink your spiritual milk and to crucify the flesh in other words stop worldly diets and cravings.

No one can cast out the flesh. If the problems are caused by demons we can cast the demons but if the problem is being caused by fleshly desires you have to kill the flesh by starving those desires.

The flesh in this context does not refer to our physical bodies but to the corruption of sin working from within to pervert our thoughts, desires, and motivations. Not all problems are demonic; and not all problems are fleshly but both sources can incite negative behaviors,

At the fall of our first parents Adam and Eve fleshly desires or sinful nature took root in the hearts of people. The solution to fleshly or carnal behaviors is to crucify the flesh and cause it to submit to Christ. It will require daily dying to old sin nature.

Fleshly behaviors and habits attract demons. Many Christians do not deal with the flesh and worldly appetites; they allow the flesh to dominate their lives, by continuously feeding fleshly desires. Such living produces sin and failure to overcome sin, which ultimately leads to ungodly behaviors and character. Those Christians who pursue the life of the Spirit, will experience peace and joy now on earth and eternally. The remedy for the flesh is to “crucify” it, “crucifying” the flesh is an effective way to live in line with the Spirit.

If you are struggling with fear look for scriptures that will help you deal with the spirit of fear listen to sermons, preachings and teaching that will help you to completely destroy the spirit of fear.

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"

2Titus 1:7 for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control.

"Luke 12:32 "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

When you are struggling lets say with anxiety look for scriptures that help you.

Matthew 6:25-33 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

Find scriptures that deal with anger, bitterness. resentment, hatred, jealousy, doubt, unbelief, procrastination, unbridled tongue, lies, slander, gossip, blasphemy, succumb to sexual immorality,

pornography, adultery, homosexuality, fornication, masturbation, enslaved by uncontrolled appetites, wrestling with an addiction to drugs and, alcohol and use those scriptures to crucify the flesh. You cannot cast out the flesh. You crucify it by refusing to meditate on fleshly behaviors.

You are delivered from demonic influences

1 Thessalonians 5:23 "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ"

For a Christian to be whole he must be delivered spirit, soul, and body. Since each part of our makeup is unique, it needs to be individually treated, healed, and/or set free from fleshly behaviors and demonic influences. When you are born again your spirit becomes one with Christ and the devil will not possess your spirit, but demons and evil spirits can torment you from the outside, they can influence you in the areas you lack knowledge or in your areas of weaknesses. The believers need soul and body deliverance, the soul needs to be set free from mental oppression, mindsets that does not align with the Word of God will be used by the devil to torment you harass you and put you to shame day and night. Our bodies need to be set free from sicknesses and diseases. Deliverance team work like spiritual doctors to help Christians especially new converts have to undergo spiritual check ups. Jesus ordered that grave cloths be taken away from Lazarus. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead he received new life immediately. Jesus ordered that he be released from the grave clothes that had been wrapped around him for his burial. When you have just been converted look for the deliverance team you sure need them. When a new convert has a problem in their minds and bodies, the deliverance team has to discern the root and origin of the problem.

Counselling should not take the place of deliverance ministry.

Many young converts are so troubled with anxieties, depression, feelings of fear and rejection, cycles of sin, drunkenness's immorality, pornography, promiscuity, homosexuality, illnesses, nightmares, suicidal thoughts and bondage. Many new converts are so disturbed and confused and many of them wonder why this fate when the Word of God says that I am a new creation in Christ, they start wondering why they are failing to exercise self-control, patience, forgiveness, loving kindness and goodness, why are still holding on to grudges and hatred, bitterness?

Many in the private of their own home cry out and get more and more confused as to why they are failing to obey God Why was it so difficult for them to obey God and to be free of rebellion against Him and His ways? Why did they succumb to escapism and crippling feelings of guilt?. What you need is deliverance of mental oppression you need knowledge of the scriptures. Mental problems and diseases can be caused by the flesh or demonic spirits. Many people are unknowingly trying to "cast out" the flesh and "crucify" demons! That will never work. However, when demons are involved, something else is needed. Demons cannot be "counselled"; they must be cast out. demons are evil entities without bodies they desire to work through the bodies of human beings as a way to operate on the physical earth. Yet they are able to function outside human bodies, as well as inside them. Demonic spirit tempt, deceive, enslave, torment, push, and corrupt a human being to do its will. The will of every demon responds to the will of it Satan their master. Demons try to keep people from recognizing and knowing the truth about Jesus Christ. They attempt to stop God's children from fulfilling their purpose and calling. The solution to such demonic attack and oppression is deliverance. If you have prayed and fasted but continue to fall into the same sin, you are probably dealing with a demon that has somehow found an entrance to oppress the affected area of your life. Some people provide no protection for their spirits at all; therefore, they lose the ability to govern them, and they end up

giving way and allowing wicked spirits to come into their lives.

Demons enter a person's life when the protective walls of his spirit are down. The treatment used for the flesh will not bring the same results with demons. The demon who was "counseled" will merely enjoy the show, because it knows it is wasting your time. It will further establish its presence in the life of the person it is oppressing, while using that person to mock you. The demons does care that you are born again as long as it notices your weak area it takes advantage and use that area to torment you if you tell someone who is under the influence of a demon in the area of sexuality immorality which is manifesting in adultery to deny the flesh, that individual will usually become frustrated, because his efforts will prove futile. People must first be set free from demonic control before they can learn to exercise self-discipline. if a Christian is fighting the influence of a demon, he/ she will not be able to exercise self-control, no matter how hard they try. You will be wrestling a compulsive desire that goes beyond your strength.

New converts you should not shy away have an appointment with the deliverance team. Demons do not go by counselling they need to be cast out after a person is saved from the dead and his/ her spirit is made alive in Christ the Christian must under go you deliverance sessions to be save from soul and body oppression. Soul and body deliverance can takes place when we studying the Word of God even in the comfort of your own homes without anyone coming to your home or laying your hands on you. Deliverance can also happen when you hearing teachings, preaching and sermons. Deliverance is always happening at church meetings, cell groups and in family worship times

Blessings of being born again

You have eternal life

*John 5:13 "I write to you who believe in the Son of God,
that you may know that you have life".*

Eternal life is the life of God, it also means to know God and Jesus Christ, whom He sent. The proof that we have eternal life is the Holy Spirit who lives in us forever. The blessing of eternal life has been conveyed in us, just as Jesus promised: *"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life"* (John 3:36). Eternal life is a particular kind or quality of life. Eternal life means the perfect blessedness of hearts that rightly love God, minds that truly know Him, and wills that completely follow Him. Already the beginning of this new and eternal life dwells in us. We are heirs who have spiritually received eternal life as our inheritance now. And one day soon, when Jesus returns in glory, we will experience eternal life fully, body and soul. Eternal life is the life of God, it also means to know God and Jesus

You became a partaker of the divine nature:

Peter 1:3-4 "His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and everything pertaining life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence by which he has granted us to us his precious and very great promises, that through these you may escape the corruption that is in the world"

We who are born of God we are born with his nature. We are partakers of the divine nature

You are declared ransomed from the futile ways:

1Peter 1 18-19 " You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fore fathers, not with perishable things like silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Jesus, like that of a lamb without blemish or spots."

You are delivered from futile ways and set free to live for God

We have hope for resurrection

Romans 6:9 " For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again, death no longer have dominion over us."

Philemon 1:21 "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

We do not fear death because death is not the end for us it is our hope to be in the presence of the Lord always.

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Peace with God

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In salvation, peace is restored between us and God. Apart from salvation, sin also distances us from God. If we believe in Jesus Christ, we

are reconciled with God. This peace is not just an emotion but a profound awareness that we are no longer under God's wrath because there was contention between us and Him.

You have access to God

Romans 5:2 "Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God."

Direct Access to God: Another incredible advantage of salvation is that it allows us the right to come directly before God. We are no longer separated from God on account of our sins. If we trust Him, we are instantly allowed to go before God without fear, without that barrier Jesus tore down for us by dying on the cross. We can communicate with him to pray, worship, and be in his company without concerns about rejection.

You have hope in God

Romans 5:2 "Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God"

Then salvation also has the element of future hope, not some fanciful hope that maybe things will get better, but a certainty and sure anticipation grounded in God's promises. Those gospel hopes are given to us (Titus 1:2) and will always remain with us: the hope of eternal life and heaven and that God is doing everything for our good.

You are victorious through Christ

1Corinthians 15:57 "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

We are perfected in sufferings

Romans 5:3-4 "More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope"

With salvation, we are overcomers of our trials. Though adversity fills life, we can persevere through faith and holiness to attain salvation. Through suffering, we are made mature, and our hope is amplified. We draw on the strength of God to emerge triumphant.

Love of God

Romans 5:5 "and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us."

The only condition for experiencing this unconditional love of God in a heart open to it is salvation. The Holy Spirit reveals that God loves us more than we ever understand. It is not because of what we have done that no one can boast that he made this possible; instead, grace comes through faith and the love of God.

CHAPTER FOUR

You are justified

Romans 4:3-8 For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. Now to one who works, his wages are not reckoned as a gift but as his due. And to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness. So also David pronounces a blessing upon the man to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not reckon his sin."

Justification, is an act of God by which those who believe in Jesus and confess the Lordship of Jesus are declared righteous. Justification is the first stage of salvation. It is an instant act of deliverance when a sinner receive Christ. Justification means to be declared righteous, it is to be declared not guilty and to be innocent before God. Justification is a deliverance from the penalty of sin, accomplished by Christ at the cross. It is a change in God's records in which all our sins are forgiven and the righteousness of Christ is credited to us.

When you receive Jesus you are justified, when you sin you are disciplined out of love to help you grow in the way you should go Justification saves us from guilt, instead of God judging us because of our sins, he justifies us making us right with Him because our Lord paid for our sins with His own sinless precious blood. Our Lord Jesus took our punishment.

Colossians 2:13 "And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross."

All who believe are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. Our human arrogance makes us want to atone for our own sins or make it up to God with works of super-righteousness. But the fact of the matter is that we can't make it up to God. We are debtors who cannot pay. That's what justification by faith is all about." We cannot find peace, joy love with God through our own works and our own sacrifices or our own obedience. And we don't need to try. Christ has made peace through His sacrifice and His obedience. Faith calls us to look away from ourselves and to trust in Christ's work alone. Everything that was between us and God our sins, guilt, and condemnation has been cleared away by the saving work of Jesus Christ. By faith in Christ, we have peace with God now We are justified from spiritual death, that is separation from an intimacy relationship with God, we are justified from physical death, separation of the soul and body we are justified from eternal death, and hell.

Justification reminds us that Jesus Christ has done everything necessary for our salvation. He paid the penalty that our sins deserved by His sacrificial death on the cross. His death satisfied God's justice and turned away His wrath from us. Justification is present and future peace with God. Peace is be very hard for a sinner to accept, for an unbeliever it is very difficult to believe the forgiveness of sins. Even the final judgment will simply confirm and prove the truth of Christ's promise:

Justification also gives us hope for the future, particularly when it comes to standing before the judgment seat of God. Justification brings eternal glory to God alone. You are considered innocent like you never sinned because Jesus took the punishment in full on the Cross of Calvary. A person who is justified is saved from the enslavement to sin because his/her nature is changed, righteousness is implanted in his Spirit, now having the spirit created after the image of God after God's likeness

CHAPTER FIVE

You are sanctified

1 Thessalonians 5:23, "May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ Heb 10:14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.. Phi 1:6 And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. I

John 17: 16 -17 "They are not of the world, even as I am not of it, Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

Sanctification of the spirit, soul and body is the will of God for us' it is a state of separation unto God; all believers enter into this state when they are born of God: The moment you are saved, Christ becomes your sanctification. You are in him, and union with him is your sanctification. This union in Christ means that you declared sanctification. His sanctification or holiness instantly fills your heart and soul and spirit. You used to be those things, but now you are sanctified. So sanctification or separateness from those things has already been done past tense and in the present participle it as now begun as your take your responsibility to renew your mind and the future sanctification will be completed by our lord Jesus .

Past sanctification has been done, now you work out your present sanctification

*Philippians. 2:12 says, "Work out your salvation.
With fear and trembling"*

The command is in the present tense, it is a continuous process . Before were a child of God you and filled with fleshly and worldly behaviors and appetites as you received Christ he become your sanctification, he separated you from fleshly and worldly behaviors and appetites and the power of the devil. Sanctification separated you instantly, but you have to work it out, through the power of the Holy Spirit as you daily read and study the scriptures declaring, decreeing, confessing and leading a prayerful life.. The Spirit helps you to get rid of fleshly and worldly mind sets. Only the Spirit can help you in the sanctification process. Whenever a person makes a turn for the better, sanctification is happening in their lives. When you received Christ as you Lord and personal Savior you are sanctified your sanctification happened there and then . You are declared sanctified. You are a saint Christ your spirit is has been made one with. You are now Christ's. You Spirit is exactly like Christ Spirit. You are now the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Set apart for God's glory

1 Corinthians 1:30. "You are in Christ Jesus, who he came to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption."

To sanctify is to set apart for special use; it is to make holy. Jesus set Himself apart for God's purpose that is the reason why God set us apart.

*John 17:18-19 "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.
For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified"*

1 Peter 2:29 "but you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light"

As our spirits are sanctified instantly our souls and bodies undergo a process of sanctification that works hand in hand with obedience to the Word of God in one's life. The truth is the only key to sanctification. It was the truth that led you to receive Jesus. It is the renewal of the mind with the truth that sanctify us. It is the truth that we are healed and sanctified., for the Word says He sent his Word the truth and he healed them. We need to meditate on the scriptures day and night.

Joshua 1:8 "This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success."

When we are born again we are sanctified or set apart from the pollution of the world, and Christ has become our holiness or sanctification, we are now dressed in His robe of righteousness. When a child is born the child it doesn't walk or talk the baby messes his diapers, baby is not less human and the ability to walk and talk is there. Sanctification is growing in the Lord, it is spiritual growth and maturity, pursued earnestly by renewing our minds with the Word of God. Being sanctified does not mean you no longer face challenges persecutions and storms of life. Sanctification is a process of trusting God and remaining, caring, thoughtful, and hopeful in the way you live and relate with others even in times of persecutions trial times of a hurting you remain who you are in Christ you, do not conform to the standard of the world. Jesus never on the cross of calvary suffering and dying for us, said "Father forgiving them for they do not know what they are doing."

Jesus did not deny who he is even when people he loved crucified him he forgave them and redeemed us by his precious blood. gave human race a way of life. He gives you a way of life. He gives me a way of life. He is sanctifying us into this image of faith and love amid whatever troubles we face sanctification means, it means receiving the character of Christ have faith and love in the mist of trials and tribulations, it is becoming a wiser human being and learning to deal well with your situations and circumstances.

Daniel 1:20 And in every matter of wisdom and understanding concerning which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his kingdom."

You are becoming a better person loving and caring showing mercy and kindness to your friend, family member and those who do you wrong. Now when you talk, your words communicate more good sense, more gravitas, more joy, more reality. You now study and meditate on the Word of come becoming prosperous and enjoying good success. You start understanding the purpose of your life, and become a doer of the Word. You are honestly thankful for good things. You honestly face disappointment, pain and illness with God perspective, our behaviors, attitude and characters should bear witness to our standing, as we daily take our dosage of the Word of God, partaking our steady diet of the Word of truth; a little by little every day we are being transformed, the Word of God is pure water that cleanses. Sanctification is the process of becoming more like Christ, by purifying our, souls and bodies through the study of the Word of God, repentance, prayer, and spiritual practices.

Sanctification is aligning ourselves with God's will and cleansing ourselves from sin.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 "But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth"

CHAPTER SIX

The real you

Thessalonians 5:23 "Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again"

You are a spirit being who possess a soul and lives in a body, you are created in the image of God. *John 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."*

Genesis 1:26-27 "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them"

You are the true image of God. Your spirit is the real you dwelling in the presence of God, communicating and enjoying a wonderful fellowship with God. Your spirit is the innermost part of your being, the center and, the source of your identity.

SOUL

3 John 1:2 "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth"

Soul is referred in the Bible as the mind, with your mind you make decisions, express your emotions and reveal your character.

Everyone has a soul.

Job 12:10 "In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind"

The unredeemed soul act wickedly, it is totally different from the redeemed soul.

Proverbs 21:10 "The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes"

The redeemed soul is destined to prosper, empowered to act righteously and magnifies the Lord.

Luke 1:46-47 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior"

The soul is eternal, man can kill the body but they are not able to kill the soul.

Matthew 10:28 "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell."

Luke 16:19-31 "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame. But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment. But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said,

'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent. He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead. "

When the rich man died all his five senses were still intact, he could still see, hear, feel and he could even remember his five brothers. The rich man realized where he was in Hades, being tormented, he sees an opportunity to make an appeal to father Abraham, hoping he will stop his suffering, and that father Abraham will send someone to warn his five brothers. The appeals were both fruitless and futile. No possibility of salvation on the other side after death. In verse 24, the rich man called "He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip," the end of his finger, "the tip of his finger, in water, cool my tongue, for I'm in anguish in this flame.", instead of humility we see the abiding pride in his words. The rich man's appeal commands Lazarus to be sent to bring him water, the rich man maintains his old, earthly, worldly and sinful nature. Even in Hades he thinks of Lazarus is his slave to look after his wants and run around for him. When a man dies he has lost the right to function and operate on earth, his spirit remains. *2Corinthians 5:1 "For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens"*

YOUR BODY IS YOUR EARTHLY TENT.

Your body is not the real you, the inner man the spirit being is the real you. Your body is your housing, earthly tent, earth suit and legal right to operate on earth. Your body connects you with this world. Your body is the vehicle through which you experience the natural realm through your physical senses. Every single interaction that you share with others is through your body. With the body, you speak, touch, feel, taste, see and hear. With your physical body you touch the world around you.

CHAPTER SEVEN

The new creation

2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

God created us and brought us forth by His will. We did not inherit the divine nature from our parents, God re-created us anew. New creation is dead to sin. *Romans 6:6 "We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.."* We no longer live for ourselves. Our lives are no longer worldly; they are now spiritual. We are dead to old sin nature, our Lord Jesus nailed sin to the cross of Calvary

Romans 6:4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

The old sinful life is gone, old things have passed away, pride, love of sin, reliance on works, and our former opinions, habits and everything that is not in alignment with the Word of God, fleshly desires has passed away, especially the supreme love of the world, self-righteousness, self-promotion, and self-justification. The new has come, full of life and the glory of God.

Galatians 5:22-24 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

The newborn soul delights in the things of God.

Psalms 1:2 "but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night."

A new Christian abhors the things of the world. When we get born again the Holy Spirit does a work in us changing worldly desires and appetites acquired in times of ignorance. The Word of God is now our wonderful treasure our food and drink. Our understanding of the scriptures take a sharp turn because the Holy Spirit is now explaining precepts by precepts, pouring revelation causing our hearts to pour forth the praise of God. As born again believers the Holy Spirit develops in us divine love for humankind; our family, friends, neighbors and eagerness to win souls. The sin we once held onto, once loved and cherished, we now detest and desire to put away ungodly practices. .

Colossians 3:9 "put off the old man with his deeds"

Ephesians 4:24 "and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness"

What about when I still struggle with sin?

When we get born again our spirits are made whole just like Christ's Spirit, our duty now is to work on our minds, by renewing the with the Word of God. Regeneration of the mind is a process of transformation of the mind, deleting earthly minds; its not a day's work, transformation from being the old creation into being fully the new creation its a process of transformation, conformation, and glorification through the renewal of the mind by the Word of God. Struggling with sin nature should not be your worry you must make sure that you daily eat your health and balanced diet meal of the Word of God which is your daily bread

John 6:33 "For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world."

John 6:35 "Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst."

Make effort to take your daily dose of the Word of God

concerning the areas you are struggling with sin, sin diseases and sin sicknesses will come to an end. You have to remember that as you daily partake the Word of God, you are being sanctified day by day sooner or later you find yourself sinning less and hating sin more, as you mature you will develop strength and dominion over sin.

Romans 6:14 "For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace."

Sin has no hold on you. As a new creation you are no longer a slave to sin, you are now freed from sin.

Romans 6:6 "We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin"

Romans 6:11-12 "So you must consider yourself dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not yield your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but yield yourselves to God as men who have been brought from death to life and your members as instruments of righteousness"

CHAPTER EIGHT

You have the nature of God

2 Corinthians 5:21 "For he has made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him"

Righteousness is God's nature the ability to do right imparted in our spirits at our new birth. On our own we are way too weak to do what is right. Integrity, virtue, purity of life, right thinking is activated in us by the power of the Holy Spirit. When we are born of God, we receive His nature but He does not immediately take away all of the old nature. Righteousness is putting the nature of God, His way of thinking, and acting, by daily partaking the Word of God and being doers. As we put on Christ we become more like Him day after day. Our thoughts, feelings and actions will become like His and the righteousness of God will be evident in our lives. God's essence is love, love defines who God is. *1 John 4:8 "God is love."* Everything God does is because of His love for us. Love is the true nature of God it is the very core of His being. Everything God does is motivated by love. God's love is unconditional and forgiving. His love is always there for us, no matter what. If we claim to know God but don't it must be our nature to love it must be seen and shown in our actions, having the nature of God means that love will naturally flow from our behavior. The nature of God is not just understanding God in your head; it's about having a deep, personal relationship with Him that transforms your actions and attitudes. Love is the evidence of the nature of God in our spirits. It's not just about feeling affectionate; it involves selfless, sacrificial actions for the good of others. The apostle John emphasizes that this kind of love should be the very foundation of Christians. It should be evident in how we interact with each other and the world around us. A clear difference between who we are now and what we used to be before we gave our lives to Jesus will be seen in our nature; character and habits. The love of Christ in our hearts, will cause the spring of action towards human kind. Without Christ in our hearts the nature of disobedience and rebellion will take its full course weakening the human nature through transgression making it

not only difficult but impossible for humans to resist the power of sin.

Romans 13:14 "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts."

Ephesians 5:8-10 says; "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord."

1 John 4:8, 16 "He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him."

1 John 4: 11-13 "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit."

1 John 4:20, 21 "If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also"

Matthew 5:43-48 "You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, Developing the nature of God includes dismantling the old self and letting go of strongholds that were lodged in your life. When you begin to hunger and thirst for righteousness, God will empower you to conform wholly to His word. You will walk, talk and act like and love like Jesus. You are called to feed and nurture the new man created in the image of God you must starve and put to death the old nature.

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things.

The world is full of sin and darkness you must be intentional about disciplining yourself and living a faith-filled life, so your new nature must change its attitude and think like Christ.

Ephesians 4:25 "Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "

Speaking truthfully, you can't speak falsely in order to maintain relationships and fit in. The enemy will use falsehood as an open door to move us Christians into deception and hypocrisy. As children of God who have been redeemed from darkness to His marvelous light we need to speak truthfully, we can't stay healthy as the body of Christ if we are living in falsehood with one another.

Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

Use your speech to build fellow brethren. We don't want to cause an offense or open a door for someone else to be tempted or enticed by the enemy because of our speech. We must speak what is beneficial for others by saying the Word of God not what we want to unload on other people.

Deal with anger and outburst of wrath because anger is not your nature.

Ephesians 4:26 "When you get angry do not let the sun go down while you are still angry"

Anger must be dealt with immediately

Ephesians 4:27 "And do not give the devil a foothold."

CHAPTER NINE

Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

Galatians 4:6 "And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'"

Romans 8:16 "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God"

Romans 8:9 "Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him"

Indwelling is the ministry of the Holy Spirit coming to permanently live in the body of each Christian. God lives in us, your body is the temple of God. When a non-believer hears the message of the gospel and chooses to believe in Jesus and receive salvation, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of that person at that very instant. that is "the indwelling." It means the Holy Spirit dwells inside of you. If you have not received Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior you do not have the Spirit and you are not a Christian.

God the Holy Spirit permanently indwells all Christians. When a Christian sins, he/she grieves the Holy Spirit. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the foundation for other ministries of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. We the children of the living God we are strengthened with power through the Holy Spirit in our inner being. God's strength is perfected in our weakness by the indwelling of the Spirit. The power of God to do immeasurably beyond all we ask or imagine is at work in us by the Spirit's presence.

By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we are made one body one Lord,

one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Your holiness as a child of God is the submission to the indwelling Spirit of God.

The Spirit of God is our comforter, hope and strengthener in suffering. Christianity does not guarantee a trouble-free life. But it does offer true hope in the midst of suffering, which is a ministry of the indwelling Spirit. *"Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:3-5)*

As a child of God you are not to be shaped by the world's way of thinking. You are to live in the world without being of the world, the indwelling Spirit helps us to understand, apply, and obey the Word of God.

Joh 14:17 "even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you."

2 Corinthians 1:21-22; "Now He who establishes us with you in Christ, and anoints us, is God, who also sealed us, and gave us the Spirit"

The Spirit of God comes to dwell in us, to teach us the Word, guide us, fill us with discernment and understanding, strengthening and comforting us in times of mourning and persecutions.

John 14:26 "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."

The Holy Spirit teaches us the Word of God, He reminds us and explain precepts by precepts. It is only when we remember the Word of God that we act on it. The Holy Spirit reminds us of the Word. As born again sons and daughters of God we do not struggle

Remembering the Word of God that we have deposited in our hearts, the Holy Spirit dwelling in us bring the Word to remembrance our duty is to study and meditate on the Word day and night. The indwelling of the spirit of God in us, is what makes us holy.

1 Peter 1:14 - 16 "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts, which were yours in your ignorance. But like the Holy One, who called you, be holy yourselves also, in all your behavior. cause it is written; Be Ye shall be holy, for I am holy!"

The that indwelling of the Spirit of God, is what produces the fruit of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22 23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, and joy, and peace, and patience, and kindness, and goodness, and gentleness, and self-control."

When you build the muscle of obedience, by daily aligning your actions according to the will of God, the Holy Spirit will find pleasure and continuously fills you to the brim and making you overflow with joy, love, peace and goodness Being Holy filled should be our daily desire.

As children of God we are led by the Spirit.

Romans 8:14 " For all who are led by the Spirit are the sons of God"

As children of God we are empowered to witness the gospel of Christ .

Acts 1:8 " But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and the end of the earth"

As children of God we are given utterance by the Holy Spirit to speak in tongues our heavenly language, in tongues we speak direct to God.

1Corinthians 14:2 "For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit."

As children of God we are sealed with the Holy Spirit which is the guarantee of our inheritance.

2 Corinthians 1:22 "sealed us, and gave us the Spirit.."

Ephesians 1:13 14 " In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it to the praise of His glory"

As children of God the Holy Spirit teaches us to pray.

Romans 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words."

The Holy Spirit will help your spirit, soul and body live a disciplined life. A disciplined spirit is able to receive correction, wisdom, knowledge and understanding. A disciplined spirit is relevant and ahead of those who are the undisciplined

The difference between Baptism of the Holy Spirit and indwelling of the Holy Spirit

Once a person has the Holy Spirit living inside of him he is now eligible for some other experiences that the Holy Spirit brings, the greatest of which is known as the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit, therefore, is the moment when a believer is immersed in the Holy Spirit's presence and power. It is a divine act, initiated by God, that equips the believer for ministry, deepens their relationship with God, and transforms their life in accordance with God's will. When a Christian receives the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, then he/she receives power

Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth"

The Holy Spirit empowers the believer through baptism of the Holy Spirit to represent Jesus in a way that he/she was not able to do previously. This power is available for every Christian to receive.

These are two separate experiences, and two separate works of the Holy Spirit. The “indwelling” is when He comes to live inside of you just after you are born again. The “Baptism with the Holy Spirit” is when He equips you with power. These are both important, but they are not the same thing. They produce different effects and are given for different purposes.

Avoiding things that lead to quenching the Holy Spirit. When distractions and sinful behaviors are removed, the heart becomes more receptive to divine guidance, nurturing faith and understanding. This paves the way for a stronger, more mature spiritual journey.

CHAPTER TEN

Water baptism

Romans 6:3 "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

Baptism shares in Christ's death, burial and resurrection. Baptism is a pure desire for Christian to identify even more strongly with Christ, thereby living a more vibrant Christian life in communion with Him and for Him. Baptism symbolizes this identification with Christ in his death, burial and resurrection, immersion where new believers are fully 'buried' in water. Water baptism is one of the most beautiful, significant and life-defining moments in your journey as a Christian. This simple act of obedience as a Believer, has powerful supernatural significance. It is a symbol of the death and burial of their former way of life, while emerging from the water signified their resurrection to a new life in union with Christ.

The water itself represent the grave. As you are immersed, your old self dies and is buried just as Jesus died and was buried. In the same way, just as Jesus rose to life again, you too rise from the water as a symbol of new life in Him as a brand new creation, free from the guilt of your past sin and shame.

By faith, the water washes away anything that makes you feel unclean and unworthy to be the beloved of the Father.

Galatians 3:27 "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ".

Mark 16:16 "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned"

Acts 2:38 "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

Baptism, in itself, does not bring salvation, those who embraced the gospel were called upon to demonstrate their faith through the public act of baptism

Acts 2:41 "Then they that gladly received His word were baptized"

Salvation is not the result of receiving the baptism, rather baptism served as a visible expression of their faith. The work of the cross represents God's offer of life, while baptism stands as our public acceptance and a public expression of a readiness to take on the privileges and responsibilities of following Jesus

Acts 8:12. "When they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women"

Likewise, when Peter shared the gospel with the Gentiles in Cornelius's household, he approved of baptism for those who had heard the Word and received the Holy Spirit, asking,

Acts 10:47 "Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water?"

Baptism is the fitting and expected response for those who have embraced the gospel and placed their trust in Jesus Christ. Water baptism is a public declaration of our faith in Jesus Christ and the outward demonstration of the inward transformation that takes place when we receive Him as our Lord and Savior. Baptism serves as a public declaration, affirming that a Christian is prepared to openly demonstrate their commitment to Christ and embrace all that God has in store for them. While we do not baptize infants, we engage in dedications. During these ceremonies, parents and the church community come together in prayer, committing to raise children in a Christlike environment and impart teachings about Jesus. This dedication symbolizes a commitment to nurture the child's spiritual growth and understanding.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

Find a faith believing Church

Matthew 16:18 "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it."

Find a faith believing Church which believes in the Holy Scriptures. Church is not an ordinal gathering, it is an extraordinary gathering, a supernatural meeting where heaven and earth meet. A Church is a place where Christians experience cooperate anointing of the ministering angels and the Holy Spirit in a different way. At church we enjoy cooperate prayers and cooperate worship, receiving cooperate anointing. Believers experience breakthroughs, open heaven, miracles and prophecy. At church believers are blessed and edified by each other's testimonies and spiritual gifts

1Corinthians 12:4-10 "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues."

Christians benefit from the preaching as they partake the fresh heavenly bread. We obtain better understanding of the Word of God, developing our spirits and making our Christian walk easy, enjoyable and productive.

Attending Church is obedience to the Word of God.

As a child of God do not deprive yourself of a good Spirit filled Church and never forsake the gathering of the Saints.

Join a cell group

A cell group is very important for godly connection, fellowship and Christian growth in cell groups individuals are easily identified and acknowledged. New members are easily known and equipped with the Word of God making it easy for them recognize their gifts and talents. Cell structure can and train you for leadership in a homely and family environment by giving each member an opportunity to lead in bible study, cell out reach, soul winning, sometimes door to door evangelism and visiting others members of the cell. At a cell group you can ask questions and have your questions answered. A cell group is easy for mentoring and monitoring growth of cell members. Its a place where you enjoy celebrating birthdays, graduations and many ceremonies, cell members will gladly celebrate with you. When you are facing challenges or something to be attended to quickly your home cell members are near you your right in your neighborhood.

Cell members can travel together and help each other when attending conferences and other church seminars that finishes late at night. Cell group are very important and very necessary in building strong Christians and strong churches that are rooted and grounded in love.

CHAPTER TWELVE

Study the word of God

John 8:3 "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Studying the Word will cause you to know more and more of spiritual values and principles. You will be strengthened to discard former beliefs, old tales, human traditions and customs that have nothing to do with the truth found in the Word of God. It is important for a child of God to study the Word. There are always new things to learn, adjustments and improvements to be made for you to be able to live victoriously

It is much easier to defeat the evil one when you know the Word. When evil spirits are resisted or rebuked according to the scriptures, they are put to flight.

Christians that are not able to use the Word of God as their powerful weapon are the ones who do not study the Word. There is immense power available in the Word of God. There is no two ways about it; the devil flees when the spoken Word of God is used against him. Study the Word of God and use it against the evil one, stubborn situations and circumstances that has been standing in your way and in the way of your beloved ones.

When you study the Word you will know that the devil fears this weapon above all others. The evil one knows the power, strength and integrity of the Word. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ never failed to use the Word because He knew the power that is in the Word.

Telling the devil what man thinks is a waste of energy, the evil one is not afraid of man's thoughts. Man's theories, human traditions and cultures are no match for the devil. You need the Word of God in your spirit.

The importance of studying the Word

The Word of God has the answers and solutions to every problem that you have gone through, that you are going through or any problem that will arise in future. Getting free from defeat and staying victorious is knowledge found in the Word of God. Victory is in the Word of God. Whether you were born in unfavorable conditions or your life has encountered several broken promises; no matter where you are right now or now you started in life, if you embrace the Word of God you will progress beyond measure. Greatness is not in the function of your project, career or assignment. It is not attached to your marital status, background or race.

Greatness is in the Word of God. Children of God must be wise enough to know that God is the one who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings. You might not have gone to school or never had the opportunity to accomplish the things you desired. It does not matter and it does not count. What matters is the Word of God in your spirit. You might have gone to school and acquired sophisticated degrees but you should never trust in human abilities and qualifications. School education is totally different from the education you get from the Word of God. School education only gets your mind enlightened but is not enough to make you obtain the very best in life because the highest potential of a human being is not in the mind but in the spirit. Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego trusted in the living God and God imparted in their spirits wisdom, knowledge and understanding. As Christians we must be wise enough to know that we prosper by operating according to spiritual laws and principles. We achieve our victory by activating spiritual principles found in the Word of God. The Word of God is the firm foundation for

spiritual, social, mental, physical and financial prosperity. It is the back bone, the unshakeable, unbreakable and unmovable foundation for divine health, sound mind, godly relationships and financial stability.

Meditate on the Word of God day and night

Joshua 1:8 "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

Your life is dependent on the truth found in the Word of God. Defeat and failure cannot successfully stand against a believer and prevail when the believer's mind is focused on meditating on the Word of God day and night. Meditation does not only repel defeat, it is also a proven and tested path to become victorious in every area of your life,

Meditation is much deeper than studying the Word, it is keeping the Word in your heart and in your mouth. When the Word of God is continually in your mouth, you will experience a life of continuous victory. Meditation deepens your love and concern for the things of God, it affects your thinking, stirring your spirit and ultimately moves you to action. It moves you to work as you sow the Word of God and put it into your life. As you meditate confessing the Word of God, train your tongue to speak right.

Proverbs 18:21 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."

Your tongue is what directs the course of your life. Our Lord taught us the creative power of words that come out of the mouth.

Damaging words are more destructive than nuclear bombs. Most people's lives are destroyed by the unguarded and damaging utterances that comes out of their mouths.

The Word of God that you speak when meditating will bring peace, progress and development. Corrupt talk destroys. Do not engage in unwholesome talk about your life and the lives of others. Meditate on the Word of God; There is immense power available in the Word of God. There is no two ways about it; the devil flees when the spoken Word of God is used against him. Study the Word of God and use it against the evil one, stubborn situations and circumstances that has been standing in your way.

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Psalms 1:2 "But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

Psalms 63:6 "When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches."

Psalms 119:15 "I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways."

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

All who desire to live a Godly life will suffer persecution.

*2 Timothy 3:12 "All who desire to live godly in Christ
Jesus will suffer persecution."*

Jesus clearly states in His Word that Christians would face persecution and opposition for the sake of the gospel. Suffering is never pleasant. That is why the devil and his agents persecute us. They are hoping we will become discouraged, give up or compromise the truth, then give the devil an opportunity. Our Lord Jesus suffered more persecution than any of us ever will. He has provided us the means to overcome and be faithful. It is not easy, but it is possible.

The reason why many Christians stumble at persecution is because many Christians expect the life of Christians to be easy and all rosy. When people accuse, reject or hate them they take deep moments of sadness wondering what they did wrong, their faith is shaken and some even backslide. As a Christian, you should not expect to have peace with everyone around you. A man's enemies may include his dearest loved ones. But we must love Jesus more than we love even earthly family members.

No matter how we are persecuted, rejected, mistreated or falsely accused we should not give up on Christ

Romans 8:35-39 "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

When we are persecuted we should not retaliate , revenge or provoke people by displaying bad attitudes or deliberately angering them. If we do right, persecution will still come. It should not shock us Christian when we are put on trial and persecuted, every Christian new believers as well as mature Christians we all suffer persecution.

Persecution refers to harm deliberately inflicted by people who oppose the Word of God. This may involve threat and intimidation, physical or bodily harm, imprisonment, beatings, stoning, losing of jobs, demotion, harassment, losing property or possessions. Friends, family members, or loved ones may refuse to associate with us. Christians maybe mocked, slandered, falsely accused, lied about and cursed .The purpose is to shame or embarrass us, make us feel guilty, or discredit us before others with the intention of making us go astray. People even the ones we love may try to provoke us to do wrong. If we give in, we are left feeling guilty, our reputation is harmed, and sinners claim we are no better than they are.

Persecution comes in different forms

1 2Corinthians 11:23-27 "Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one--I am talking like a madman--with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I have received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

Persecution may come as a result of false brethren, employees. rulers, employers, fellow-workers, teachers, professors, neighbors, friends, relatives, family members, people of false religious faiths, or even other members of the church. Persecutors wants us to

surrender or compromise our stand for truth or commit some other sin that discredits us. If we give in, then the persecutor the Devil have had their way.

When we suffer for righteousness, we need not fear their threats. They may defame us and speak against our good conduct in Christ. We should not act with self-righteousness and pride, trying to win an argument to prove we are right. We do not justify ourselves, our justification is of God. We must love their souls, while hating their sinful deeds, so we sincerely try to persuade them to serve the Lord.

When you are going through seasons of persecution

The easiest targets for persecutors are people who do not pray or study the Word. When a person cannot prove his position, he faces uncertainty and is much more likely to surrender his position. The devil takes advantage of ignorance. When Satan opposed Jesus, Jesus always appealed to God's word:

Use the Scriptures.

Matthew 4: 4 "It is written."

To resist persecution, we need strong faith, which comes by hearing God's Word. Those least likely to fall are those who have deep conviction based on the Scriptures. *"It is written."* As a result of "it is written" our Lord Jesus did not sin, and eventually the Devil had to leave.

Trust God.

Psalms 125:1 "Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abide forever"

Therefore, all Christians who suffer according to the will of God must entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing good.

Pray to God.

Acts 4:23-24 "When they were realized they went to their friends and

reported what the chief priest and the elders had said to them. And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord . . ."

When Peter and John had been threatened by the Jewish council for preaching Jesus, they gathered with other Christians and prayed to God. They asked for strength to preach despite the threats. As a result, they preached the Word with boldness.

Rejoice in persecutions

James 1:2-3 "Count it all joy, my brethren when you meet various trials. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete. Lacking nothing"

As a child of God you are worthy to suffer for Christ just as you are wealth to enjoy the inheritance of the saints in light, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with also with Him. Remembering that if you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of God rests on you

Romans 8:18-25 "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us."

You must not suffer as a murderer

1 Peter 4:15-18 "But let none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or wrong-doer, or a mischief-maker; yet if one suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but under that name let him glorify God. For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?"

There is a difference in suffering for being a Christian and suffering due to your own evil actions. Peter warns his readers that it should never be the case that a Christian should commit evil and think that God approves. As a child of God hold on to Jesus never allow tribulations to separate you from Christ.

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CHAPTER FOURTEEN

Pray without ceasing

1Thessalonians 5:17 "pray without ceasing"

You are born into a life of victory in the Kingdom of God. God expects you to experience victory every day, for victory is in your spirit. God has already deposited everything in you that you need to live a victorious life. There is no challenge big enough, no demon powerful enough to prevent, hinder or disturb you from walking in victory. You must learn to stir up the power of the Holy Spirit inside you through prayer. When God looks at you He does not see a victim.

What is prayer

Prayer is a powerful instrument of change through which the Spirit of God moves, breathes, eternity is impacted, direction and guidance is given. Prayer is as important as the air we breathe. Prayer is your oxygen. The Word of God says pray without ceasing the minute you stop praying you lose contact with heavenly oxygen. Prayers turn our souls to God. Prayer is communication with God; communication that draws you close to God; a seed with a sure harvest, a master key that open doors of blessing and opportunities. Prayer is shelter in storm, power to prevail, and the romance of righteousness.

Prayer is the sure foundation and our bold statement that gates of hell shall not prevail. Communication with God is essential; your victory is dependent on God. God is the beginning of your victorious life that is free from deception. He is the starting point and the source of your life. You need to communicate with God in prayer; you truly need to get close to God. Getting close to God is more than the ability to learn and recite His Word. It involves communication and cultivating a close relationship with God.

The more you fellowship with God in prayer the more He reveal His heart, mind and will enabling you to know more about Him than creation alone can reveal. It also enables you to know who

created you for a far greater purpose than your wildest dreams. As you communicate with God in prayer He will reveal everything concerning your life. Knowing the real you will free you from life the control of the evil one. Yes, it will free you from anxiety, fear, doubt and hopelessness.

A prayerless life will give the devil the upper hand to rule, control and deceive you .

Hosea 4:6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..."

When you communicate with God in prayer the pieces of the puzzle of your life will be perfectly fitted together. On your own you can never reveal out life's purpose. You can never know your significance or the significance of your earthly calling. Develop a personal relationship with God and discover your origin and identity.

Live to change your life and the lives of your brethren through prayer. Pray in your house, meeting prayer place, work place, anywhere and everywhere. Give first time, prime time, best time and attention to prayer. Persist, persevere and prevail in prayer. Bulldoze in prayer, dominate, breakthrough, make history, move from glory to glory and from faith to faith. Subdue in prayer, develop courage to face challenging situations in prayer. Receive the desires of your life in prayer. Suspend all programs in order to give way to prayer; let all your roads lead to prayer. Your plan should be prayer, your priority should be prayer, your passion should be prayer and your project should be prayer. Everything you do should be founded and sustained on prayer.

Prayer causes you to be surrounded by God's love. You only come out cool and calm after a fervent and vibrant prayer. As you pray God will heap grace upon grace enabling you to be qualified to receive God's best - not because of your own works but because of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of the Father. Prayer makes tremendous progress in your life and in your walk with God. Do not trust in your human abilities or qualifications but trust in the living God. The

God we serve is simply too much. He generously supplies us in the superlative. God's supply never runs short. He gives us abundantly even in our sufficiency He still supplies he has pre-destined us for abundance.

Philippians 4:6 "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

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2 King 19: 15-19 "And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubim's, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God. Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands, And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them. Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God, even thou only. "

In the 14th year king Hezekiah of Judah was faced with the most difficult situation and victory seemed impossible. Sennacherib the king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them. Jerusalem was left isolated against hundreds and thousand of armed Assyrian soldiers. King Hezekiah realized that the only way out was to seek God in prayer.

When troubling situations come in your life seek God in prayer and let Him take control of your situation. Prayer is one of the keys God has given us to obtain victory when Hezekiah prayed God sent a reply.

As a child of God you cannot afford to live without prayer, In your prayer times learn to praise and worship God. Praise is the joyful recounting of what God has done for us. Praising is exalting. The Bible is full of praises and declarations of His goodness. Praising God is coming before Him personally or with others, thanking Him for who He is and what He has done. Praise is appreciating who God is. Praise is the acknowledgment of all the wonderful, righteous deeds of God. He is worthy of praise, book of Psalms is full of praises. Worshipping God means acknowledging and celebrating His presence, love, power and perfection in gratitude. Worship demonstrates both our closeness to God and our respect for God.

Christianity is transformation of unbelievers into worshipers of God, so it is part of your Christian life to know and understand what biblical worship is. Worship means respectful devotion, loving, honoring, and obeying someone who deserves our highest regard. Worship includes understanding God's holiness; how great He is, in awe and in reverence. Worship is reverence, it is paying homage. Worship is both an attitude and an act an extreme form of love it's a type of unquestioning devotion. If you worship God, then you love God so much that you don't question him at all. Going to church is a form of worship so is prayer and serving in area of giftedness and ministry. Spiritual disciplines are active ways in which we try to live God's way, demonstrating how much we appreciate His salvation and want to be more like Jesus, which is the best way to honor Him.

When we are spiritually disciplined, we are allowing God to control our fallen human instincts with His Own perfect wisdom, which helps us to see more clearly what He is like and have a closer relationship with Him. Worship is a spiritual discipline, and most other spiritual disciplines have a worship element to them praying, obeying, serving, and trusting in God's guidance are all ways of telling God how much we love and respect Him, and want to do His Will.

When we love and honor someone, we naturally want to show it in our words and actions. Focus your mind and heart on God with

these Bible verses about worship and let your praise go up. Jesus said we are to worship in Spirit and truth, and these verses will help you access the power of the Holy Spirit and the truth of Scripture in order to experience true worship.

we worship God, "in spirit and in Truth"

*John 4:24 " God is Spirit, and those who worship
him must worship in spirit and in truth"*

Worship requires spiritual discipline and understanding of the meaning of worship. Worship is a key part of our relationship with God, we experience because of Jesus Christ. When we worship God, we actively recognize Him as our Creator.

*Romans 12:1 " I appeal to you therefore brethren, by the mercies of
God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice holy and acceptable
to God , which is your spiritual worship"*

*1 Timothy 2:8 " I desire then that in every place the men should
pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling"*

Worship is our reasonable service of gratitude for all God has done for us. Worship is a way to spread the Gospel message to non-believers; when others see us worshipping God, they will realize that there is Someone Who deserves our worship, and may want to learn more about Him.

We worship God by thanking Him in prayer and songs and through attending church by remembering and discussing the great things He has done for us, proclaim his salvation in worship. Declare his glory and, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

The power of Jabez's prayer

*1 Chronicles 4:10 "10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that
thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand*

might be with me, and that thou wouldst keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested. "

The life of Jabez caused him pain, he desperately needed God to change his destiny. His life was out of the original plan of God; his true identity was swallowed by life experiences and pressures of the world. Jabez prayed and God remembered him, connect yourself to the our Father and God in prayer.

Whatever the situation and circumstances of your life pray to God according to His will after all it is in His will that we live in joy, peace and love; there is tremendous power available in prayer. Pray and call on His Holy name and God will grant you your heart's desire.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13 "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." Our prayers should not be directed to angels or any one else our Lord Jesus taught us to direct our prayers to our father who art in heaven. The next thing to pray for is for the kingdom of God to come that is the coming back of Jesus to reign a thousand years in the year of millennium; God's eternal kingdom will come down on earth.

Jesus pointed out that God's will be done here on earth as it is in heaven. We need to pray and ask our Father that his will be done here on earth as it is in heaven.

As you pray ask God for your daily bread, your daily bread is

everything pertaining to life and godliness.

The kingdom of God will never end, His dominion endures for ever and His glory is everlasting the children of God should continuously declare and decree the greatness of our Heavenly Father.

Our Lord Jesus taught us to pray asking God to forgive us our sins as we forgive others who trespass against us. This is a major piece of revelation Jesus is telling us that we need to forgive all those who have wronged us and if we do not then God is not going to be willing to forgive any of our trespasses. *Mark 11:25 "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."*

PRAYER POSITIONS TO LIVE A HIGHER LIFE

Ephesians 3:20: "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"

Prayer positions you to live a higher life. It enables you to demonstrate the abundance, wellness, dominion, victory and divine health that is in the Kingdom of God. Prayer makes you experience the goodness, kindness and loving tenderness of God towards you, far removed from wickedness and everything that condemns.

Prayer is the sure foundation

Isiah 28:16: Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste."

Lay a firm foundation for your ministry, marriage, children, nation, business as you pray in the name of Jesus. Lay a firm foundation for the coming age by the power of prayer. Prayer is digging deep and

laying a sure foundation on a rock .

PRAYER WILL KEEP YOU AWAY FROM TEMPTATION

Luke 22:40 "And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation."

Temptation is not a sin but yielding to temptation and fulfilling its desires is a sin. Jesus told His disciples to pray so that they will not enter into temptation. Prayer has the power to stop you from yielding to temptation. When you are prayerful you will not yield to temptations. The tempter will not be able to control you.

GOD CAN CHANGE HIS MIND WHEN YOU PRAY IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

God wanted to destroy the rebellious Israelites because He had decided to raise a new generation from Moses. But Moses interceded for the children of Israel and he prevailed by intercession and prevented God from destroying the stubborn Israelites. God had purposed it in His heart to destroy, He was determined but Moses stood in the gap.

PRAYER HAS POWER TO MAKE YOU VICTORIOUS

1 John 5:4: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

You are born into a life of victory in the Kingdom of God. God expects you to experience victory every day, for victory is in your spirit. God has already deposited everything in you that you need to live a victorious life. There is no challenge big enough, no demon powerful enough to prevent, hinder or disturb you from walking in victory. You must learn to stir up the power of the Holy Spirit inside you through prayer. When God looks at you He does not see a victim

He sees you strong, one that is more than a conqueror, the one that triumphed in Christ Jesus. One born a champion and a victor in Christ Jesus.

1 John 4:4 "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."

Wake up to prayer and experience a life of victory, a daily life of blessing, miracles, signs and wonders. You are seated in the place of divine authority and power, so your victory is not a struggle it is your birth right in Christ Jesus. One of the most beautiful things about Christ is the total victory over the devil.

PRAYER HAS POWER TO GIVE BIRTH TO IDEAS

Isaiah 66:9 "Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God."

When you spend time in prayer God communicates with your spirit, this is the key to all things that you want. God will always give you ideas. Every time God gives you the ideas, you must therefore spend time in prayer until visions materialize. You must continue to persevere in prayer, make declarations and decrees. Pray until the vision or desire fills your thoughts and affects your confessions. Pray until the vision, idea or desire becomes strong and real in you. Spend more time in prayer to bring your ideas to materialization.

Pray earnestly and fervently for as long as it takes for things to turn around. The disciples of Jesus spent time praying and signs and wonders followed them. Allow God to give you excellent ideas. Spend quality time in prayer that you may develop your spirit for excellence. God's plan for you is to have the Spirit of wisdom. The most successful people in the world do very little thinking to achieve so much because they have learnt to look to their spirits

for answers every time they pray. Your Spirit will receive light from God that will make you receive creative and excellent ideas in all you do such that you will hardly find yourself in trial and error situations. Do not miss prayer times.

PRAYER GIVES YOU UNSPEAKABLE JOY

Isaiah 56:7 "Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people."

The utmost desire is for His joy to be in your spirit twenty four hours a day irrespective of the situation you find yourself in. He has given you joy that isn't dependent on the happenings around you.

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

Let your joy unspeakable flow from your spirit as you pray and let it rub off everything around you. That is what joy unspeakable does. The way to activate joy unspeakable is by declaring faith filled prayers. Joy will always well up in your heart. Be full of joy always.

1Peter 1:7-8 "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

WHEN YOU PRAY DO NOT HOLD BACK

become vibrant and fervent worshiper, stir up the Holy Spirit storm through praise and worship. Be unashamed to praise God anywhere

and at all times. You can only enjoy the joy unspeakable after you have stirred up the Holy Spirit through unusual praise and worship as you lift up those hands in prayer.

PRAYER IS A SEED WITH A SURE HARVEST

Isaiah 55:10-11: For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. "

Go on and plant the seed in prayer and reap a hundred fold. It is not time to get stressed and depressed. Isaac prospered in the midst of harsh conditions. In the time of famine, the Bible says he made progress and grew until he became very great, so that the Philistines envied him.

Genesis 26:12: "Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him."

Your prosperity is in the Word of God. Do not sit there and cry. There is treasure in the land that you are in. Pray and continue to pray making progress and growing until you become very great.

PRAYER IS THE BOLD STATEMENT THAT GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL

Isaiah 54:17: No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD."

Prayer is your bold statement that misfortunes, poverty, darkness, wickedness, sickness, diseases... shall not prevail in every area of your life in the name of Jesus.

PRAYER IS POWER TO PREVAIL

2 Corinthians 2:14: "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place."

When you pray you prevail at all cost; you might be at a level where it seems you are in a pit. Do not throw away your confidence you will never be defeated. Whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world. God deposited strength within you, the strength comes when you pray. Continue in prayer and come out victorious.

PRAYER IS THE CURRENCY THAT IS USED TO MAKE HEAVENLY TRANSACTIONS

"Mark 6:41: "And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all."

Our Lord Jesus looked up to heaven and gave thanks. In other words, there was a heavenly transaction. It was a miracle that all the people ate and they were satisfied. As you pray you experience the miraculous power of God.

PRAYER IS THE MAGNET THAT DRAWS YOU CLOSER TO GOD

James 4:8: "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded."

Oneness with God is created when you fellowship in prayer. The

more you fellowship with God in prayer the more God reveals His will, making it possible for you to know His mind. He will cause you to act, think and operate just like Jesus. Prayer is a magnet that draws you to a special friend. God is a special friend who values you deeply, cares, appreciates, tolerates and understands you, unlike human friends who disqualifies you: because of background, marital or financial status. God is not a man He is a wonderful friend who never humiliates us or belittle us because of our weaknesses and struggles instead God encourages us in a way that gives us confidence, self-worth, self-respect and the I can do all things in Christ Jesus mentality. Although God is invisible to the natural eye He is not at all nameless distant entity beyond knowing or understanding. If our Father was hidden and unknowable God we could never be close to Him. God's qualities are revealed in the His Word that is why it is very important to study the Holy Bible and the power of prayer.

PRAYER IS THE MASTER KEY

When God looks at you, He see you holding a master key. Which opens any desired door in the name of our Lord Jesus. The Word of God is the key which opens and closes any door before you, behind you, at your right and at your left twenty four ours a day.

PRAYER IS TOTAL DEPENDENCY ON GOD

2 Peter 1:3 "According as his divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory."

Our heavenly Father has brought all things into existence. He is the Great I AM causing Himself to become whatever is needed in order to fulfil His promise. Whatever situation or need you find yourself - the Father is ready and willing to become whatever you need in order to deliver you out of that bondage, captivity or slavery. God is

able to supply all your needs.

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

There is nothing the Father cannot become in order to care for His children in the best possible way. Moses and the faithful Israel soon learnt that God the Father is true, they watched in awe as God caused Himself to become an unbeatable military commander, the master of natural elements, Judge, Provider of food and water, Preserver of clothing and footwear and many more. Our Father is not limited, He is permanent and unaffected by the passage of time. God is far more real than anything we can feel or touch. It is time to pray and experience the awesome beauty of God's provision.

PRAYER IS SHELTER IN THE STORM

Psalms 46:1-2 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;" Psalms 46:3: "Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah."

Prayer is shelter in storm. In times when you feel that you cannot go on because of the pressures of life, the impact of situations and circumstances. When you look around for solution and it seems as if there is none. Pray and be assured of the truth that God is your strength and efficiency; his strength is made perfect in your weakness. When you are vulnerable and there is a loneliness and longing. Do not depend on someone but always depend on God. People will always give first priority to their own problems; it is only God who neither sleep nor slumber because of your welfare; remember that God is your refuge, and your strength.

GOD IS READY TO ANSWER PRAYERS

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jeremiah:33:3)

"At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision." (Daniel 9:23)

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" (Matthew 7:7-11).

"Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity" (Isaiah 58:9)

"Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared" (Hebrews 5:7)

PRAYER TIME

Pray for your faith not to fail

"But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." (Luke 22:32)

"Pray for the infilling of the Holy Spirit

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy g Ghost, and they spake the Word of God with boldness." (Acts 4:31)

Pray earnestly for those in chains

"Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." (Acts 12:5)

Allow the Holy Spirit to make intercession on your behalf

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." (Romans 8:26)

Married couples have mutual consent in times of prayer and fasting

"Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency." (1Corinthians 7:3-5)

Pray with the spirit and with the understanding

"What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." (1Corinthians 14:15)

Pray for brethren to be reconciled with God

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." (2Corinthians 5:20)

Pray not to do evil

"Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as repro-bates." (2Corinthians 13:7)

Pray for love to abound more and more

"And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment" (Philippians 1:9)

Take your request in prayer

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." (Philippians 4:6)

Pray with thanksgiving

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving" (Colossians 4:2)

Pray that the Word of God have free course

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you" (2Thessalonians 3:1)

Pray for all men

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men" (1Timothy 2:1)

Pray every way

"I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy " hands, without wrath and doubting." (1Timothy 2:8)

Pray night and day

"Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day." (1Timothy 5:5)

Pray for others without ceasing

"For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers" (Romans 1:9)

"I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day" (2Timothy 1:3)

"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)

"Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power" (2Thessalonians 1:11)

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1Thessalonians 5:23)

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers" (1Thessalonians:1:2)

Pray when you are afflicted

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms." (James 5:13)

Call for elders to pray and anoint the sick

"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14)

And the prayer of faith heals the sick

"And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." (James 5:15)

Confess your sins and pray for healing

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
(James 5:16)

The prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available

"Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three

years and six months. James 5:18: And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit." (James 5:17)

The eyes of the Lord are open to the prayers of the righteous

"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." (1Peter 3:12)

Be watchful, sober and pray

"But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." (1Peter 4:7)

Pray in the Holy Spirit

"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost" (Jude 1:20)

Deal with hindrances to prayer

Fighting for what you need instead of asking

"Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not." (James 4:2)

Asking with selfish motives

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." (James 4:3)

Turning a deaf ear to the poor

"Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard." (Proverbs: 21:13)

Asking while practicing sin

"For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them" (Isaiah 59:12)

Disobedience to know the commands of God

"He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." (Proverbs 28:9)

Unforgiving spirit

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Mat 6:14-15)

Lack of faith

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6)

Wavering

"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." (James 1:6)

Keeping idols in the heart

"For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his

heart, and putteth the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will answer him by myself: And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am the LORD." (Ezekiel 14:7 -8)

Disruption of family peace hinders prayers

"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered." (1Peter 3:7)

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

Avoid evil company

Proverbs 13:20 "He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed."

1 Corinthians 15:33 "Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'"

The Word of God provides us with clear guidance on the importance of surrounding ourselves with positive influences and it also reveals to us the harm that comes from toxic relationships. Toxic friendships can lead us away from our faith and values, causing emotional and spiritual damage. Associating with morally corrupt individuals can tarnish our own character and lead us astray from righteous living. This straightforward warning stresses the importance of exercising discernment in choosing our friends and companions, prioritizing those who uphold values consistent with our own. Cutting off bad friends should not be done fleshly or carnally because it will wound you or even cause frustration not only to you but others. Cutting off bad friends is not done in a day it is a process. Allow the Holy Spirit to help you with discernment when it comes to ending relationships that no longer support your spiritual journey.

Christians should not submit themselves to unnecessarily ridicule and temptation from people with whom they simply should not be closely associating with. As Christians we should be discerning about the company we keep, we should keep relationships that encourage growth, love, and righteousness. By understanding about toxic friendships, we can by the help of the Holy Spirit our teacher and guide learn to recognize the signs of unhealthy and ungodly relationships and take steps to protect our well-being. It's important to recognize when friendships become harmful to our faith and well-being. Sometimes, the people we care about can become toxic, leading us down

paths we shouldn't follow. Believers should not prioritize worldly friendships over their relationship with God. Friendship with the world is enmity with God

Ephesians 5:11 "Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. "

It is very important as Christians importance of avoiding participation in sinful activities and associations. As believers, we are called to live in the light and expose the works of darkness. This admonition urges us to distance ourselves from relationships and influences that promote ungodliness and to instead seek fellowship that aligns with the values of righteousness and truth.

The Holy Spirit helps us discern these situations and encourages us to break away from relationships that bring spiritual harm, you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet they gossip, indulge in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people, there is dangers of aligning ourselves with individuals prone to such immoral behaviors. Associating closely with such individuals can lead us to adopt their negative behaviors, resulting in harm. Born again sons and daughters of God should prioritize relationships that promote peace, positivity, and personal growth.

When people of the world and carnal Christians ridicule your standing for the truth and tempt you to sin, you need to let go such relationships and strengthen your association with true and faithful Christians. It's crucial to seek friendships that align with our faith and uplift our spirits rather than those that drag us down or lead us astray, if you walk with the wise, you become wise, but if you associate with fools, you get into trouble, if your friends are always leading you down a path that makes you feel guilty or ashamed, it's time to rethink those friendships. God doesn't want you to stays in relationships that are harmful to your spiritual, emotional, or even physical health. Christians should distance themselves from individuals within the Christian community who persist in unrepentant sin for the

purpose of maintaining moral standards and avoiding intimate association with those whose lifestyles that contradict the teachings of Christ, even if they claim to be part of the faith Christian congregation. *2 Corinthians 6:14 "Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?"*

Its importance to align ourselves with like-minded faithful Christians who share our faith and values. Bad friends can be people who always tempt you to do the wrong thing, gossip about others, or even make fun of your beliefs. Sometimes they can be people who are just negative all the time, dragging you down when you try to be positive, and after spending time with them, you might find yourself feeling drained, upset, or even guilty. Friends who pressure you to develop addictions, lie, cheat, or ignore the things you know are right, bad company corrupts good character, no matter how strong you think you are, bad friends can eventually have a negative influence on you.

It's not always easy to let go friends because you might care about them, and you don't want to hurt their feelings. But sometimes, the best way to take care of your spiritual life and your well-being is to distance yourself from people who are pulling you away from your relationship with God. This doesn't mean you need to be rude, harsh, or act like you're better than anyone else, but it does mean that you have to make choices that keep you on the right path, even if those choices are difficult. When you let go of bad friends, it doesn't mean you stop caring about them. You can still pray for them, hope that they change, and be kind when you see them. But you have to be wise about how much time you spend with them, and you have to set boundaries that protect your faith, your peace, and your joy. There's nothing wrong with wanting to grow and improve yourself, and if your friends are worldly or carnal, it's okay to move forward without them. When you cut off bad friends, God brings better friends into your life who encourages you, support you, and help you grow stronger in your faith. Trust that if you let go of what's not good for you, God will fill that space with better friends.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

Developing Close Companionship with Faithful Christians.

Hebrews 10:23-25 "Let us holdfast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and to good works, not neglecting to meet as is the habit of some but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near,"

Once we have made the wise decision to stop association with bad friends or to be unequalled yoked it's important to move forward in faith and fellowship with brethren who are full of faith. Carnal Christians are not different from unbelievers they hinder spiritual growth, God wants us to be surrounded by people who encourage us, uplift us, and walk alongside us in our spiritual journey. Christians should associate as closely with Christians who can encourage them, building healthy relationships with like-minded believers will strengthen our faith and bring us closer to God Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Ephesians 4:23 "and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, God in Christ forgave you."

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive those who offends you, because we are not perfect and we are all prone to make mistakes, as we are being perfected daily by the Word of God. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other, encouraging each other and building each other up, walking in wisdom and discernment when it comes to choosing our friends. Our companions should uplift us, encourage us, and align with our values. Allow the holy Spirit to be your guide with wisdom when it comes

to choosing friendships. Whereas worldly people or carnal Christians may ridicule and tempt us, Christians should help strengthen us. Christians friends should comfort one another in suffering, sympathizing and giving helpful advice. Choosing to associate with wise individuals leads to personal growth and wisdom, foolish people can cause harm and negative consequences, meaningful friendships refine us, helping us to become better versions of ourselves. It emphasizes the value of mutual encouragement and accountability in fostering personal growth and maturity. Therefore, it's essential to be deliberate about the company we keep, ensuring it aligns with our values and fosters positive growth.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

Prosperity is your birth right

Psalms 21:1 "Prosperity is your birth right. You are the seed of Abraham, the inheritor of the Abrahamic blessing."

Galatians 3:29 "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

Psalms 24:1 "The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell there-in."

God has given you access to the vast resources. He has deposited inexhaustible wealth for you in this world. Poverty is not your portion, poverty is lack, insufficiency, famine, ill-health, sickness, infirmity, unhappiness, sorrowful, grief and misery is not your portion. Nicodemus poverty was spiritual not material. Materially he was enriched with the worldly goods and elevated socially but spiritually he was poor. Namaan was once poor in health, he suffered from leprosy. Some people are poor mentally, they are unhappy and sorrowful in their minds.

Our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus became poor that out of his poverty we are made rich. *"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."* (2 Corinthians 8:9) Jesus took upon himself not only the sins of this world but also the effects of sin one of which is poverty. God does not get glory when His children are always calling out for help and handouts from government, organizations or individuals. God does not get glory when His children are sickly neither does He get glory when we lack financially always borrowing. God gets glory when there are shouts of victory. When the nations declare His goodness, deliverance, salvation and the wonderful acts of righteousness.

God wants you to make a difference in your world. Your nation has to be a better place because you came. God wants you to fund the gospel around the world. If you are poor and broke you can't possibly lift up the poor.

"The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender." (Proverbs 22:7).

The rich continue to rule the poor using them unfairly getting richer while the poor get poorer. Jesus could not leave you the seed of Abraham bound in chains of poverty, bent over and restricted from fully straightening and making a difference in your world. God wants you to think of what you can do for others; the government, organizations and individuals. God wants you to look out for human needs and reach out to meet them, making new discoveries that will take the nations to greater heights. God does not withhold prosperity; it is your duty and your assignment to be wise and knowledgeable in the gospel of prosperity. Driving of flashy cars and living in mansions is not the purpose and the primary reason why God prospers us. The purpose and the primary reason for God prospering us is for the funding and the preaching of the gospel.

Matthew 28:19-20 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

The cities of the Lord must be spread abroad for the glory of the Lord and it is achieved through prosperity. That is why God is so desirous to prosper us.

Zechariah: 1:17" Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem."

Prosperity comes as a result of the seed sown

Prosperity does not come as a result of magical arts, divination, stealing or cheating; prosperity comes as a result of the seed.

Luke 8:11 "The seed is the Word of God."

If you sow the seed and meditate day and night, you will have a bumper harvest of peace, joy, prosperity, rest, goodness, favor, mercy, greatness and progress.

Genesis 26:12 "Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great."

Poverty comes as a result of weeds. Gardens and fields that are not maintained result in poverty.

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

If you leave your land with weeds, you will receive thirty, sixty or even hundred folds of poverty, frustration, misfortunes, greed, love of the world and wickedness. The Word of God has the necessary ingredients to take you out of poverty. The fact that you do not yet own a beautiful house, a nice car or any of the world symbols of success does not mean you are poor. When you remain in Christ all the promises of God made to Abraham will be fulfilled in your life.

The Word of God is packed with all the necessary ingredients for growth and enlargement. Growth is an essential part of our Christian experience. We cannot afford to remain stagnant or passive; we cannot remain in the same position for too long. The seed has power to affect changes and take us from where we are to where we ought to be. The seed of God has power to make you whole. Being whole means to be prosperous spiritually, socially, physically, mentally and financially. God is the one who gives seed to the sower.

2Corinthians 9:10 "Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness"

The power of the seed

The seed is able to prosper you beyond your wildest dreams; it has the resurrection power, power to raise everything that is dead in your life. The seed has power to multiply, draw you close to God, break barriers, bondages, miscarriages, barrenness, misfortunes and poverty. The Word carries power to meet all your needs supernaturally, securing your future by positioning you to live a higher life. The seed has power to affect changes and take us from where we are to where we ought to be. The seed of God has power to make you whole. The seed has power to open doors of opportunity, to change impossible situations and cause you to be victors and not victims of deception.

There is power in the clothes that are dedicated to the Lord and given to the poor and needy for the name of the Lord to be glorified the presence of God on the seed will impact it with the supernatural power of God. Your seed ceases to be ordinary and it becomes the seed of God. The seed will become God's point of contact to bless you.

Never allow the devil to hold your mind in captivity by telling you that you are poor and cannot sow. The church of Macedonia was in great trial of affliction and deep in poverty. The poor widow sowed her seed of two mites. She did not say "I am poor I cannot sow," instead she acted in wisdom and the Word of God pulled her out of poverty. Sow your time, gift and abilities. God can use that little seed in your hand to touch the nation and the entire world.

Sow what is in your hand.

He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." (Ecclesiastes 11:4).

Whenever you have a seed in your hand plant it, never observe the wind or regard the clouds. "God will never give back exactly what you have sown. He multiplies and make sure your store house bursts at the seam with overflowing prosperity. God can use that little seed in your hand to touch the nation and the entire world. There is greatness inside the seed that you see as small, there is a hidden treasure. The servants of God used things that seem not even worth mentioning thing like sticks, clothes, a glass of water, a plate of food, a small piece of cake or bread and shelter for servants of God. When all these are dedicated to God, they cease to be natural. There is power in the clothes that are dedicated to the Lord and given to the poor and needy for the name of the Lord to be glorified.

There is greatness inside the seed that you see as small, there is a hidden treasure. The servants of God used things that seem not even worth mentioning thing like sticks, clothes, a glass of water, a plate of food, a small piece of cake or bread and shelter for servants of God. When all these are dedicated to God, they cease to be natural.

Your seed is your point of contact

Your seed is your point of contact and your weapon for you to access prosperity from heaven. Whenever you sow a seed, the anointing of the Lord comes on the seed and it changes from natural seed to supernatural seed. In your natural eyes it may look the same but the presence of God on the seed will impact it with the supernatural power of God. Your seed ceases to be ordinary and it becomes the seed of God.

The seed will become God's point of contact to bless you. Never allow the devil to hold your mind in captivity by telling you that you are poor and cannot sow. The church of Macedonia was in great trial of affliction and deep in poverty. The poor widow sowed her seed of two mites. She did not say "I am poor I cannot sow," instead she acted in wisdom and the Word of God pulled her out of poverty. Sow your time, gift and abilities.

God multiplies the seed

When you sow the seed God multiplies and causes an abundant harvest. God's supply never runs short. God multiplies the seed irrespective of the economic situation in the country you may be. He causes you to prosper and make progress and advancement. Isaac sowed in the land where there was famine and reaped a hundredfold.

"Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great." (Genesis 26:12).

Our God is the God of multiplication that is His nature. Whenever you have a seed in your hand plant it, never observe the wind or regard the clouds.

"He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." (Ecclesiastes 11:4).

God will never give back exactly what you have sown. He multiplies and make sure your store house bursts at the seam with overflowing prosperity. "

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over." (Psalms 23:5).

Word of God has the necessary ingredients to take you out of poverty.

The fact that you do not yet own a beautiful house, a nice car or any of the world symbols of success does not mean you are poor. When you remain in Christ all the promises of God made to Abraham will be fulfilled in your life. The Word of God is packed with all the necessary conditions for growth and enlargement. Growth is an essential part of our Christian experience. We cannot afford to remain stagnant or passive; we cannot remain in the same position for too long.

God is the one who gives seed to the sower

"Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness" (2Corinthians 9:10)

So whenever God asks you to sow a seed be prepared to do it. Do not hang on to the seed God has given you. The fact that you have a seed in your hand means that God has given it to you and He can give much more without hesitating. Do not struggle with sowing remember your seed is your weapon for prosperity and your point of contact. Sow your seed bountifully and you also reap bountifully.

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." 2Corinthians 9:6

Do not hold on to the seed that God has given you. Holding your seed is refusing to build your own prosperity. The danger of holding on to your seed is that it prevents you from going to that may hinder or disturb your land from producing a great harvest of prosperity.

Remove harmful substances

Remove harmful substances completely if you desire lasting

prosperity. Anxiety, cares of this world, envy, hatred and wickedness are all thorns and harmful substances. Harmful substances have a negative effect on your foundation and structure. Get busy and productive; stir your land by activating the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has the power to cause the anointing of the Lord to rest upon your seed. Take good care of your land.

"He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough." Proverb 28:19

Your land is your job, career, project, assignment or your business. Water your land and fertilize it by praying without ceasing, meditating and confessing the right confessions. God has given each one of us ideas and projects. To dream is not enough. We need to work with the best that is within us. We all have goals to achieve. It profits us nothing to have dreams, ideas and visions if we do not make effort to reach them in Christ Jesus. Not making effort is just like someone who has the equipment and material for building prosperity but he is too lazy to build so remains in poverty harassed and embarrassed by the devil day and night.

*"Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep
So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an
armed man." (Proverbs 24:33-34).*

The woman of a noble character made effort to find wool and flax and she worked with eager hands. Work your land, when all is done you continue to receive a great harvest of prosperity.

Prosperity by the power of giving

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6:38)

Your foundation and structure is also made very strong by the power of giving. Giving is the opportunity that guarantees your prosperity, take advantage and show appreciation for God's blessing in your life at the same time activating the flow of prosperity by giving. Give what you have. Giving is not limited to money. You can Lord to expand your vision. He will increase your inspiration, motivation and ability to conceive. That is how God grows you and multiplies you. Do not struggle to sow God is the one who supplies seed.

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Love is the basis of all giving

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." (Matthew 23:23)

Giving that comes from a pure heart is a sweet smell, pleasing to the Lord, a sacrifice that activates the power and flow of

prosperity. Giving out of love makes you willingly care for others without ever thinking what they will do for you in return. Wrong motives for giving is laying your foundation on the sand, it will not help the builder. What drives you to give your tithes, offering or alms to orphans and widows? What controls your giving? If you are driven by pressure, problems, painful memories, fear, showing off attitude, your foundation for prosperity will not stand the test of time, it is weak and cannot stand the power and pressure of the wicked one.

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2Corinthians 9:7)

Love is the only basis of giving it creates a powerful foundation and structure that will forever stand.

"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:3)

Give God the best

"But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the LORD a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen." (Malachi 1:14)

Giving God the best is building with the precious stone, the chief cornerstone, the unshakeable rock of all ages, the amazing rock that gashed living waters and quenched the thirst of Israelites in the desert. God had thousands and thousands of angel but He gave His only begotten son. When we needed a teacher, counselor and a guide God gave us His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit knows the mind and the will of God. God does not deserve the

lame and blind. Every time you give God the best of what you have you activate a biblical principle and God will definitely pour his blessing. Abel gave God the best sacrifice.

"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh." (Hebrews 11:4)

When God gave the children of Israel His law and commands He specifically them not to bring anything less than the best.

"And if there be any blemish therein, as if it be lame, or blind, or have any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the LORD thy God." (Deuteronomy 15:21)

"The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind?" (Proverbs 21:27)

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Giving increases your grace for receiving

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth forever." (2 Corinthians 9:89).

Giving is an open cheque; it increases the grace to receive from heaven. Grace will be heaped upon grace increasing the power to excel, succeed and prosper in every area of your life. The grace of God causes promotion, favor, and progress in your life.

*"And of his fullness have all we received,
and grace for grace." (John 1:16)*

Give your tithe

"Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year." (Deuteronomy 14:22)

Tithing activates an open heaven "

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. , cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts." (Malachi 3:8-12)

Jacob made an oath to the Lord concerning his commitment to give tenth to the Lord .

"And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and

raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." (Genesis 28:20)"

If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth. (Deuteronomy 15:7)

Giving tithes shows how much you value God. It is personally declaring that God is the true source of all your provision. Tithing is investing in the Kingdom of God and it leads to lasting joy and prosperity. Give offerings

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"Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, My offering, and my bread for my sacrifices made by fire, for a sweet savour unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season." (Numbers 28:2)

When you give your offerings to the Lord you must give willingly as you have decided in your heart to give. Do not give reluctantly or under compulsion because God loves a cheerful giver. When God told Moses to take offering from the children of Israel, he instructed him to take offering of the ones who give willingly with their hearts. Giving your offering is an act of kindness, it is your bold statement that "God is my source, I shall never neglect the house of the God." Such foundations and structures have the power to overcome the wicked one.

Giving first fruits

"And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there." (Deuteronomy 26:12).

Giving your fruits causes the rest of your harvest to be holy. It causes your barns to be filled with plenty.

"Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. (Proverbs: 3:9-10)

Giving alms

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:34-40)

Meeting the needs of others is truly a display of unselfish love. It is an act of kindness. It activates a flow of prosperity in your life. You can make merciful actions by giving to the needy, poor, orphans, and widows. When you show initiative to show kindness in such ways you demonstrate the genuineness of your love.. Let the love of Christ flow from your heart to those around you as you share all God has given you. The love of God has already been shared abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, it's natural to care for the needs of others and walk in love. Love is unselfish it does not seek its own interests and happiness. It breaks the barriers of race and social strata. Take time to appreciate those around you and do something to show the love of Christ. Let people experience the love of God through you as you care for their needs in the name of Jesus. Every little act of kindness you show to others has a greater reward for you are actually doing it to the Lord



SPIRITUAL MILK

FOR THE NEW BELIEVER

Young Christians are vulnerable, just as new-born babies, they can easily be tossed to and fro and be carried about with every wind of doctrine and the deceptive bait of the devil. The foundation of baby Christians is very important, without it many new converts will struggle with stunted growth and many new born again Christians will easily backslide because many after church meetings, they go back to where they have little or no godly counsel or help, some married Christians go back to their husbands/wives who are not born again, unbelievers who put their lives on risk of backsliding and going astray, they are encircled by unbelievers many of them struggling with drug and alcohol addictions, violent behaviors and outburst of wrath, anger and bitterness, born again children maybe going back home to face parents guardians relatives and friends who are still lost in sin. Many new believers struggle anxiety, depression, insecurities, suicidal thoughts, trauma anger and many different anxieties

*“O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he has
“done marvellous things:his right hand, and his holy arm,
has gotten him the victory.” Psalms 98:1*

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