

ZION REALITIES

...A daily devotional

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A KEY FOR OTHER BIBLE VERSIONS USED:

NKJV	- New King James Version
AMP	- The Amplified Bible
AMPC	- The Amplified Classic Bible
NLT	- New Living Translation
NIV	- New International Version
MSG	- The Message Translation
TLB	- The Living Bible
CEV	- Contemporary English Version
GNB	- Good News Bible
NASB	- New American Standard Bible
ISV	- International Standard Version
WEB	- The World English Bible
ASV	- American Standard Version
TANT	- The Amplified New Translation
TEV	- Today's English Version
RSV	- Revised Standard Version
WNT	- Weymouth New Testament
NRSV	- New Revised Standard Version
MOFFAT	- Moffatt New Translation
WESNT	- Wesley New Testament
EBR	- Rotherham's Emphasized Bible
DRB	- Douay-Rheims Bible
TPT	- The Passion Translation
CJB	- Complete Jewish Bible

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INTRODUCTION

This 2022 edition of the devotional has been packaged to enhance your spiritual growth and development and position you for resounding success throughout the year.

The life-changing truths in this edition will refresh, transform and prepare you for a very fulfilling, fruitful, and rewarding experience with God's Word.

- HOW TO USE THIS DEVOTIONAL FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT -

- 1. Take out time everyday to study the daily article and the scriptures included.**
- 2. Speak the confessions out loud, don't just read them.**
- 3. You can also take out time to study the scriptures in the daily article, search the different versions of the bible and meditate on them.**
- 4. Daily write down the inspirations of the Spirit that come to you through the devotional.**

Enjoy God's glorious presence and victory, as you take a daily dose of His Word! God bless you!

Pastor Isaac Kyamufumba

SATURDAY

1



A SPIRITUAL GIANT THROUGH THE WORD

*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.*

There's no weakness, hindrance or disadvantage to the child of God, for he has in him the all-conquering power and ability of divinity. **The Message Translation's rendering** of the opening verse says: ***"Every God-begotten person conquers the world's ways. The conquering power that brings the world to its knees is our faith."*** (1 John 5:4). If you're born again, you have in you the power to effect a change by acting on the Word; this is regardless of what the situation might be in your country, company, finances, family or physical body.

As a Christian, you've got to give the utmost priority and attention to the study of God's Word. God has made you a spiritual giant, but until you give yourself wholly to studying and meditating on the Word (**1 Timothy 4:15**), you'll live far below your potentials. Man has three phases of life to live:

the physical, mental and spiritual life. He has lived his physical life and realized that victory isn't by strength alone. He has lived a mental life and he has seen the limitations of his intellect. However, there's one phase left that he hasn't fully explored, and this is the spiritual life.

Years ago, wars were waged and won on the basis of physical stature hence, physical giants dominated the earth. Men like Goliath of Gath dominated and terrorized other nations. Soon enough, others became more intelligent and found ways to defeat these giants. Gradually, mental giants began to emerge on the scene. So today, we have many mental giants dominating our world, in various fields. But we're beginning to see their failures; economically, politically, medically and so on.

Now, because of the failures of the physical and mental giants, the world is crying out for something more. Man is in his last phase of life; the spiritual life. This is the reason God is raising spiritual giants today; men who know the power of the Spirit and understand the realities of the spirit realm. Rise up to today's challenge and be the wonder that God has created you to be through the Word.

CONFESSION

I'm completely yielded to the ministry of the Word of God in my life. The Word is taking the centre stage and has become the focus of my existence, making me a spiritual giant. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY

- 1 Chronicles 20:6-8; 1 Timothy 4:15-16;
- 2 Timothy 3:15

SUNDAY

2



POSITION YOUR MIND RIGHTLY

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Our theme verse reveals the required supernatural exercise that causes you to develop in the God-life, and grow from glory to glory; it's by the renewing of your mind through the Word. When your mind is renewed with the Word of God, you'll walk in the perfect will of God; the reason you must be renewed in the spirit of your mind (**Ephesians 4:23**).

Your mind is the agency through which your spirit is trained and developed to be a sure-guide. If it's blocked, the Word of God can neither access nor get into your spirit. If the Word doesn't get into your spirit, you can't have faith, for faith is the response of the human spirit to the Word of God. Therefore, every time you study or hear God's Word, you consciously have to position your mind rightly for the Word to be effective in you. You have to synchronize your thoughts with the Word.

The more time you spend meditating on the Word, the more your mind will yield to the Word and be imparted by it's power, resulting in a transformation in your life. **Hebrews 3:8** warned us not to harden our hearts against the Word as the Israelites did during their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. Many of them couldn't enter the Promised Land because they didn't mix the Word with faith. Many in the Church are suffering today for the same reason; the Word of God isn't producing results in their lives because it's not mixed with faith (**Hebrews 4:2**).

Your prosperity and greatness is dependent on the state of your mind. Therefore, position your mind rightly by renewing it with the Word, so you can think God's thoughts.

PRAYER

Thank you Father, for my mind is attentive to your Word at all times. Therefore, my spirit is aglow with the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ; the light of the knowledge of your glory shines perpetually in my heart, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Acts 17:11; Isaiah 26:3

MONDAY

3



LIVE BY THE ANOINTING

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...

There's no such thing as Christianity without the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Without the anointing, what you have will be mere religion, and religion gives you nothing. We must operate under the anointing of the Holy Spirit all the time.

The anointing is real and it's for us to live by. The anointing is also transferable. In the book of **Acts**, there were various accounts of how the anointing was communicated through material mediums such as handkerchiefs and aprons and even through the shadow of Peter (**Acts 19:12; Acts 5:15**). If the anointing could be retained on inanimate objects, how much more on your physical body!

Therefore, it's important that we operate in the arena of faith in God's Word where the anointing becomes something that we're not only acquainted

with, but what we relate with and enjoy. Too many Christians don't care about the anointing, and that's wrong. You have to realize that there is nothing you'll ever do for the Lord that would be acceptable to Him except it is done through the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus had to offer Himself to God through the Holy Spirit (**Hebrews 9:14**). No matter how religious and respected by men you might be, without the anointing of the Holy Spirit your life will be empty. For your services and devotions to the Lord to be of eternal significance, you'd have to carry them out by the power of the Holy Ghost. The Lord Jesus is concerned about the works that remain; works that are of eternal value. No wonder He said, ***"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain..."*** (John 15:16). This is something more real than religion.

Your life as a Christian will be a day-to-day experience of the miraculous if you'd learn to live by the anointing of the Holy Spirit as the Prophets, Apostles and even the Lord Jesus did in Bible days.

CONFESSION

God has anointed me with the Holy Spirit and power, and I'm impacting the lives of those in my world with the presence of God and the Gospel, thereby bringing glory to the Name of the Lord, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

John 15:16; 1 John 2:27

TUESDAY

4



TRUST IN THE LORD ALWAYS

1 Timothy 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.

The story of King Asa of Judah is quite instructive as regards the importance of trusting the Lord at all times. He was a wonderful man, marvellously helped of God against his enemies several times. On one occasion, he was completely outnumbered by invading forces; they came with more than a million soldiers against him. Then, the Bible says, Asa cried unto the Lord, and God heard him and helped him defeat his enemies (**2 Chronicles 14:11-12**).

Then few years later, as God prospered him, he became a wealthy king, and there was another war. This time, Baasha the King of Israel came out against Judah, took some of their lands, and began to build cities on them. Asa, instead of calling on the Lord as he did previously, went to the King of Syria and offered him money to ally with him

against Baasha the king of Israel. But here is what the prophet of God told him, ***"...Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand"*** (2 Chronicles 16:7).

This, in fact, is a major problem with those who trust in their money to answer for them in the day of trouble, instead of trusting in the Lord. The Bible tells us how Asa eventually fell sick and died: ***"...Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians"*** (2 Chronicles 16:12). He relied on his money and resorted to the doctors for help; a rather carnal response. That cost him his life.

Never let anything take your attention away from the Lord. Let the Spirit always come first in your life. Make it a principle for yourself; a principle to live by, to trust the Lord always.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I'm so grateful to be so blessed by your wisdom today, you're my light and the strength of my life! I'll forever trust in you for help, guidance and to lead me in the path of victory that you ordained for me before the world began, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 8:6; Psalm 118:8-9, Psalm 125:1;
Proverbs 3:5

WEDNESDAY

5



BE SENSITIVE TO HIS MOVE

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

It's possible to be in God's presence and not know it. The Bible tells us how Jacob, on one occasion, only realized he'd been in God's presence after a dream in which he saw the angels of God descending and ascending into heaven on a ladder. Then he said, **"...Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not"** (Genesis 28:16).

Acts 9 tells us how Saul of Tarsus kept up his violent threats against the disciples of Jesus and made havoc of the Church. While he and his companions were on the road to Damascus, a blinding flash of light suddenly dazed him, he fell to the ground and the Lord Jesus spoke out of Heaven to him in the Hebrew tongue. In the twenty sixth chapter, as he narrated his conversion experience at his defence before King Agrippa, Paul said, **"And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a**

voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me..."

(Acts 26:14). The Lord Jesus talked to Paul from Heaven in the Hebrew tongue, but those who were journeying with him heard a voice, the very Hebrew tongue they understood, but couldn't comprehend the meaning of the words Jesus spoke. The reason is that God is a master communicator. He can talk to you without letting others know what He's saying.

That's why a Christian may tell his friend sitting right beside him, "God just spoke to me," and he may wonder: "But we are sitting so close to each other; how come I didn't hear Him?" That's because God is a Spirit; the Bible calls Him the Father of spirits (**Hebrews 12:9**). Therefore, when He speaks, it doesn't matter what language He communicates in, He addresses His Word to your spirit and you hear Him. His Word is for those to whom He speaks; this is the reason you must train yourself to be sensitive to Him, so you'd always hear Him when He speaks.

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I declare that I'm sensitive to the move of the Holy Spirit in my life. Today, my spirit is open to hear and receive your Word which is able to direct, guide and build me up, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

John 10:27-28; Proverbs 23:26

THURSDAY

6



HAVE NO SENSE OF LACK

John 2:11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on Him.

John 2:1-11 chronicles the account of how the Lord Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding ceremony in Cana of Galilee. There was a need, and Mary, the mother of Jesus came to Him and said, "Please, they have no more wine to celebrate."

The Master, responding to Mary said to the servants, **"Fill the water pots with water and draw out of it and take to the master of ceremony."** When they did, it turned into wine. Referring to that miracle, our theme verse says, **"This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on Him"** (John 2:11). This was the very first time Jesus manifested His glory in the working of miracles. There was a need, and He supernaturally met it! He manifested the glory of God!

Jesus had no sense of lack; He had no sense of disadvantage or limitation. That's the same mentality He wants us to have and live by. The Spirit of God in you is the Spirit of dominion, and He has no sense of lack. Lack is in the ordinary realm of life; but you've been called to a higher life; a super plane of existence where there is no lack: ***"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want"*** (Psalm 23:1).

The Bible declares in **Romans 8:1**, ***"There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus..."*** In the same way, there is therefore now no poverty, lack, disadvantage or limitation to those who are in Christ Jesus. What is it that you need? Say, "I have it," for everything you need is inside you! Whatever you're looking for; be it spiritual or material, you don't need to look far anymore. Pull it out from within; for out of your heart are the issues of life (**Proverbs 4:23**). So look inwards and have no sense of lack.

CONFESSION

The Lord is my Shepherd; therefore, I refuse to have a sense of lack, for He supplies all my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. I live the transcendent life of glory, surplus and abundance; glory to God!

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 8:30; 1 Corinthians 3:21

FRIDAY

7



GIVE THE LORD YOUR ATTENTION

*Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author
and finisher of our faith...*

Acts 3 tells a remarkable story of how a few weeks after the ascension of Jesus, Peter and John were going into the temple at the hour of prayer. There, they met a lame man who was laid often at the gate of the temple called Beautiful. The man, who was lame from his mother's womb asked alms of those entering the temple. The Bible says that **"...Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us" (Acts 3:4)**. That's most remarkable! Peter said "...Look on us." In other words, give us your attention!

The crippled man gave them his attention expecting to receive alms but Peter didn't have any money on him and said: **"...Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he (Peter) took him by the right hand, and lifted him up:**

and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God" (Acts 3:6-8).

This is the kind of result you get when you give the Lord or His Word your attention. He said in **Proverbs 23:26**, ***"My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways"***; He's saying, give me your attention. If you were present in a Church service for example, the price to pay in order to get the best the Lord has prepared for you is your full attention. So always set your heart on the Lord; focus on His Word, and on the power of the Spirit. Meditate on His grace and love, and He'll cause you to ride above the adversities of life.

PRAYER

Dear Father, my spirit is attuned to you and attentive to your voice today. I look away from everything else and focus my gaze on your Word. Your glory is revealed in me and I walk in the realities of your Kingdom, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Proverbs 4:20-22; Proverbs 23:26

SATURDAY

8



PUT THE SPIRIT FIRST

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

One thing you must accord prime importance in your life as a Christian, is to always put the Spirit first; give Him the preeminence in your life. Never allow anything take your attention or focus away from Him; put Him before everything else.

Even in prayer, the Apostle Paul shows us the prime place of the Spirit when he says in **1 Corinthians 14:15**: ***“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.”*** Observe that praying in the spirit came first. A good number of Christians have this in the reverse. Many who pray in the spirit at all, pray with the understanding first, and then pray with the spirit.

Such believers would have their lives dominated by

natural circumstances because they put their understanding first and the spirit last. Hence, no matter what they face in life, they'd respond first from their understanding. This of course, would be a response of fear, agitation, and apprehension; because they've only trained themselves to think and reason first from the standpoint of their human understanding. Their answers come from the carnal realm.

The experience of King Asa of Judah shows that it's dangerous to live this way as a Christian. Asa was a wonderful king, who experienced God's favour when he assumed the throne as king of Judah. The Lord helped him against his enemies several times because He put the Lord first. However, the Bible tells us that thirty-nine years into Asa's reign as king of Judah, he became **"...diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians"** (2 Chronicles 16:12).

Rather than seek the Lord, Asa resorted to the doctors for help. The doctors couldn't help him, and he died of the disease. Let the Spirit always come first in your life. Make it a principle for yourself; to trust the Lord always and seek His help only!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for your love, your grace, and the power of your Word in my life! I thank you also for the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and the blessings I receive as I yield myself to you to have your way in my life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 8:14; Romans 8:6

SUNDAY

9



FAITH ACTS NOW

Hebrews 11:1 NIV Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

What you need for an everyday, every - moment life of victory is faith. It makes you a possessor NOW! Many function in the arena of hope and mistake it for faith. You must transcend from hope to faith to enjoy your blessings and inheritance in Christ Jesus.

Real faith is a possessor; it takes a hold of the Word and acts. When you take a hold of the Word by faith, you're like the man who has the documents to a landed property in a certain city, but lives in another part of town. He doesn't need to wait until he gets to the city where the land is to know it belongs to him. He already has the documents, and that's enough proof that the land belongs to him.

Your faith is like that document! It's the title-deed

of unseen realities. When you call real that which you haven't seen with your physical eyes, you're acting in faith. So to "wait" for the manifestation of God's Word before accepting it to be real is not faith but hope. Hope always looks to the future; it's not for now. But faith is for NOW: ***"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen"*** (Hebrews 11:1).

Take possession of your healing, health, prosperity, and victory by acting on the Word now. Faith doesn't wait; it acts NOW! It doesn't waver or stagger at the Word of God through unbelief; faith possesses the reality now.

PRAYER

Blessed Father, I thank you for the opportunity to feed on your Word and grow my faith strong. I'm strengthened and lifted by your Word today, and my faith prevails against all opposing forces as I put your Word to work and take possession of all that belongs to me in Christ Jesus. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Mark 11:23; Romans 4:17-21

MONDAY

10



SPEAK THE WISDOM OF GOD

1 Corinthians 2:6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought.

The Apostle Paul in the verse above talks about two types of wisdom, the wisdom of God as distinguished from the wisdom of the world; man's wisdom. Man's wisdom is limited to that which his senses can perceive, and its domain of operation is the material world. This has limited man's communication to that which his senses can relate to in the world.

The wisdom of God on the other hand transcends the material world. It's the wisdom that calls things that be not as though they were (**Romans 4:17**). It is the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory (**1 Corinthians 2:7**). **1 Corinthians 2:12** says, *"...we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."* Continuing in the thirteenth verse,

it says, ***"Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."***

In the world, when a man comes up with a certain pain in the abdomen, man's wisdom diagnoses it and reports appendicitis. However, when the mature in Christ feels the same pain, in the same part of his body, even with the same diagnosis, he doesn't say, "I have appendicitis." No! His communication is different; because he's not taught by man's wisdom. Instead, he speaks in conformity with the Word of God and declares, "I've got the life of God in me."

The wisdom of God speaks life and health, based on the revelation of God's Word. Therefore, when a believer says, "I refuse to be sick," it's not so he won't get sick. Rather his confession is founded on the fact that the Word says, ***"...if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you"*** (Romans 8:11).

CONFESSION

The wisdom of God is at work in me. I refuse to base my opinions, judgments, and responses on sensory perceptions; I live by the Word, in the Word and through the Word! Therefore, my victory in life is guaranteed in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

2 Corinthians 4:13

TUESDAY

11



YOU REPRESENT A SPIRITUAL KINGDOM

Colossians 3:2 AMP And set your minds {and} keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth.

Do you realize that the Christian ministry is a spiritual ministry? Indeed, it is! The Kingdom of God is a spiritual Kingdom. The Lord Jesus said, **"...My Kingdom is not of this world..." (John 18:36)**, which means He actually does have a Kingdom, although it isn't of this world. By virtue of the new birth, we've become citizens of that spiritual Kingdom of God.

This is the realm from which God expects you to function. This world isn't your permanent home; you're here only as a pilgrim. According to the Bible, we're only going to be in this world for a season because one day, the whole earth will be replaced with another one (**Revelations 21:1**). Therefore, you must set your focus on those things that truly matter, and not on the transient pleasures of this present world.

Colossians 3:2-4 says, ***"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."*** Unless you come to that level in your life where you know what your priorities are, you'll be living an empty life. Christ should be your focus, and nothing else should compete with your love for Him. Get to that point where your love for Jesus and attention on the expansion of His Kingdom is all that matters to you.

PRAYER

Precious Father, I thank you for the privilege and honour of being a vital member of your spiritual Kingdom. Loving you and living for you is all that matters to me; and I declare my commitment to the expansion of the Kingdom as I propagate the Gospel, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Galatians 2:20

WEDNESDAY

12



HE'LL BLESS WHAT YOU HAVE

*Exodus 4:2 NKJV So the LORD said to him,
“What is that in your hand?” He said, “A
rod”.*

Anything you have that you can present to the Lord will be used mightily of Him to bring His miraculous power to bear in your life. He uses those seemingly “little” things you have to produce a miracle for you. Take Moses for example; the Lord gave him a task that looked impossible from the natural standpoint. He was to liberate about six million Israelites from the clutches of a harsh Pharaoh. Moses asked the Lord, “What if they don’t believe you sent me?”

The Lord then asked him, “What is that in your hand?” Moses had a shepherd’s rod in his hand, and said “a rod.” He could have said “nothing” because a shepherd’s rod didn’t exactly have any connection with the discussion at hand. However, he answered wisely; and that rod became the miracle-producing rod of God.

Also, in **2 Kings 4:1-7**, there's the account of a certain widow who cried out to Elisha the Prophet for help after her two sons were taken as slaves in payment for her husband's debt. Elisha asked her, "What do you have in your house?" All she had was a small bottle of oil. She could have said, "nothing"; and that would have robbed her of her miracle. But like Moses, she answered wisely and said, "A pot of oil." Then Elisha told her to go borrow as many empty jars as possible, and she and her sons should go into the house, close the door, and pour the oil into the jars, setting aside each one that was full. From the proceeds, the woman paid off her debt and lived on the surplus.

The Lord will always bless and multiply back to you whatever you give to Him. It might be the last bit of money you have in your account; it might be your skill or talent; whatever it is, remember that it's not the size that matters, but the quality of your faith. Whatever you have is God's point of contact to bless you. Learn to present what you have to Him in faith, and He'll multiply it back to you.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for opening my eyes to see that everything I have is material for you to bless me. Therefore, as I present them to you in faith, I thank you for giving me a multiplied harvest of blessings, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Mark 6:37-44

THURSDAY

13



AGAPE: THE ALL-GIVING LOVE

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

The Bible says *“Love is kind and patient, never jealous, boastful, proud, or rude. Love isn’t selfish or quick tempered. It doesn’t keep a record of wrongs that others do. Love rejoices in the truth, but not in evil. Love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful, and trusting. Love never fails...”* (1 Corinthians 13:4-8 CEV). This is the description of “agape,” the God-kind of love. It’s self-giving and never selfish. It puts others first. It takes no record of wrongs. This is the love that’s been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost (Romans 5:5).

“Agape” moved the Father to send His Son, Jesus, to die for the sins of the whole world (John 3:16). This is different from human love, which is possessive, fickle, and selfish. Natural human love lasts only as long as the object of that love conforms to its expectations, and that’s because it’s based on

natural emotions and desires. The love of God, on the contrary, is unconditional and never fails. This is the reason God would love a world of wicked sinners, for He looked beyond their sins to see what they could be if they trusted in Him.

If you're born again, you can love like God, unconditionally, because the God-kind of love is a product of your recreated human spirit. So, make sure you walk in "agape," and not in ordinary human love. The qualities of "agape" are listed in **1 Corinthians 13**; let that be the standard by which you relate with others, and you'll always be on the right track in your walk of righteousness.

CONFESSION

I manifest divine love today, because love is a product of my recreated human spirit; God's love that's unconditional and self-giving has been shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Ghost, and I naturally express that love to everyone in my world today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (AMP)

FRIDAY

14



LIFE BEYOND THIS WORLD

1 Corinthians 15:19 GNB If our hope in Christ is good for this life only and no more, then we deserve more pity than anyone else in all the world.

When God talks to you and gives you a revelation or information, it's not for nothing. It's always for a purpose. He always connects everything He does with eternity, because He thinks in terms of eternity. Apart from the fact that He's the eternal God, He always deals with things that last forever. In **Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)**, the Bible says, "**He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart...**" He brought eternity to men so they can see beyond this world.

Sadly, too many Christians don't realize this; hence their business, family plans, interests and relationships are not connected to eternity. Such folks are living an empty life without realizing it. Everything God is interested in, and all that He does, is connected to eternity. So set your focus on eternity. Set your mind on God's purpose for your life. That's

what counts! It has to be a revelation that you accept, endorse and imbibe into your spirit; a knowledge that is a controlling principle in your life. That means everywhere you go, and everything you do is only inspired by God's eternal purpose and perfect will for your life. This is so important because God only connects Himself with things that matter; things that have connection with eternity.

The Lord is teaching, inspiring, and strengthening you through His Word today, because He's looking beyond the present moments; beyond the month or year you're in presently. He's even looking beyond all the years that you would live on earth. He's rather looking at what you will do with your life in this world that would determine what eternity would be for you. Therefore, look beyond this world.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for teaching me the essence of looking beyond the present moments and connecting everything I do here on earth to eternity. Therefore, the decisions I make concerning my life, family, job and everything else are founded on God's eternal Word. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY

Ecclesiastes 3:11; John 3:16

SATURDAY

15



ENDURING IMPACT WITH THE GOSPEL

Zechariah 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

In **Luke 24:49**, Jesus instructed His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they were filled with the Holy Spirit, because He knew they needed the divine enablement to accomplish the task He had given them. He wanted them to make enduring impact with the Gospel. In fact, during His own earthly ministry, He wouldn't do anything except by the Spirit and through the Spirit. In **John 5:19**, He said **"...Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise."** In **John 14:10 (WEB)**, He said, **"...the Father, who lives in me, does the works."** He was referring to the Holy Spirit.

Nothing you do will be acceptable to God or have any eternal value except it is done through the Spirit. No matter what purpose you've been or-

dained to fulfil in life, without the Holy Spirit, you won't achieve much. In **Hebrews 9:14**, the Bible reveals that Christ had to offer Himself through the Spirit: ***"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God..."***

Learn to function by the Spirit and through the Spirit. Be continually filled with the Spirit in order to be consistent in your faith-walk and live the supernatural life to which He has called us in Christ. The Apostle Paul wrote to the saints in Rome saying, ***"Never lag in zeal and in earnest endeavour; be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord"*** (**Romans 12:11 AMP**). He also told the Church at Ephesus to be filled with the Spirit, and outlined how to be filled continually with the Spirit (**Read Ephesians 5:18-21**).

Make up your mind to do everything by the power of the Holy Spirit, and not just by human wisdom or physical ability. Through the Spirit, not only will your service to the Lord be accepted and sanctified by Him, you'll make a more enduring impact with the Gospel.

CONFESSION

I'm energized and aglow with the anointing today; and the grace and peace of God is multiplied to me through the knowledge of God, as I walk in and with the Spirit to impact my world with the Gospel, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 8:26-27 (AMP); Ephesians 5:18-19

SUNDAY

16



SPEAK IN TONGUES CONSISTENTLY

1 Corinthians 14:4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself...

For you to experience serious spiritual growth, you must speak in tongues consistently. Praying in tongues is an effective means of spiritual communication with the Lord; it transcends the natural mind or intellect (**1 Corinthians 14:14**). You're stirred when you speak in tongues; the anointing wells up like currents from your spirit. That anointing works on your mind such that you're transported to the higher realms of the supernatural.

According to our opening verse, you edify yourself when you speak in tongues. "Edify" derives from the Greek word "oikodomeo," which means to construct or build up, much in the same sense as building or constructing an edifice. The idea given to us by the Spirit of God, through the Apostle Paul in **1 Corinthians 14:4** is that, when we speak in other tongues, we build up ourselves, like an edifice, brick

by brick, as you would a physical structure.

In **Acts 20:32**, Paul said to the brethren at Ephesus ***"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up..."*** Connecting this with our text lets us know that speaking in tongues works in conjunction with the Word to build your spirit. If you want to grow stronger spiritually, not only should you study and listen to God's Word, you should also speak in tongues frequently.

Besides, when you pray in other tongues, you build your faith: ***"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost"*** (**Jude 1:20**). Speaking in other tongues is therefore a necessary requirement for your spiritual growth and upliftment. If you're born again and have received the Holy Spirit, you can and should speak in tongues frequently. You don't need to wait for special prayer times; wherever you are, speak in tongues. It will condition and programme your spirit for the life of success and dominion.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the wonderful blessing and the refreshing of the Spirit which I experience today as I speak in other tongues; my life is transformed, and my spirit is conditioned for success, dominion and victory, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 Corinthians 14:2; 1 Corinthians 14:14,
1 Corinthians 14:39

MONDAY

17



FAITH-FILLED WORDS

*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.*

The Lord Jesus emphasized the importance of words. He used words in a most unique manner. When He spoke, blind eyes opened, deaf ears were unstopped, the lame got up to walk, and even the maimed were restored. His words were different, and full of power. It was His confessions that got the Jews offended at Him; He spoke like no one else. In **John 16:33**, He made a very remarkable statement to His disciples saying, ***"...be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."***

How did He overcome the world? He did by speaking faith-filled words. He conquered the world with words. Jesus tamed the system of this world through His faith-filled confessions. In **John 6:63** He said, ***"...the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."*** His faith-filled words startled the Jews and they wondered at Him, asking,

"What manner of man is this?" He had no sense of fear. When He encountered the lepers, He said, "... **Be thou clean....**" (Luke 5:13) and the leprosy was gone.

Being born of the Word, the Bible says your faith is the victory that overcomes or subdues the world. You can tame your world as Jesus did by speaking faith-filled words. The Word of faith in your mouth will change circumstances. Refuse to be sick. Speak faith-filled words about your health, prosperity and success.

CONFESSION

I know who I am. Greater is He that's in me than he that's in the world. I'm walking in victory, dominion and righteousness. No weapon fashioned against me shall prosper because I'm born of God, and my life is hid with Christ in God.

FURTHER STUDY

1 John 4:4; 1 John 5:4-5

TUESDAY

18



THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

2 Corinthians 5:18 But all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.

In Luke 19:10, Jesus said, "**For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost**"; this was the summary of His mission on earth. Shortly before He ascended, He commissioned the Church to preach the Gospel to all men that they might receive eternal life. This is the ministry of reconciliation, which has been committed to your trust; you're called to save the souls of men, so get busy for the Lord. Be passionate about His work. Make soul winning your lifestyle.

You're a missionary, an oracle of God, commissioned to take the message of salvation to everyone in your world. Therefore, don't be complacent about soul winning and evangelism. Help someone else receive salvation; help those around you learn the Word; show them the path of life! Teach them how to live. This is your calling as a Christian. Our

text says God has given to us the ministry of reconciliation.

There's no better way to please God and receive heaven's accolade than leading sinners to repentance. As you win souls to Christ, the Spirit of God takes special interest in you, and causes His glory and power to be revealed through you. **Daniel 12:3** says, ***"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."***

If you want your life to be that of ever-increasing glory, take evangelism seriously and make it a conscious lifestyle. Let nothing or anyone dampen your passion for the Lord and His work. You have a responsibility to win others to Christ; it's your calling. Your mission in the earth is to seek and save the lost, turning them from darkness to light, and bringing them into the glorious liberty of the sons of God.

CONFESSION

I take my place as a minister of reconciliation and bearer of divine truths to my world with the Gospel of Christ. Through me, many shall be turned from darkness to light, and brought into the glorious liberty of the sons of God, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Mark 16:15-16; 1 Corinthians 9:16

WEDNESDAY

19



GOD'S CHOSEN BREED

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

The Bible describes those who are born again as God's chosen breed. We're God's chosen species; His peculiar treasure. This was what God wanted with the children of Israel but they couldn't attain to it, being men and women of the senses. He told them, **"...If you obey my voice, I'll make you a peculiar treasure, a peculiar people, a Kingdom of priests, a holy nation..."** (Exodus 19:5). Now, we're God's dream fulfilled; we didn't have to sweat or struggle for it. We didn't do anything by ourselves to earn it; the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ conferred it on us.

In our theme verse, it's important for us to observe the word "generation" which derives from the root - word "gene." A gene is the basic unit of heredity in a living organism. All living things depend on genes. Genes hold the information to build and

maintain an organism's cells and pass genetic traits from parent to offspring. They determine the physical, mental, and other characteristics an individual inherits from his parents.

Therefore, when God describes you as "a chosen generation," it means you belong to a new generation of supermen with divine genetic material! Notice the emphasis on "gene" in the word generation. You have God's "DNA" in you. No wonder the Bible says we are more than conquerors (**Romans 8:37**); your lineage is one of champions and victors. No earthly generational curse, sickness, or disease can work against you or destroy you because you're a new creation. You have new genes that came from your heavenly Father.

God has never made a failure; that He gave birth to you means you're a success. Sickness, poverty, disease, death, and defeat are not a part of your divine "DNA." This is the reason Jesus died; to produce a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a peculiar people, a holy nation—a new race. You belong in that new race and it's the superior race of supermen in Christ.

CONFESSION

I'm a peculiar treasure unto God, born anew with the supernatural life of glory, excellence and power in my spirit! In my words and actions today, I'm showing forth the wonderful deeds, and displaying the virtues and perfections of my heavenly Father, who has called me unto glory, honour and excellence. Hallelujah.

FURTHER STUDY

1 Peter 2:9 (AMP)

THURSDAY

20



THE VICTORIOUS LIFE IN YOU

1 John 5:11-12 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life...

When a man is born into the world, he's born with the natural human life. Jesus however came into the world as the Word of God made flesh (**John 1:14**); He was God in human flesh. When He walked the streets of Galilee and Jerusalem, He was the life of God tabernacled in human flesh, and that life was the light of men (**John 1:4**). Every time Jesus spoke, light came, direction was given, wisdom was unveiled, and reality was manifested. When He gave the Word, problems were solved, burdens were lifted, sicknesses and diseases were healed. When the man who was born blind encountered Jesus; the Light of the world, his blind eyes opened. Darkness couldn't stand His presence.

Acknowledging the life of God in Him, Jesus said in **John 5:26**, ***"For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in***

himself." Then in **John 10:10 (NIV)**, He declared, **"...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."** That means superabundant life; that's the life Jesus brought to the world; it's called "Zoë" (Greek). It's another kind of life; the victorious life! This is the life you have in Christ, which the Spirit of God, through the Apostle John, admonishes that you ought to be conscious of: **"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life..."** (1 John 5:13).

Notice the importance God attaches to you knowing that you have this life in you! He wants you to "know" (Greek: eido); that means comprehend, come to the awareness of the full perception of the victorious life in you. He wants you to know that you're a super being indeed. One that's superior to Satan, sickness and disease, and has authority over the powers of darkness. Live and walk in the consciousness of the reality of the life of God in you, and know that you can't be defeated. The triumphant life of Christ in you makes you a victor and a super being indeed.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the victorious life you've given me in Christ. I live and walk in the consciousness of this life today, and declare that Satan and all the challenges he may bring my way are bread for me. I live triumphantly, far above the devil and the negative system of this world, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 John 4:4; 1 John 5:11-12

FRIDAY

21



BE KIND TO STRANGERS

Hebrews 13:1-2 AMP Let love for your fellow believers continue {and} be a fixed practice with you [never let it fail]. Do not forget {or} neglect {or} refuse to extend hospitality to strangers [in the brotherhood--being friendly, cordial, and gracious, sharing the comforts of your home and doing your part generously], for through it some have entertained angels without knowing it.

God's Word gives us an important admonition to show love to all men, especially our brothers and sisters in the Faith, including the strangers amongst them. Some people don't treat strangers right. Once they don't know you, they don't care about you and wouldn't want to help. The Scripture, however, says we shouldn't be forgetful to entertain strangers, for by so doing, some have entertained angels unawares.

Several times in scriptures, angels appeared as normal human beings, dressed in regular clothes, like everyday people. For example, the Bible says three men appeared to Abraham in **Genesis 18:2**. One of them was the Lord, while the other two were angels. When the two angels went into Sodom and Gomorrah, the men of those cities saw them as ordinary men because they were just like anybody

else. Also, in the New Testament, you find appearances of angels in human form, and today we still have such appearances.

Angels have the authority to appear in a glorified form or in a concealed manner, looking like ordinary people. This is why you must be kind to strangers. Don't hesitate to help strangers and treat them as well as you would if you knew them. This will boost your spiritual alertness to know the time of your visitation.

The three men that appeared to Abraham in **Genesis 18:2** were actually coming to see him but they needed his invitation into his home. Don't miss the time of your visitation by being forgetful, negligent and unwelcoming to strangers. God may just have come to you through them. That man you left in the cold could be God's messenger to you; bearing that message you've been waiting to receive from the Lord. Be helpful to strangers without naivety.

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I thank you for the important truth unveiled to my spirit today from your Word! Your love in my heart causes me to extend hospitality to strangers and fellow believers in Christ, being friendly, cordial, and gracious towards them, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 25:34-35

SATURDAY

22



THE INHERITANCE OF THE SAINTS IN LIGHT

*Colossians 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father,
which hath made us meet to be partakers of
the inheritance of the saints in light.*

Observe that the text didn't say God will make you a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light. Rather, it says He ***"...hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light."*** "Us" here refers to those who are born again. God the Father has qualified us to be partakers, sharers or co-owners of an incorruptible inheritance. You couldn't qualify by yourself; it was bequeathed to you as an act of God's grace.

Your good works or your own deeds of righteousness weren't good enough to qualify you for the blessing. But God, who is rich in mercy, proving that He loves you infinitely, qualified you for the good life and set you apart for glory. This means you don't have to try to be good enough for God or struggle to merit His grace and mercy. All you need is to submit to His righteousness; that's your

qualification (**Romans 10:3**).

Now that you're born again, you've inherited all the blessings of Abraham, and all the glorious and precious promises in the Word that have come to us through Christ. Righteousness, prosperity, healing and health, success, progress and spiritual advancement are all yours now.

You'll get to know more about your inheritance in Christ as you study the Word and fellowship with the Spirit. **1 Corinthians 2:12** says, ***"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."*** It takes the Holy Spirit to know your inheritance and identity in Christ Jesus; He reveals these to you through the Word. Make God's Word the priority in your life, and you'll discover more of the wonderful blessings reserved for you as a citizen of heaven, and a saint in the Kingdom of light.

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I thank you for qualifying me by grace to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light. The eyes of my understanding are enlightened to comprehend and apprehend all that you've made available to me in Christ, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 Peter 1:3-4; Hebrews 9:15

SUNDAY

23



UNDERSTANDING PRAYER

John 14:13-14 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

There's a way God expects us to pray as Christians. Some people don't know this, so they muddle up their prayers and think God would hear them somehow. They pray to Jesus in the Name of Jesus, and sometimes even pray to angels. If you want to pray and get results, you need to understand the place of the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit and the angels in your prayer so you wouldn't mix things up.

The Lord Jesus said in **John 16:23**, ***"And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you."*** So it's the Father that answers our prayers. We've been granted the power of attorney to use the Name of Jesus. When we pray or make requests of the Father in the Name of Jesus, it's as though Jesus Himself were praying.

However, the Holy Spirit is the one who performs it; He's the power of God. He's the doer or performer of the works of God. When Jesus said in **John 14:10**: **"...the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works,"** He was referring to the Holy Spirit.

What about the angels? The angels are servants of God who carry out the things the Holy Spirit wants them to do. Furthermore, they're ministering spirits sent forth to minister for us, who are the heirs of salvation (**Hebrews 1:14**). How wonderful to realize we can enjoy an awesome ministry of the Holy Spirit, and participate in angelic activities, because we function in the Name of Jesus.

PRAYER

Blessed be God, who has called me into fellowship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I live a successful and inspiring life because I function in, and live by the Name of Jesus! I thank you Father, for the glorious ministry of the Spirit, which I experience today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Psalms 91:11-12; John 14:16

MONDAY

24



BE CONTROLLED BY THE SPIRIT

Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.

The Greek term used in the above verse expresses much more than being full of drink. It actually means to be full of it until it controls you. The focus here is not on the drink. For some people, that's where they want to stop; they'll say "Yea, the Bible says don't be full of drink until it controls you. That means I can drink, so long as I don't get drunk and lose control of myself."

That's not the point of emphasis; the focus is not on the drink, but on what should replace it. God is saying, "Don't be controlled by wine; rather be full of the Spirit; yield to His leading and let Him control you." He wants you to be full of the Spirit always!

Many Christians live ordinary lives because they're not continually filled with the Spirit; they dabble in

and out of it. Meanwhile, the Spirit's admonition is for you to be continually filled with the Spirit; be perpetually high on the Holy Ghost! That way, your life will be an unending stream of the supernatural. When we talk about a life of constant victory, this is what we mean; it's a life that's Spirit-ruled and Spirit-controlled.

When you're constantly filled with the Spirit you'll continually see things God's way; you wouldn't operate at the carnal level of the ordinary man. At the ordinary realm of life, they think wrong, talk wrong and act wrong. But when you're controlled by the Spirit, you walk in the will of the Father. You'll function from a higher realm. Learn to yield to the sway of God's Spirit; abandon yourself to Him to be controlled by Him. That's the secret to a life of unending victories and ever-increasing glory.

PRAAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the joy of being filled with the Spirit every day. I extol your majesty and worship you for your excellent splendour, for your power and glory in my life. I declare that I'm strengthened with your might in my inner man, walking in the dominion of the Spirit today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Acts 4:31; Ephesians 5:18-20

TUESDAY

25



ETERNAL LIFE – NOW

Luke 24:36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

The life of the new creation in Christ Jesus is transcendent. The Bible tells us how, after the resurrection, the disciples were together in a room, and though the doors were shut, the Lord Jesus suddenly came in and stood amongst them.

Hebrews 11:1 describes faith as the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen. It's the evidence, proof or title deed of unseen realities. A footprint on the ground for instance is proof that someone must have recently passed by. The footprint isn't the person; it's merely an evidence or proof. When you eventually see the person, you'll no longer be dealing with evidence but the real thing.

Faith was what you required to be born again and to receive the life of God into your spirit. Having

been born again, the real thing has come; eternal life has now been imparted to your spirit. The life in you now isn't something you're trying to get or that you're "having faith" for; it's a vital reality now.

You might then want to ask, "So, where's the place of faith in the life of the new creation?" Recall what the Bible says in **2 Corinthians 5:7: "For we walk by faith, not by sight."** For us to walk in the reality of the unseen realm, beyond the ordinary plane, it has to be by faith. Nevertheless, the life of God in us now is a present day reality. Be conscious of this, and not only will it become more real to you, you'll live every day without limits.

CONFESSION

I have the life of God in me. I live beyond the limits! Eternal life is working in every fibre of my being; and I'm full of the Holy Ghost! I'm fully inundated by the power of the Spirit to live beyond obstacles and barriers today!

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 8:11; 1 John 5:11-12

WEDNESDAY

26



NECESSARY CREDENTIALS

Hebrews 2:4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

Whenver God wants to do something for a nation or a people, He sends them a man, and gives him the necessary credentials for ministry. When He wanted to bless the whole world, He sent Abraham. He could have said, "Now I want to bless everybody and I am coming down to do it"; but He didn't do that. In **Genesis 22:18** God said to Abraham, ***"And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed...."***

To bring the children of Israel out of bondage in Egypt, He sent Moses and gave him the necessary credentials for the task. To take them into the Promised Land, He sent Joshua with proofs. To save the world, He sent His Son Jesus in the form of a man. God always sends men to men. You might ask, "Can a man know that God has sent him?" Emphatically yes!

When John the Baptist wanted to know if Jesus was the Christ, he sent two of his disciples to go find out about Jesus. The Master's response was simply remarkable; He outlined His credentials: "...***Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them***" (Matthew 11:4-5).

Miracles like these don't happen by themselves. When they happen, you know it's the presence of God, because no man can perform them except God is with him. I always like to tell sceptics who say they don't believe in miracles that they'll believe when they need one. They'll realize that man's ability is limited, and will turn to God who has more power than human beings could ever fathom.

Thank God, He's made His limitless power and awesome presence available to us through the Holy Spirit and the Word! Thus, we can function in the same grace and power for the miraculous as Jesus and the apostles, and have the same results. Blessed be God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I function in your grace and power today, as I yield myself to be taught, inspired and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, through the Word, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Mark 16:20; Acts 10:38

THURSDAY

27



THE GOSPEL – THE ONLY HOPE FOR SALVATION

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth...

Someone might say, "Well, Jesus is for the Christians, and the other religions have their own means of salvation." Emphatically no! In **Acts 4:12** the Bible says, "**Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**" Notice that it didn't say, "...there is none other name under heaven given among Christians, whereby we must be saved." Rather, it says "**...there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**" This means except by Jesus Christ, no one can be saved.

You have to understand who Jesus is; He wasn't a religious leader! He's the Son of God; the only one perfect enough to be the faultless sacrifice for our sins! He was the only one qualified to die for the whole world. His blood was divine; that means

sinless and spotless, because He was the seed of a woman, and not the seed of a man, being born of a virgin. It's therefore wrong for anyone to call Him a great religious leader because He Himself is God, and except by Him, no one can be saved!

The only power God has to save anybody is encapsulated in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, the Christians didn't say that; God did. This is why we must preach the Gospel; we have to let all men everywhere know that there's hope for them in Christ Jesus. Irrespective of their background, colour, ethnicity, or geographical location, if they would accept the Gospel and confess the Lordship of Jesus over their lives, they will be saved: ***"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved"*** (Acts 2:21).

PRAAYER

Dear Father, I worship you today for your greatness and goodness in my life. Thank you for your grace of salvation, which you've made available to all men on the face of the earth. May your Name be glorified and celebrated today as many embrace the knowledge of salvation in Christ, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 10:9-10; Romans 1:16

FRIDAY

28



PROVE YOUR LOVE

Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

1 John 4:8 says, ***"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."*** This verse underlines the importance of walking in love as a Christian. The Christian life is more than demonstrating power over demons and circumstances; it's a demonstration of divine love. God is love. That means He's love personified. He so loved us and demonstrated that love by giving Jesus to die for us while we were yet sinners. As a Christian, you're born of God, and it follows that if God who is love gave birth to you, you're the product of love, and that's the nature of your spirit.

Our opening verse shows that love is not one of those things you ask God to give you; it's already one of the attributes of your recreated human spirit. You already have love in you. What is expected of you now is to prove or demonstrate the love of

God that's stored up in your heart, and be a blessing to your world.

You express your love for God through fellowship. There's no love without fellowship! You can't say you love God without spending quality time with Him, for love is expressed in fellowship. You also prove your love for the Lord by doing His Word. Jesus said in **John 14:15**, ***"If ye love me, keep my commandments."*** You demonstrate the love of God when you consciously walk in love towards your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Jesus said in **John 13:34**, ***"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."*** Loving your brothers and sisters in Christ the same way Christ loves you is proof that you love the Master and that you're His disciple indeed: ***"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another"*** (John 13:35).

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for filling my heart with your love. I'm humbled by the greatness of your love and immensity of your grace towards me. I walk in the consciousness of your great love for me today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 John 4:19-21; 1 John 4:8

SATURDAY

29



KNOWLEDGE THROUGH THE SPIRIT

Proverbs 20:27 The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

A clear and fundamental truth revealed to us in the Word of God is that man is primarily a spirit being; he's not a mind or a physical body. God enlightens man primarily through his spirit; He intended that man should receive his basic knowledge through his spirit. Man's most fundamental "informations" (**mark the expression, "informations," meaning; the different categories and types of information**) should come to him through his spirit.

Many philosophers have theorized against this, positing that man's enlightenment should be only through his mind, and they're wrong. In fact, empiricist philosophy teaches that something is unreal except observable or provable to the five senses. Therefore, by limiting true knowledge to man's senses, Empiricism denounces belief, because believing has to do with things your senses can't

perceive or prove.

Man however has the capacity to believe. **Romans 10:10** says, ***"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."*** Man believes with his heart or spirit, not his mind. This was the missing link for the philosophers, who had no idea that the spirit of man is where the light of God shines for him to receive spiritual enlightenment. **Romans 4:3** says, ***"Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness."*** He believed the unseen with his spirit, not with his mind, because only the spirit can receive spiritual information and insights from God.

The transcendent life we have in Christ is life beyond the ordinary level of perception; it's life beyond the comprehension of man's mentality.

PRAAYER

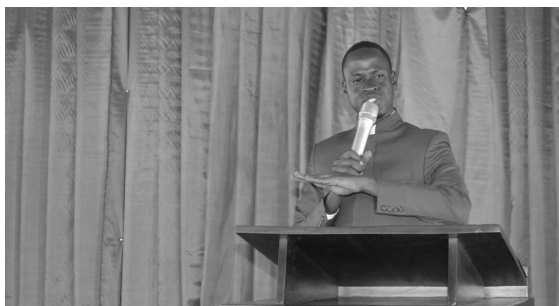
Dear Father, I receive direction, inspiration, counsel, wisdom and enlightenment from your Holy Spirit as I fellowship with you today through the Word and prayer. Your Word of life and power come to my spirit, and I'm strengthened, energized and positioned for greater levels of glory and excellence in life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 8:14; Job 32:8

SUNDAY

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STEP UP

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.

As Christians, we've been called to a supernatural walk with God for an unending life of absolute victory, mastery and dominion. However, if your experience of life is at variance with this reality, chances are that you've been operating at the base level of the senses. You need to step up, and lay hold of God's blessings with your spirit, through the eyes of faith, to enjoy them.

God wants you to think and function at His level. He doesn't want your outlook on life to be from the natural standpoint; He wants you to see with the eyes of the Spirit. When you learn to see with the eyes of the Spirit, the world will suddenly become small to you.

Ephesians 5:18 tells us to be filled with the Spirit continually, and the nineteenth verse shows us

how: ***"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord"*** (Ephesians 5:19). If you're filled with the Spirit, you'll be enabled supernaturally; you'll be spiritually perceptive and operate at a higher realm. This is an experience that's impossible with the natural man: ***"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man"*** (1 Corinthians 2:14-15).

Notice that it says, ***"...he that is spiritual judges all things."*** This means he has an understanding of all things within his spirit. He doesn't function at the ordinary plane of life, and as a result, he's never confused, perturbed or worried. He has the "I can do mentality" (Philippians 4:13), and lives victoriously everyday by the power of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the joy of being filled with the Holy Spirit and divinely transported into higher realms of life, far removed from poverty, sickness, death, defeat, destruction and failure. The eyes of my understanding are enlightened, therefore, I see the invisible and I'm empowered to do the impossible, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Ephesians 5:18-20; 2 Corinthians 4:18

MONDAY

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SET YOUR AFFECTION ON THE LORD

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

God desires to have your attention. He knows if He has your attention, He can lead and guide you in the destiny He's planned for you. He knows what's best for you, and what your life should be. There's therefore nothing for you to worry over, except to live confidently and joyfully everyday, knowing He's with you, in you, and for you. He has everything it takes to bring you into the inheritance and destiny He's ordained for you.

Realize that the Lord is your exceeding great reward. To have Him is to have everything. All you need in life is Christ. By that, I mean He's your satisfaction. In **Genesis 15:1**, the Lord said to Abraham, **"...I'm your shield and your exceeding great reward."** That means "I'm all you need; in me, you have everything!"

This is the reason you must not allow anything distract or take your focus away from serving the Lord as you should. Set your affection on Him and on the things He cares about. Be a soul winner. Remember, you're not of this world, therefore, your affection shouldn't be on the things of this world: ***"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth"*** (Colossians 3:1-2).

All that you are, and all that you have, are in Him. He's your reason for being. Trust Him with your life and He'll order your steps and direct the affairs of your life to be in sync with His perfect will for you.

PRAYER

Blessed be God, in whom I live, and move, and have my being. How I love and appreciate you today, righteous Father! I live for you alone, and rejoice that I belong to you, to fulfil all the good pleasure of your goodness, and the work of faith with power, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 34:8-10; Psalm 16:5-11

PRAYER OF SALVATION

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

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