

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!

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TUESDAY

1



BRIDLE THE TONGUE

James 1:26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridlenth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

A bridle is a headgear for a horse, and includes a headstall, reins and bit, to give the horse rider control over the direction and speed of the horse. When you put that bit in the horse's mouth, you direct, and the horse follows you confidently. When the Scriptures admonish us to bridle the tongue, it means to control your tongue.

In **James 3:5-6**, the Bible says that the tongue can defile the whole body and set on fire the course of nature. The word translated defile means to render inoperative or useless. It means to corrupt the body in such a way that it can't carry out its function. Your tongue can rob your body of its effectiveness; that's why it must be tamed. Also, the tongue can set on fire the course of nature; that means the wheel of life; the course of your life. God has set every one of us on the right course for life; for His good purpose, for His will and for His glory.

However, you must be careful not to destroy that course with your tongue; it's up to you. You're the one to keep yourself in the course that God has set for you by cultivating a wholesome tongue. There're things you should say and there're things you shouldn't say. Uttering such words as "I'm broke; the economy is so hard, nothing seems to be working" or "this headache is so severe, in fact, it's killing me"; is misusing your tongue. Such words are inconsistent with the Word of God, so never utter them. Rather, make confessions of the Word. You should rather say, "I'm prospering in all things; the health and strength of God are manifested in me!"

Your tongue was given to you principally to chart your future and shape your destiny. So bridle your tongue and speak in line with the Word. Even when you joke, don't joke against the Word. Where you are today in life is a reflection of what you've been saying all your life. Create the future you desire! Speak words that are consistent with the glorious life of righteousness, peace, health, wealth and joy that God has made available to you in Christ Jesus.

CONFESSION

The words that I speak are spirit and life; they're operative, potent and effectual, charting the course of my life in the direction of God's divine purpose and destiny for me in peace, joy, fulfilment, health, success and prosperity. Glory to God!

FURTHER STUDY

James 3:2; Psalm 50:23

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Genesis 1-3

WEDNESDAY

2



BE COMMITTED TO THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL

*1 Timothy 1:11 According to the glorious
gospel of the blessed God, which was com-
mitted to my trust.*

The Gospel of Jesus Christ has been committed to your trust. Your ultimate desire in life should be to impact your world with the Gospel. Irrespective of race, status or location, everyone needs Jesus. Therefore, your life's goal should be to make the Gospel known to all men, especially those in your sphere of contact. It doesn't matter what need or problems a man might have, his solution is the Gospel. Everyone needs Christ.

Devote your time, efforts, and resources to the furtherance of the Gospel. Some people, however, don't think this is important so they're not committed to the spread of the Gospel. God has committed to you the ministry of reconciliation; not only did He call you into the fellowship of His Son Jesus (1 **Corinthians 1:9**), He's also called you to partner with Him in soul winning (**John 20:21**).

To be effective as a soul winner, you must see beyond every limitation and refuse anything obstructing your view in this great responsibility. It's your purpose for being. Ensure that the Kingdom is advancing through you, because that's your primary responsibility. It's God's desire that every one of His children is actively involved in the expansion of His Kingdom. Don't be like some people who, the more the Lord blesses them, the less committed they are to the publishing of the Gospel. Let your passion for the Lord motivate you to express and manifest the love and compassion of Christ to the hurting and dying in our world.

There's so much more you can do to ensure God's Word prevails in your city, region or country, and the world. Brace yourself for the challenge because the field of the world is ripe and indeed ready for a plenteous harvest: ***"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest"*** (Matthew 9:37-38).

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I thank you for the grace you've granted me to be an effective soul winner. I take my place as an effective minister of reconciliation, rejoicing that you counted me faithful and worthy of such a glorious calling, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Proverbs 11:30; 1 Timothy 1:12

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Genesis 4-6

THURSDAY

3



AN ACTUAL RECREATION OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT

Ephesians 4:22-23 ...Put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

Real Christianity is not the inclusion or impartation of another nature, but an actual recreation of the human spirit. When you were born again, your spirit was actually recreated of God. The life with which you were born of your mother has been supplanted with a new life in Christ.

Some Christians tend to be more body-ruled or conscious of their physical senses than they should be, not realizing that man is a spirit and not a physical body. Your spirit came alive to God when you were born again, and has exactly the same nature as your heavenly Father; you're one with Him now. It's a new life altogether: ***"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"*** (2 Corinthians 5:17).

However, your mind has to be renewed with the

Word of God: ***“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...”*** (Romans 12:2). Your soul houses your mind—your emotions and your will—your reasoning faculty, where you make decisions. If your mind isn't renewed with the Word, you'll be sense-ruled and unable to make the right decisions. **Romans 8:8** says, they that are in the flesh cannot please God. To be in the flesh is to be dominated by your physical senses.

Sometimes people wonder why they still do some things they shouldn't do after they're born again. In reality, those things don't come from their human spirit, but from the “unrenewed” mind; the senses. Therefore, it's possible to be born again and live as though you're not. This is the reason it's so vital that you develop your human spirit by learning, meditating and acting on the Word. That way, you'll train your spirit to rule over your senses. It's your responsibility.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for giving me the Word of God, the material for cleansing and renewing my mind to be conformed with the image of your Son. I refuse to set my mind on the things of this world, having put on the new man, which is recreated in righteousness and true holiness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 8:7-9; Colossians 3:9-10; Hebrews 5:14

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Genesis 7-9

FRIDAY

4



PEACE IN ADVERSITY

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Jesus said in **Luke 21:25-26** that in the last days, there'll be perplexity of nations, men's hearts failing them for fear. It's important that as a Christian, you refuse to fear. Rather, lay hold of God's Word, which is the antidote to fear and insecurity.

The Lord Jesus knew we would encounter difficult and trying times in the world, but He confirmed that as we remain in Him, we would live a life of peace even in times of crises. That's why He said in our theme verse: ***"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulations: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."*** Let these words of the Master re-echo in your heart and create the mindset of the overcomer in you.

God's Word gives us the assurance that we're not alone, and that irrespective of the fiendish and

dastardly manipulations of the enemy, our victory is a settled fact. As a Christian, you dwell in the secret place of the Most High and abide under the shadow of the Almighty. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, yet no harm or evil shall befall you. Believe this truth and make it your consciousness.

Refuse to fear because God has already made you an overcomer: ***"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"*** (1 John 4:4). He has made His power available to you and lifted you over principalities and powers. Your faith in Christ is the victory that overcomes the world: ***"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith"*** (1 John 5:4).

CONFESSION

My life is founded on Christ my Saviour, and in Him I dwell in safety and security. And by the power in the Name of Jesus, I come against the activities of Satan and his cohorts, affirming that their concomitant plan to wreak havoc and unleash terror is vanquished and overturned. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

John 14:27; 1 John 5:4

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Genesis 10-12

SATURDAY

5



THE PRAYER OF AGREEMENT

Matthew 18:19-20 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

The Bible teaches that there are different kinds of prayer. The prayer of agreement is one of them. It's an effective way through which we can share our burdens in prayer and effect positive changes. The prayer of agreement involves two or more people coming together and praying concerning anything in particular that they desire. For instance, any two Christian friends or colleagues could come together and decide to pray and effect a change either concerning their work, office, school, neighborhood or the nation at large.

Through the prayer of agreement, you can resolve issues in your home, at work, in society, etc. However, be sure to follow the rules. First, the scripture says **"if any two of you shall agree..."**; that means it must involve two or more people. Then it says, **"as touching anything that they shall ask"**; that means you must be specific.

Also, you must pray in faith and in line with the Word. Having done all that, you can be certain that your prayers would be answered. The Bible says, ***"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us"*** (1 John 5:14).

The next time you want to effect a change in any situation, follow the rules of the prayer of agreement!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the privilege of praying in agreement with other believers and compelling circumstances to yield to your Word. I declare that situations that are not consistent with your perfect will for my life are overturned and the works of the devil are frustrated in and around me, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 18:19 AMP; Matthew 16:19 CEV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Genesis 13-15

SUNDAY

6



FAITH TO FRAME YOUR WORLD

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

The Greek word translated "framed" in the opening scripture is "Katartizo," which is to repair, frame, perfect, mend and restore. This lets us know that by applying the right faith principles, you can "frame," repair, restore or recreate your world. Through faith, we understand that God framed, mended, restored and perfected the material world. He framed the visible world from the unseen, revealing to us the power of faith.

Another word to study in our theme verse is "world," which is translated from the Greek word "aion." "Aion" refers to the structure and administration of one's life; how things go with you from day to day, including how they affect your hopes and aspirations. It also refers to the world's system with respect to socioeconomic structures and environmental management of a period in human history, including its arts and sciences.

Bringing this home to your personal life, you can frame how things go with you from day to day by speaking forth God's Word. God made the whole world by speaking forth words; and as His kids, we have the same creative power inherent in us because we're made in His image and in His likeness. There's a creative force in us, to frame the kind of life and environment we desire. We can alter our destinies and change the course of events in our world through faith-filled words.

This is the key to recreating your life and fulfilling your dreams. Speak forth today, what you want to see in your life and frame your "aion." As you utter those words of faith, the Holy Spirit will incubate on them and make them a reality. It makes no difference what has happened in your life in the past; there's hope for a change. The power for that change is in your mouth. Speak words of faith, blessing and power and recreate your world! Perfect, mend and restore everything in your "aion!"

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for granting me peace, and ensuring fruitfulness, prosperity and productivity in every area of my life! I declare that everything in my world conforms with your will and destiny for me, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

2 Corinthians 4:13; Job 22:28; Mark 11:23

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Genesis 16-18

MONDAY

7



TRUST THE FATHER TO ANSWER YOUR PRAYER

John 15:16 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: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

One of the wonderful blessings we have as Christians is our privilege to talk directly to the Lord in prayer and receive answers. It makes no difference whether we're praying corporately as a group or as individuals; Jesus said "**...Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you... ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full**" (John 16:23-24). What a blessed invitation! You have the right to pray directly to the Father in the Name of Jesus, and make requests of Him concerning the changes you want in your life, and receive answers.

Sadly, some don't have confidence in their own prayers, so they look to others to pray for them. But blessed be God: there's no situation that's greater than the Name of Jesus. No matter how dire or insurmountable the situation may be from a natural standpoint, all you have to do is pray in

faith, in the Name of Jesus. **James 5:16** says ***"...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."***

Notice it didn't say, "the effectual fervent prayer of everyone availeth much," no; it says "of a righteous man." Which means, just one righteous man is enough, and that should be you! **1 Peter 3:12** says, ***"...the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers..."*** The very thought of this should inspire you to pray fervently and have confidence in your prayers, knowing that every time you pray, you'll surely receive answers because you're the righteous.

The next time you kneel or lift your hands in prayer, do so with faith, confidence and boldness, for you're heard by the Father.

PRAYER

Precious Father, I thank you for the wonderful blessing of praying in the Name of Jesus, and the confidence of knowing that your ears are open to hear and answer. I declare that your peace reigns in the lives of your children, all over the world today, and your righteousness is enthroned in their hearts, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

John 16:26-27; Matthew 21:22

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Genesis 19-21

TUESDAY

8



PREACH THE GOSPEL

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

It may surprise you to know how many of your next-door neighbours are yet to hear about Jesus. This thought motivated me back then and still does today, to go all out, preaching the Gospel to everyone.

Growing up as a Christian, I went from place to place, and from house to house, telling people about Jesus. I felt the onus was on me to tell the untold, and reach the unreached; to let the whole world know that Jesus came into the world to die for our sins, and was buried, and raised back to life for our justification. This is the greatest news on planet earth!

To receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be born again, is the best thing that could ever happen to anyone. As a Christian, you have a divine mandate to preach the Gospel to those in your world and

the regions beyond. God has committed to you the ministry of reconciling men back to Him (**2 Corinthians 5:18**).

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only hope for sustainable progress and development for any nation or a people. It holds God's answer to all of the predicaments of humanity. In **Romans 1:16**, Paul said, ***"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."*** The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation; in it, the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith (**Romans 1:16-17**).

For the influence, impact and effect of righteousness to increase in every nation, we must keep preaching the Gospel. The realization that Jesus, the Son of God, died for the salvation of the world and yet some still haven't heard about Him should motivate you to preach and tell everyone you meet about Jesus.

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I thank you for counting me faithful to commit unto me the ministry of reconciliation. You've chosen and anointed me to preach the Gospel with power, and impact my world with your divine presence. I thank you for this glorious mandate, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 5:19

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Genesis 22-24

WEDNESDAY

9



PRAYER: A COMMUNION OF HEAVENLY BLISS

*Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly
unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain
mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

What a blessing to know that you can communicate directly with the Lord in prayer, and have His full attention (**1 Peter 3:12**). Prayer times are moments of heavenly glory and spiritual ecstasy. In prayer, our spirits are refreshed and our sensitivity to the Spirit is increased.

Some people only pray when they need something from the Lord, which is wrong. Your time of prayer shouldn't just be a time to ask God for things; it should be a time of rich fellowship with Him. Through prayer you participate in the communion of the God-kind.

It's important to recognize prayer as a privilege as well as a responsibility. Every moment of prayer is an investment in eternity, and true prayer is a romance of righteousness. It's a special moment of divine communion where you're enraptured in heav-

enly bliss.

Jesus understood the importance of constant fellowship with the Father; hence, He took prayer seriously while He was on earth. The Bible says ***"...in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed"*** (Mark 1:35). On certain occasions, He prayed all night long. He understood the power and importance of constant fellowship with the Father.

2 Corinthians 13:14 talks about the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost. "Communion" refers to a partnership, a communication, a fellowship with the Holy Spirit. It means talking to the Holy Spirit and hearing Him talk to you. You need that continual fellowship with the Lord to function effectively and win every day in life.

PRAYER

Blessed be God, by whom I've been called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ my Lord! As I fellowship with you today, I'm blessed, strengthened and transformed; and I receive wisdom and grace to deal excellently in all my endeavors and live triumphantly, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 Corinthians 1:9; Colossians 4:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Genesis 25-27

THURSDAY

10



THE GAINS OF DILIGENCE

Proverbs 22:29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

Diligence means giving the required attention and care for excellence and perfection in fulfilling one's responsibilities. A diligent person puts his best into what he or she does, paying attention to details with the sole purpose of attaining perfection. Our theme verse says if you're diligent, you'll stand before kings and not ordinary men; that's promotion. That means being diligent will bring you into places of influence and honour.

The Bible shows us David as an example of a diligent young man. The responsibility to tend sheep, given to him by his father, seemed menial in comparison with those of his brothers, who were in the army. But David faithfully and diligently took care of the sheep, so much so that when he had to run other errands, the Bible specifically records that he was careful enough to leave the sheep in the care of a keeper (1 Samuel 17:20).

The diligent never lacks: ***"He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich"*** (Proverbs 10:4). God will bless whatever you do and give you the advantage if you're faithful and diligent. As a politician, civil servant, business-person or a student, be diligent; and you'll be ahead of your peers and competitors.

The Bible says, ***"The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute"*** (Proverbs 12:24). That means the man who is diligent will always be the boss of the one who is not. Ensure perfection in what you do and be forthright. Faithfully and diligently execute assigned tasks and don't despise the responsibilities given to you, irrespective of how "menial" they might seem, and the Lord will surely promote you: ***"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much"*** (Luke 16:10).

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for granting me supernatural wisdom and ability to always do things right the first time. I thank you for granting me the grace for perfection, as I diligently carry out the responsibilities you've committed to me, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Proverbs 21:5; Proverbs 13:4; 2 Corinthians 8:22

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Genesis 28-30

FRIDAY

11



BRING OUT THE BEST FROM WITHIN

Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Proverbs 20:27 says, ***"The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly."*** The belly here is an expression for the innermost being. It means deep within you: the core of your nature—your heart. The light of God is in your spirit. If you're going to know the purpose and will of God for your life, it's from your spirit. After you've given your heart to Christ to be born again, the next thing is for you to start growing in the things of the spirit. That means; develop your spirit. Many are more concerned about what takes place in their souls or physical bodies, with little consideration for their spirit.

Though commendable, it's not enough to train your mind to be an intellectual stalwart; greater pre-mium and attention must be placed on educating your spirit. The most intellectually refined mind and enlightened soul would still fall short of the will of

the Father who requires the education and development of your spirit to walk with Him. The highest potentials of the human nature are in the spirit. So you must consciously and deliberately exercise and educate your spirit.

Study and meditate on the Word of God always, and your spirit will be enlightened; and then you can bring out the best from within you. The beauty, aura, graces and perfections of divinity are resident in your spirit. Jesus said in **John 7:38** ***"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."*** Matthew 12:35 says, ***"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things..."*** Discover the treasures in your recreated human spirit through the Word and bring them to the fore. Exude excellence, perfection and virtue from your spirit today.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for depositing in my spirit the beauties, aura and perfections of divinity. I consciously exercise myself unto godliness bringing forth these beautiful gifts of the Spirit, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Joshua 1:8; Daniel 9:3-4

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Genesis 31-33

SATURDAY

12



THERE IS PROFIT IN ALL LABOUR

Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Every one of us is specially graced and endowed with special talents and abilities by God. All you need to do is discover your gifts and use them to the betterment of society. No one is a nonentity. Every human person is ordained of God to fulfil a significant role in the Kingdom and be a blessing to the world. For this reason, no one ought to steal.

When a man resorts to threats and force in dispossessing others of their rightful belongings, he indirectly confesses failure and hopelessness in his own ability to work and become a success. Stealing is a confession of lack of self-dignity. The Bible says, **"...he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent"** (Proverbs 28:20). People who cheat others and steal to be rich unwittingly destroy their own lives.

The Bible says there's profit in all labour (**Proverbs**

14:23). As you faithfully work with your hands that which is good, with the consciousness that you're rendering service through your work, you'll surely prosper. You may be a trader, cleaner, teacher, police officer, civil servant or a chief executive; if your goal is to bless others through your work, you'll be promoted.

Never allow the inordinate desire for money be your driving force. Your job or vocation is your opportunity to bless your world, not essentially for you to make money. Those who steal and defraud others or the nation can't have permanent success in life. **Proverbs 20:17** says, ***"Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel."*** Riches come through the wisdom of God; therefore ***"Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom"*** (**Proverbs 23:4**). Embrace the wisdom of God, and be diligent in your work; and riches will come to you.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your wisdom that's at work in me, and for filling me with knowledge and supernatural ideas to do exploits and tremendously improve my life and that of others. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to impact my world with quality and excellence through the work of my hands, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Proverbs 10:22; 2 Corinthians 6:10

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Genesis 34-36

SUNDAY

13



WORK AND GIVE TO OTHERS

Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Stealing destroys the personality and soul of the perpetrator; it cripples his abilities and destroys his creativity. Those who steal inadvertently declare their weakness and failure. That's why, according to our opening scripture, God wants them to desist from stealing and work with their hands.

Working with your hands, that which is good for God and for people, gives you the opportunity to express the perfections of God deposited within your spirit. God designed for you to work in this world not because you'll starve if you don't (**Matthew 6:26**), but because there's so much within you the world can benefit from. Natural circumstances may try to force you to believe your job or business is your means of livelihood, but refuse to let such a thought rule your life. The Bible didn't say "Work, that you may be rich"; rather, it says, "work that you may have to give." That's what we read in

our opening verse.

Someone might say, "I rob and I give some to the less-privileged"; that's wrong! You can't "rob Peter to give to Paul." If you want to be a giver, work with your hands. Robbery isn't part of work because it hurts others. Your job ought to be a medium or channel through which you bless others and make the world a better place. It doesn't matter how much you're paid at your job or business, do your job with excellence and shun mediocrity, and the Lord will promote you.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I recognize my vocation and skills as an avenue to bless my world. As I diligently carryout my work, it in turn leads to the furtherance of the society at large, that the light of Christ may shine more brightly in and through me, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 Thessalonians 4:11

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Genesis 37-39

MONDAY

14



WHAT AND HOW TO PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Ephesians 1:15-19 Wherefore I...Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe...

It's important we know how to intercede in prayer for those in the Church who though are born again, are not walking in the light of God's Word, or are yet to be acquainted with the Holy Spirit and what He can do in their lives. It makes no difference that some of them may have been Christians for many years. As long as they're not walking in the light of God's Word, we must pray for them in the manner outlined by the Spirit, through the Apostle Paul, in our opening scripture.

Pray, "That God would grant them the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. And that the eyes of their understanding will be enlightened; that they may know the hope of His calling, and the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe!"

Ephesians 3:17-19 says, *"...that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."* This prayer has to do with the revelation of the love of God in our daily walk. We've got to pray that God's people around the world will know the length, breadth, height and depth of the compelling love of Christ in His vicarious death, subsequent resurrection and endless life in and for us.

Have you heard someone say, "I can't please you and displease myself." That's not God's kind of love; people with such understanding are not yet rooted and grounded in Christ. This is why you've got to pray that God's people would have insight into the love of Christ, which is beyond natural, human comprehension.

You can also personalize these inspiring prayers of the Spirit for yourself as well. When you pray this way, you'll constantly experience spiritual development and have greater insight into the things of God.

PRAYER

I pray for God's people all around the world today, that they might be filled with the knowledge of God's will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Colossians 1:9-10; Ephesians 3:14-19

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Genesis 40-42

TUESDAY

15



THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN YOU

Romans 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

Righteousness is the nature of God that describes His rightness; His ability to do and be right always. That same nature is imparted to your spirit when you receive Christ into your heart to be born again. Then, you're automatically brought into oneness with God; His character of rightness is wrought in your spirit. The result of this is that you can stand in God's presence with boldness, without condemnation, inferiority or guilt; because you've become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21).

God expects you to live this life of righteousness daily. Your life should be the expression of the life He's given you. For example, when a child is born, he is characteristically human; but he starts building and developing his innate human characteristics. He doesn't have the nature of a dog or a camel, but of a human being. But he must develop that

nature through knowledge and fellowship with other humans.

In the same way, when you become a child of God, you automatically receive the righteousness of God. Even if you err, it wouldn't be because you're no longer righteous, but because you haven't grown or matured in the knowledge of God. A child, who is not taught how to walk, may never walk; not because he doesn't have the ability to walk but because he was never taught. Likewise, to grow as a mature Christian and be able to live righteously to the glory of God, you must be taught to live by God's Word.

This is one of the reasons you must become a committed member in a local church. In church, you're taught how to live the life of righteousness which you've received in Christ Jesus. As you live out that righteousness, many will witness the perfection and inner-beauty of divinity in you; God's nature of righteousness, excellence and perfection will be manifested in everything you do.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for imparting righteousness into my spirit, thereby making it possible for me to live and function rightly in life. That righteousness has brought precision and excellence into my life, enabling me to live and do right always, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 5:18-19; 2 Corinthians 5:21

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Genesis 43-45

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WEDNESDAY

16



BE A WORD – ADDICT

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The only thing in life for which you must develop a voracious appetite is the Word of God; be a Word-addict. Some people are addicted to the wrong things in life; but being a Word-addict will make you a success. The same way a pupil or student is expected to attend classes in order to make good grades, God expects you to attend to His Word to be successful in life: ***“My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh”*** (Proverbs 4:20-22).

Success in life is dependent on the amount of God's Word you know and put to work. This is the reason you must give yourself wholly to the Word of God through study and meditation (**1 Timothy 4:15**). Make a habit of studying God's Word con-

sistently, for God's Word is the food for your spirit. Studying the Word and having your spirit imparted with revelation knowledge will help you live the triumphant life in Christ.

In studying the Bible, ask the Holy Spirit to grant you understanding and fill your spirit with the revelation of His Word. He's the author of the scriptures and will unveil truths to you from the Word if you ask Him. As you give yourself to the Word, you'll discover the beauty of God's righteousness and the glorious life He has given you. You'll get to know His perfect will and walk in pre-ordained pathways, producing results to the glory of Christ.

CONFESSION

My heart is open to the ministry of the Spirit and the Word today! I have the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord. I'm walking worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God, in Jesus, Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Acts 20:32; Matthew 4:4

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Genesis 46-48

THURSDAY

17



DEVELOP YOUR MIND

Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...

The most important capital you require is not money, it's your mind. **Romans 12:2** admonishes us to be transformed in the character of our minds. That means renew your mind. This is because the first and most vital element you need for success is your mind. Whether or not you're going to be a success in life depends on your mindset.

Your success, prosperity, and greatness aren't determined by your geographical location. The nation where you live or the economy in which you function, though vital elements, are not the determinant factors for your success or failure in life. Your mindset is so important; the Word says, for as a man thinks in his heart, so is he. The Word of Christ gives you the mindset of the righteous. Through the Word you develop excellence and the thought process of a champion.

Realize that you're what you think. You're the character of your thoughts. Your life; how you live and the things you do, the character of your words and the totality of your personality, are all the expressions of your thought process.

Proverbs 4:23 says to mount garrison over your heart. Don't allow just every thought come in. Accept and dwell only on thoughts as recommended by the Word: ***"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things"*** (Philippians 4:8).

Refine your thinking and get ready for a great future. Dream for, and build a new and vibrant successful life; and it all begins from your mind.

PRAYER

Blessed Father, thank you for the power of your Word and the inspiration I've received today. I experience tremendous transformation as I meditate on your Word, which is able to build me up, renew and transform my mind, and life in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 3:20

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Genesis 49-50

FRIDAY

18



EVERY CHILD IS YOUR CHILD

Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

As an adult, you have a responsibility to every child; every child is your child. This must become your personal philosophy. Take care of children wherever you are. For instance, if a child or a group of children without an adult is trying to cross the road, help them do so. Don't let them run through and get knocked down by a charging vehicle with some drunk driver.

Children are the future of any society. Therefore, protect every child. Every stray child should become your responsibility. Every hungry child should become your responsibility. When you understand life this way, God will send angels to bless you with the good things of life and you'll never lack. He'll provide for you so you can care for the needy children around you. But if you're selfish and only care about yourself and your biological family then God can't do much with your life.

Our opening scripture highlights the Lord's attitude towards children; they're so important to Him and He's unwilling to overlook them. As a child of God, this ought to be your attitude; give attention to children and ensure they're protected and well taken care of. As you do this, you'd be contributing to a better and greater future for your nation.

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I pray for children all over the world, that your mighty hand of protection will rest upon them, guiding and shielding them from harm, evil and pestilence. I thank you for your wisdom granted them to recognize the path and way of truth and righteousness that they may grow thereby, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 18:10; Psalm 127:3

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 1-4

SATURDAY

19



MOUNT PRESSURE ON THE DEVIL

1 Thessalonians 5:17 AMP Be unceasing in prayer [praying perseveringly].

The Spirit's admonition through the Apostle Paul above is for us to be constant and persistent in prayer. **Romans 12:12 (AMP)** tells us: ***"Rejoice {and} exult in hope; be steadfast and patient in suffering {and} tribulation; be constant in prayer."***

Many times, Satan seeks to influence and manipulate people, situations, circumstances, governments, agencies etc., just to get to us. But we must learn to thwart his efforts. Every time you pray, you actually mount pressure on the adversary, therefore be unceasing and importunate in prayer.

Too often, many wait until trouble strikes before they pray. The Bible says in **James 4:7**, ***"...Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."*** That means be on the offensive against the devil; mount pressure against him. Counter his advances ever before he makes more trouble.

2 Corinthians 2:11 says we're not ignorant of Satan's devices; therefore when you pray, pray like one who knows the stratagems of Satan. With authoritative words, rebuke unbelief, fear, and discouragement from your life and God's people. Speak in tongues and break Satan's dominion over those with whom you engage in business transactions, play, politics, or work.

You've been called to a life of dominion; you're not subject to Satan, his demons or his malevolent tendencies. You've been given the power and responsibility to resist Satan and put him to flight! Use God's Word, which is the sword of the Spirit, against him. Each time you pray and speak the Word in faith, you mount pressure on the devil, and overturn his wicked plots and devious machinations.

CONFESSION

I stand in the authority of the Name of Jesus against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world and wicked spirits in high places responsible for the increasing spate of violence in the world today. I declare that their fiendish acts are abrogated, and their activities rendered ineffective in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 Peter 5:8-9

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 5-7

SUNDAY

20



MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME

Ephesians 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

There're certain things in life that are not in unending supply; they're limited. One of them is time. Learn to save time. Keep track of your time. Our opening verse says for us to redeem the time because the days are evil. If you play a game, maybe soccer for example, they may give you extra time. However, life is not a game; and there's no extra time. Therefore, make every day count for your life. Take the opportunity of everyday to improve yourself and introduce something into your life that's worth the while; something positive.

Invest your time wisely. Seize the moment. Make a decision for success today. Don't wait; don't procrastinate. Success is for the man who says "yes" to success. Success is for the man who plans for it; who reaches out for it. Who says "I'll wake up at such and such a time, to study" and he wakes up. Success is for the man who says "I'll read this

book at this time," and he reads it! Success is for the man who says "I'll go to school" and he goes. Choose to be a success.

Time is fixed and never seems enough and so we have to make time for important things. If you have a task or project, do it at the stipulated time. Successful people are time-conscious. Success is waiting for the man who makes a decision. Don't spend your time watching merely television or video 24 hours a day. Those you're watching have put their best into what you're watching.

Yesterday may be gone, but you have today; make it count. You may not be able to change yesterday but you can plan today to change tomorrow. You can do something about tomorrow and to do something about tomorrow, you've got to do it today. So make the most of your time. Remember, there's no extra time; therefore whatever you do now, do it the best way the first time.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for giving me the precious gift of time and the wisdom to use my time productively as I work to become all that you've created me to be, and do all that you've destined me to do. I have chosen to be a success in life; therefore I'll keep track of my time and use it wisely, for your glory, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Ecclesiastes 3:1

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 8-10

MONDAY

21



DON'T PUT MONEY FIRST

Proverbs 4:7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

For some, the pursuit of money is primary pre-occupation in life; but sadly, the more they talk about money and chase after money, the less of it they get.

Now, notice our opening verse didn't say, "Money is the principal thing." Someone might say, "I want to start a business. I need capital." No. The most important capital you require is not money; the Word of God says it's wisdom that you primarily require. The love or lack of it determines your success or failure in life.

That is why the Bible tells us to renew our minds (**Ephesians 4:23**). Money is important, no doubt, for even the Bible tells us that **"...money answereth all things"** (**Ecclesiastes 10:19**). But then the Bible talks about the excellency of wisdom over money. Money can't give life, but wisdom gives life: **"For**

wisdom is a defense, and money is a defense: but the excellency of knowledge is that wisdom giveth life to them that have it" (Ecclesiastes 7:12).

Why do you work? Why do you want your business to expand? Maybe you're running a school; why do you want the school to be successful? Why do you want it to be big? Is it because of your love for the students and genuine concern to help them imbibe a qualitative education, or you just want to make money? In all you do, don't put money first. Rather, look out for a human need, and reach out to meet that need! Let your motivation be to do that which is good for God and for people, and you'll be a success.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for your wisdom that functions in me today and always, causing me to prosper, succeed and excel in all I do. I'm piloted by wisdom unto greater levels of glory, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 Timothy 6:10; Matthew 6:33

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 11-13

TUESDAY

22



YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE

Acts 20:35 ...Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

I want to challenge you today about your life and ministry as an individual. What kind of life are you living? Are you in the world just to collect from others or do you think there's something in you to give? In life, you must give before you take, for giving precedes receiving. Some people don't receive because they're not good givers. Every good giver is a good receiver.

If you've always had people give to you, and you've never been challenged to give to others, you're on the wrong path. You might say, "But I don't even have a home. I have no job; I even have to beg to eat; what could I possibly have in me to give to someone else?" I want you to know that even in that predicament, you can still be a blessing.

God is not so concerned about you getting a house, a car or a job. He can give you all that

and more in a heartbeat. What He's more concerned about is what you've done with the love and the life that He's given you. How much of His light in you is shining on others? Success is neither about money nor how popular you are in society. Rather, it's the ability to put that which the Lord has given you to work, so that others may benefit through your light.

Therefore, quit saying, "I have no job; I have no house; I have no one to help me or give to me." What has God given you? Do you have peace in your heart? Is there love in you? Do you think God loves you? Are you glad about it? Then go share that with someone else. There're people who don't even know God loves them. Share with them the love of God that you've experienced. Wake up and become somebody.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the entrance of your Word has given me light and has shown me the path of life. I go forth today, conscious of your life and love that's in me, and I'm determined to share the same with others, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Luke 6:38

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 14-16



JOIN IN THE HARVEST

Matthew 9:37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.

The harvest season is always a time of joy to farmers. Having sown, they rejoice at harvest because it's time to reap. It's unusual to see a farmer cry at harvest time. Rather, he's exuberant to see the harvest.

The Lord Jesus, in our opening scripture, said to His disciples that the harvest is plenty, but the labourers are few. The harvest He's referring to is "the souls of men". He's talking about the world of sinners. The labourers, on the other hand, refer to those who are reaching out with the Gospel to win these lost souls to Christ. As a Christian, someone made it possible for you to hear and receive salvation. So what are you doing to let someone else know about Jesus?

The one passion that dominated the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus while He walked the earth was harvesting the souls of men into the Kingdom

of God. That was the reason He came: ***"...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..."*** (1Timothy 1:15). Luke 19:10, says, ***"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."*** Salvation for the lost was all that mattered to Him. He told His disciples once, ***"...My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work"*** (John 4:34).

The Bible lets us know ***"...that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation"*** (2 Corinthians 5:19). What this implies is that God has already reconciled the ungodly, the wicked, the robbers, the terrorists, the fraudsters, etc., unto Himself. These ones need to be told that God is not mad at them; He loves them dearly and is in fact not holding their sins against them. Only through the Gospel of Christ can they truly have a change of heart—a new life!

The Gospel of Christ is the only hope for any nation or people. It's only through the preaching of the Gospel that we can harvest and bring into the Kingdom the many souls that are languishing in darkness. Go out today and lead someone to Jesus. Take your personal ministry of the Gospel very seriously.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I've set my heart to be faithful to the call of leading the unsaved in my world to Christ. I thank you for the increased grace you've granted me to be fruitful in this endeavour, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 9:38; 2 Timothy 4:2

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 17-19

THURSDAY

24



WHAT A LIFE!

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

When God raised Jesus from the dead, you were raised together with Him. Now, you're seated together with Christ, ***"far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come"*** (Ephesians 1:21). Therefore, it makes no difference what happens in this world, you're more than a conqueror; you're a success. God has given you eternal life; a life greater than sickness, disease, failure and death; a life of peace, strength, health and prosperity.

The knowledge of these realities should evidently change the way you talk, walk or act. Don't ask God to give you peace, strength, health, prosperity or make you a success. These and more are all encapsulated in the glorious life you have in Christ. I'll give you examples.

First, the Lord Jesus said in **John 14:27**, ***"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you..."*** that means He has become your peace. Secondly, **Psalm 27:1** says, ***"...the Lord is the strength of my life...."*** Thirdly, He's your health. **Isaiah 33:24** says, ***"And the inhabitant (of Zion) shall not say, I am sick...."*** Therefore, don't talk sickness, because the Lord has given you health (**Read 3 John 1:2**).

In addition, He's given you prosperity. **1 Corinthians 3:21** says, ***"Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours."*** Then **Philippians 4:19** tells us, ***"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*** That means there's no lack in your life; for the Lord supplies all your needs. **Psalm 1:3** describes you as a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth fruit in and out of season; and whatsoever you do shall prosper.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, ***"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*** Now that you're born again, you're a bundle of success. You belong now in God's Kingdom; His realm of life where Christ reigns.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for victory, success, excellence, health and prosperity are in my spirit, and I walk in righteousness and exercise dominion over devils, sickness, and the negativities of life today and always, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 5:17; 2 Corinthians 2:14

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 20-22

FRIDAY

25



YOU NEVER LOSE FOR LOVING

1 John 4:11 CEV Dear friends, since God loved us this much, we must love each other.

Responding to the disciples' private inquiry in **Matthew 24**, the Lord Jesus, on the Mount of Olives, explained the signs of the end of the world. He taught on the various occurrences and happenings that'll culminate in the end of the age, and submitted in the twelfth verse that **"...because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold"** (Matthew 24:12).

The Master lets us know that due to the wickedness around us; due to the activities of fraudsters, pilferers and deceitful workers, many would become hardened. Many would become callous and not easily entreated such that their bowels of mercy are shut against others. In our world today, there're those who when they see someone in trouble, are unwilling to render any form of help; even though they could. They think they're being cheated one more time. However, as a child of God, you must let out the love and compas-

sion of Christ in you, all the time. You never lose for loving.

Don't subdue the love of God that's in you. The wickedness of the world should not stop us from loving. Those who walk in love are always victorious, because love cannot be defeated; it's victorious over all circumstances. It was love that brought the Lord Jesus out of the grave. So practice loving people. **Romans 5:5** says, **"...the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."** Put the love of God in you to work. Refuse to be cold-hearted.

In your quest to evangelize and lead people to Christ, for example, you don't need to be "suspicious" of those you meet or of those who come to you for help. In **Matthew 28:20**, Jesus said, **"...I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."** That means the Lord is with you, and He'll guide you at all times through the Holy Spirit.

Even now, there could be someone in a terrible predicament that needs your help; let God's love in you compel you to action. Let God use you to provide succour and comfort to those who are hurting around you. Show some love today!

CONFESSION

My heart is strengthened to love and touch the lives of those around me today with the power of God's Spirit, as I express the compassion and love of Christ that's in my heart by the Holy Ghost, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 18:21-22; John 13:34

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 23-25

SATURDAY

26



WE'RE NOT POWERLESS

Matthew 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

The news of disasters, terrorism and other ominous events, as reported daily by the news media, spread an uneasy sense of insecurity and apprehension in the hearts of many around the world. But as a believer, instead of cringing in fear and hoping that somehow things will change, you ought to recognize and function in your high place of authority in Christ, ***“over and above every government and authority and power and lordship and every name that is constantly being named...”*** (Ephesians 1:21 Wuest New Testament Translation).

God has given us so much authority, but we have to come to a place of knowledge and understanding of the Word. We have to learn how to exercise our authority in Christ and effect changes in His Name. We're not helpless or hamstrung. The Lord Jesus told us in **Matthew 18:19-20: “...If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing**

that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

By "two or three," He meant that even the smallest assembly, where only two or three are gathered, can come together to change anything! He didn't say they needed to have enough faith; all that's required is for them to come together and agree for a change.

We speak for Jesus in the earth; therefore, we shouldn't be quiet. If there are negative circumstances we don't like, we can change them. There's so much power in the Church, but we can't discover the extent and potency of the power we possess with our mouths shut. For that power to be effective, we're going to have to open our mouths and pray, and declare what we want to see in our world.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the great authority you have bestowed on the Church of Jesus Christ. I pray for Christians all over the world, that through your Word we'll come to that place of knowledge, where we'll boldly make demands according to the authority you've granted us and turn adverse circumstances in our favour, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 16:18; Isaiah 9:7

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 26-28

SUNDAY

27



APPRECIATE OTHERS

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.

As a child of God, the love of God is shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Spirit. He now expects you to demonstrate that love, sharing it with those around you. God wants the world to see and appreciate the matchless beauty of His love. Take every opportunity in your daily encounter with people to express God's love to them.

Love for people is what really counts with God. God is love, and as His children, we're to love like Him: ***"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour"*** (Ephesians 5:1-2). Hatred for anyone, irrespective of what they may have done against you, is unacceptable to God. Jesus showed us the excellent example by loving everyone He met. He loved even His accusers; those who put Him on the cross. We ought to

emulate the Master by loving everyone, no matter the circumstances.

Hatred is of the devil, and the Bible describes it as one of the works of the flesh, while designating love as a fruit of the recreated human spirit (**Galatians 5:22**). Love is self-giving; it makes you give of yourself to others without thinking of what you'll get in return. It makes you think of others and accept them as they are. Love is unselfish and doesn't seek its own; it breaks the barriers of race, ethnicity, and social status. Take some time to appreciate those around you and show them the love of Christ today.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for your love that fills my life to overflowing, having been shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Spirit. That love radiates through me today, and I manifest it to everyone in my world in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 13:8; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:1-2

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 29-31

MONDAY

28



HELP THOSE IN NEED

Deuteronomy 15:11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

It's estimated that about one-fifth of the world's population live in abject poverty; surviving on less than a dollar per day. Many in the slums and inner cities are deprived of the material, spiritual and emotional resources needed to survive, develop and thrive, making them unable to enjoy their rights, achieve their full potential or participate as relevant members of society.

We must therefore seek to set up the necessary structures that'll help ameliorate the plight of the poor and less privileged amongst us. Let's provide them the necessary and required care, love, affection and suitable lifestyle. If each of us will do a little, we can all do a lot. I encourage you to think about doing more for the needy around you; be a blessing to others and you'll be blessed also.

You may never discover the treasure God has kept

in you until you reach out to give someone's life a meaning. That's where real satisfaction is! The Bible says, ***"The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself"*** (Proverbs 11:25). God will make happen for you the good things you make happen for others. So keep helping those around you.

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I thank you for granting me the grace, wisdom and strength to always recognize the need of those around me, that I may bring them succour, hope and comfort. I thank you for making me a lifter and a helper of others, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Luke 6:31; Luke 6:38

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 32-34

TUESDAY

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PRAYING FOR THE INCREASED IMPACT OF THE GOSPEL

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

In a world of constant hostility to the light and truth of the Gospel, we must maintain our solid front and pray that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified. Thank God there're so many hearing and receiving the Gospel every day, but still, so many people are yet to hear the good news of Christ's salvation. This is why it's important for us to pray for Christian ministries, ministers of the Gospel, and fellow believers in their efforts to evangelize the nations of the world.

Pray that more doors of opportunity will be open to the Gospel and it will be preached unhindered throughout the world, resulting in the salvation of more souls. Often times, some believers could be distracted from preaching the Gospel due to terrible hardships and persecutions. We must intercede for these ones to be strengthened with might by the Holy Ghost in the inner man, and that their faith be

perfected in the Lord.

Also, consciously and always pray for the impact of the Gospel via the various media: Internet, TV, Radio, Print, etc. This is very important, because through the Internet, TV and radio, books and journals, the Gospel message can get to places no man or group of people may be able to reach.

From **Revelation 1:6** and **Revelation 5:10**, we understand that God has made us kings and priests. Function in your office today as a praying priest and a reigning king. Take some time to pray for the impact of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in your nation. Pray that in the cities, villages, towns and settlements, the people will give heed to the Gospel; and there'll be great joy, progress and prosperity all around your country as the Word of God grows mightily and prevails.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for granting your children everywhere great grace to minister your Word with power and in the demonstration of your Spirit. Your Name is exalted in the nations of the world today, as your Word gains the ascendancy in the hearts of men, and souls are won into the Kingdom, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 Timothy 2:1-2; Acts 19:20

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 35-37

WEDNESDAY

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GO THE EXTRA MILE

Luke 11:5-8 And He said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

God's nature is to give exceedingly, abundantly, and in excess of what you could ever ask or think. He makes provision and adequate supply for His children according to His riches in glory. He gives in overflowing measure. Being born again, we've received the same divine ability to go the extra mile in our giving, for we have the nature of God.

Love requires that you go the extra mile and do more than you have to. Rebecca went beyond the request of Abraham's servant to give him water, by offering to draw water for his camels also (**Genesis 24:17-20**). Abraham offered the better part of the

land to his cousin Lot (**Genesis 13:5-12**).

In our opening verse, Jesus pointed out that even the natural man can make an extra effort to help his friend. You have to move beyond the ordinary, having the consciousness of doing everything to the glory of God. When you show love to your brother or sister in the Lord, you're actually doing it unto the Lord. Jesus said, ***"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward"*** (Matthew 10:42).

Your attitude should be one of going the extra mile; putting in extra effort and going the extra distance for others. That's love. It gives more than is required: ***"And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain"*** (Matthew 5:41). Learn to stretch yourself beyond your limits. You'll be blessed for going beyond the expectation of others to show them love.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I'm controlled by the love of Christ that flows lavishly from my spirit. That love compels me to give more than is required of me. I thank you for the ability and inspiration you've given me to manifest your nature of love and go the extra mile in blessing others, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

2 Corinthians 8:1-4 AMP

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 38-39

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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