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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 2026 edition of the Zion Realities Daily 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



ACTIVE FAITH



Romans 12:3

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Acts 14 tells us that Paul was preaching in a city called Lystra, and he noticed a certain man who was crippled from his mother's womb: ***"And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked. The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked"*** (Acts 14:8-10).

When the man heard the Gospel from Paul, it imparted faith to him, but faith alone didn't do him good. He was still crippled, even though he had faith. His faith was so palpable that Paul noticed it; he perceived that the man had faith to be healed.

It's the same predicament that many are in today in the body of Christ; they have faith, yet they're snowed-under by the adversities of life, living as victims. Their problem is that they're not using their faith. Faith is like currency; you have to use it. It's like money in your account, wallet or in your pocket; it won't do anything for you just because you

have it; you must put it to use.

The Bible says, “...**Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone**” (James 2:17). That means faith without corresponding actions; faith that’s not used, is dead. Imagine if the crippled man had argued and hesitated when Paul told him to stand up; he would have neutralised his own faith. But the moment he acted on the Word, his faith was activated and a miracle ensued.

The issue oftentimes isn’t that God’s people don’t have faith; every Christian has faith. The problem is that many aren’t using their faith. Faith must be active and not passive. Use your faith today.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for imparting faith to my spirit through the Word. I use my faith today by my corresponding actions and verbal expressions, in line with your infallible and eternal Word. Thus, I live above the adversary and all adversities of life, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 4:17-21; Hebrews 11:3

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 1-3

WEDNESDAY



THE WORD IMPARTS FAITH



Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

God's Word is trustworthy and infallible; you can stake your life on it. But you can't rely on or trust in something you don't know about. You can only have faith in something you have information on.

For instance, if I made you a promise that I'd give you a car-gift tomorrow, you'd have faith for the car because the information has bolstered your hope; I've given you the reason to expect a car tomorrow. And because you trust my word, you'd move from mere "hope" to the confident assurance that, come what may, you're going to have a car tomorrow.

Though you haven't even seen it yet, you'd immediately start sharing your testimony of a new car, just because I said, "I have a car for you." Faith came to you because of what I said, which you heard. If I didn't say anything, or even if I said it, but you didn't hear it, you wouldn't have had faith to the point of telling your friends, "I now have a car."

That's how it is with God's Word. Information from God's Word will cause you to have faith in God. That's what we read in our opening verse: faith comes by hearing, and

hearing by the Word of God. The Word produces and imparts faith to your spirit. You don't have to struggle or try to make it happen; just hear the Word, and faith will be stirred in your spirit.

You may have noticed that, sometimes, as you listen to God's Word, maybe while in church or during your personal study, all the challenges you may have been facing suddenly seem like nothing. The reason is, when the Word of God enters your spirit, it sparks up faith in you. The Word becomes real in your spirit, giving you a sense of victory and dominion.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for your Word is living and active in me. I'm born of the Word; therefore, I live by the Word. As I study and meditate on the Word, my life is improved, from glory to glory, and the blessings of acting on the Word are evidently manifest in my life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Hebrews 4:12; 1 Timothy 4:15; Hebrews 11:3

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 4-5

THURSDAY



WE'RE DECORATED WITH DIVINE FAVOUR



Psalm 102:13

*Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time
to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.*

The Christian is one who's specially favoured of the Lord. In **Psalm 102:13** above, David spoke prophetically about the new creation: ***"This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord"*** (Psalm 102:18).

"The generation to come," and "the people which shall be created" refer to the new creation. The promise of God to favour and have mercy upon Zion has been fulfilled in your life. Favour means friendly regard shown towards another, especially by a superior; a special privilege or right granted you. It means a special advantage bestowed on you to your benefit. It also means gracious kindness, a deep expression of love.

God loves you so much. The Bible says He's ***"...able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient..."*** (2 Corinthians 9:8 AMP). You're called to walk in God's manifold blessings in every area of your life. The Spirit of God has opened doors of blessings and opportunities

for you that can't be humanly explained. He has qualified you to experience the great and glorious benefits of the Kingdom: ***"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light..."*** (Colossians 1:12).

Psalm 5:12 says, ***"For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield."*** This has already happened; the righteous is already blessed and decorated with divine favour. That means there's no disadvantage for you. Wherever you go in this world, you'll be accepted, celebrated, and appreciated. Even those who don't like you will secretly admire you, because you're the favoured one. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I thank you for the great love with which you've loved me. I'm the object of your supernatural grace and unfailing love, and therefore experience and walk in the full manifestation of your unprecedented favour, and manifold blessings in my family, health, job, ministry, and finances today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Luke 2:52; Romans 8:28; Proverbs 14:9

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 6-8

FRIDAY



BE STRONG IN THE LORD



Ephesians 6:10-13

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might...For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

The first part of our opening Scripture urges God's people to be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. God never tells you to do something you couldn't do; if He says, "Be strong in the Lord," it means that's what you need to do.

Then, the **eleventh verse** says, **"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."** Again, He tells you what to do against the devil. You shouldn't say, "The devil is too strong for me"; if you put on the whole armour of God, you'll be able to stand against all the stratagems, schemes, manoeuvres, and manipulations of the devil. The instruction is clear: Fortify yourself in, and with the Word.

Many Christians live a life that looks like Christianity, but isn't true Christianity. As a result, when they face challenges, they falter and are defeated, and then they whine, "But I prayed; I don't know why God didn't do it." But in the verses that we read in our theme scripture, God instructed us clearly on what to do. What He said in verse thirteen is the reason for verses 10-12. It says, **"Wherefore**

take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

There's a day of trouble (the evil day); it may not be today, but it's to be anticipated. There's an enemy out there seeking whom to devour, and when he has the opportunity, he'll strike. But we're not ignorant of His devices. As long as you're strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might, putting on the whole armour of God, you'll discomfit the enemy whenever he shows up, and you'll still be standing.

CONFESSION

I live far above the machinations, schemes, and devices of the devil, because I live in Christ, fortified in, and by the Word! I'm strong in the Lord and in the power of His might; I'm positioned for victory, and energised for the supernatural life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 John 4:4; 1 Corinthians 10:13; James 4:7

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 9-10

SATURDAY



DESTINED FOR GREATNESS



Genesis 26:12-13

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

Isaac had received an instruction from the Lord, not to leave his country to Egypt because of the famine in his country. Of course, people were migrating to Egypt to seek relief and Isaac thought to do the same. However, the Lord spoke to him and said, ***"...dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father"*** (Genesis 26:2-3).

Isaac adhered to the Lord's instruction, and the result is what we see in our opening verse. He grew, waxed great and became very great so much so, that the Philistines envied him in the same land that was ravaged by famine. God destined the man Isaac for greatness, and he would have strayed from that plan had he not harkened to the Lord's instruction to stay back in Gerar.

Follow the leading of God's Spirit for your life. Even if you were at crossroads, refuse to be tempted to go in a direction that you know is contrary to what God has shown you or told you. Yield to the Spirit, for He alone knows

and has the blue print for your greatness, prosperity, and success. Your greatness isn't determined by your geographical location or earthly nativity. It's by your heavenly citizenship, and the continuous deposit of God's Word in your spirit. Greatness is your heritage. No matter where you find yourself: at work, home, in school, etc., have the consciousness that you're destined for greatness.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for your greatness that's in my spirit. I'm the seed of Abraham; therefore, I manifest greatness. Through your Word, and by the Spirit, my prosperity, success, victory, and greatness are evident, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Galatians 3:29; 2 Peter 3:1-2

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 11-12

SUNDAY



SPEAK GOD'S WORD ONLY AND ALWAYS



Matthew 12:37

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Words are so important in the Kingdom of God. By your words, you can consistently chart your course in victory and success; you can recreate the circumstances of your life. The very principle of salvation is based on words. **Romans 10:10** says, ***“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”***

It's important to note the two keywords in the scripture above, “heart” and “mouth.” With your heart, you believe and are made right with God, but with your mouth, you confess your way into salvation.

The Greek word for mouth is “stoma.” Stoma means the edge or front of a weapon. That means your mouth was given to you as a weapon. It brings to mind what the Word says in **Ephesians 6:17**: ***“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”***

When you speak forth the Word of God, you're applying a weapon. For instance, if you're attacked by sickness, don't just talk about it, or complain to people about the situation; cut it down with your mouth by speaking the

Word of God that addresses the condition.

Remember, what you say comes to be. Your words either make or mar. Like the words of Jesus, your words are spirit and life. Jesus said you shall have what you say (**Mark 11:23**). **Ecclesiastes 8:4** says where the word of a king is, there's power, and He's made us kings and priests unto God (**Revelations 1:6**). We make decrees as kings, and we pray as priests, speaking forth God's Word to bring about a transformation in our lives and that of others.

Use your mouth aright. Speak God's Word only and always. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for your precious Words that give life. Thank you for the glory and transformation I experience in my life as a result of your Word that dwells richly in my heart, and proceeds out of my mouth. I walk in divine wisdom, and in the joy and peace of the Spirit, today and always, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Isaiah 49:2; Revelation 19:15; Mark 11:23

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 13-16

MONDAY



STAND YOUR GROUND AND WIN ALWAYS



2 Timothy 2:3

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

In Christianity, we have a solid front in Christ. The Spirit of God, through the Apostle Paul, referenced this in **Colossians 2:5 (AMPC)**. It says, ***"For though I am away from you in body, yet I am with you in spirit, delighted at the sight of your [standing shoulder to shoulder in such] orderly array and the firmness and the solid front and steadfastness of your faith in Christ [that leaning of the entire human personality on Him in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness]."*** In the face of daunting challenges and oppositions, we don't chicken out or give in; rather, we face them head-on, because we're bold and courageous. We're victors in Christ Jesus.

It baffles the spiritually unlearned how we're able to face challenges, dire crises in life and still be aglow in the spirit, full of joy and exuberant with praise to the Lord. It's because we've come to know that, come what may, our victory is inevitable. We're destined to always win. We're never disadvantaged. Jesus said, ***"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have***

overcome the world” (John 16:33).

Those who don’t stand their ground, with a solid front in the midst of trouble have ignored the Word and walk in fear and unbelief. But that’s not God’s will for you. The real Christian life isn’t one of struggle, failure or defeat; it’s a life of ever-increasing glory, and our challenges are as bread. The Bible calls the crises we face a “light affliction,” because we’re born to overcome: ***“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” (2 Corinthians 4:17).***

Nothing, in life or death, was designed to defeat you. Therefore, be strong. Be tough. Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Keep your head high; square your shoulders. No matter what’s going on in your life or around you, maintain your faith in the Word of God and win.

PRAYER

Precious Father, I thank you for the victorious and glorious life I have in Christ. Your Word puts me over at all times, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I prosper in all that I do, and my faith prevails always, to the glory of your Name. I’m forever lifted, strengthened, full of joy and peace, because the greater One lives in me, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Ephesians 6:10-13; 2 Timothy 2:1;
1 Corinthians 15:58

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 17-18

TUESDAY



THE TRUE SUCCESS IN LIFE



Luke 16:15

And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

A man isn't a success because other people say he is. A long list of academic, political, or business achievements isn't essentially the definition of success. That a person is famous and celebrated by men doesn't mean he or she is a success before God. A successful life, one that pleases God, is that which achieves those things that God has called the person to do.

Thus, the first thing is to know what God has called you to do. There're people that are praised in this world and acclaimed to be successful, who will eventually end up in hell. Some are already there. It doesn't matter what anyone says about you, the only one who matters is the one who made you. He's the one who knew the purpose for which you were born. So, don't live your life to the applause of men. Jesus said, **"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"** (Mark 8:36-37). He also said, **"...for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God"** (Luke 16:15).

What do you esteem in your life? What are the things

that are important to you? What drives you? What are you passionate about? Until, and unless those things are the same things that God considers important, things of Kingdom and eternal value, they're useless. Don't run in vain; don't put your efforts in the wrong things. Don't seek to please men; do all things with only one goal in mind: to please the Lord Jesus and be a success for Him.

God wants us to be successful according to His definition of success, not according to man's standards. He wants us to have a great life; He wants us to do excellently well; He wants us to be productive in our lives; producing results that glorify Him. And we can only do this by the power of God's Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit, no matter what you do, it'll be empty. True success is by the Spirit and in fulfilling God's call, plan and purpose for your life.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the power of the Holy Spirit at work in me, and manifested in all that I do, such that my works here on earth are sanctified before you, and impactful to bring many into your glorious salvation. I enjoy a life of unending victory, success, prosperity, health, and righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 15:16; John 15:5; Luke 12:15

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 19-21

WEDNESDAY



ABHOR EVIL AND CLEAVE TO THAT WHICH IS GOOD



Proverbs 1:10

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

The word “sinners” in our opening verse isn’t referring to the heathen or people who don’t know God. Rather, in this particular context, it refers to the children of Israel who weren’t living right; those that broke the Law, and weren’t living according to God’s instructions.

That’s why the Spirit instructs, **“Suppose they say, ‘Come on; let’s find someone to kill! Let’s attack some innocent people for the fun of it! They may be alive and well when we find them, but they’ll be dead when we’re through with them! We’ll find all kinds of riches and fill our houses with loot! Come and join us, and we’ll all share what we steal.’ My child, don’t go with people like that. Stay away from them” (Proverbs 1:11-15 GNB).** How instructive!

Being born again, you have the nature of God to do right, and must therefore consciously live right. You’ve been separated from the world, unto God, from unrighteousness unto righteousness, and from darkness to light. You might have been a gangster, but now that you’re born again, you can’t go back to such gangs. Yes, you may preach the Word to them, but you can’t roll or

stick with them anymore. ***“...Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good” (Romans 12:9).***

You must let go of any attitude that's not of God. In **1 Corinthians 6:5-9**, the Apostle Paul chided the Corinthian church because their way of life didn't portray the new nature of righteousness they had received. As a Christian, it's important you recognize that you've been completely delivered from the worldly lifestyle. You're not the same man you were before you were born again. Your old nature of sin was supplanted by God's nature of righteousness.

Recognize your new identity. See the picture of the new you and live accordingly. You're a new creation. Your conduct must now reflect your new personality in Christ Jesus—your new nature—which is the nature of righteousness.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for I'm renewed in the spirit of my mind and perfected in righteousness and true holiness. Sin and all forms of ungodliness unrighteousness can't and have dominion over me. My life is for your glory, and I walk worthy of you, pleasing you in all things, and bearing fruits of righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 Thessalonians 5:22-23; Ephesians 4:23-29

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 1-3

THURSDAY



YOUR PROMOTION AND SPIRITUAL INSTRUCTIONS



Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Oftentimes, the Word of God comes to us as spiritual instructions. **Proverbs 4:13** says, ***“Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.”***

When an instruction of the Spirit is given, not only is it important that those instructions be understood, they must also be acted upon. Any form of resistance or disobedience is what God refers to as “witchcraft.” The Bible says, ***“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry...”*** (1 Samuel 15:23).

An example is King Saul. God instructed Saul to destroy the Amalekites and everything they had, including their animals, but he ignored the instruction. He didn’t destroy their sheep and oxen, because according to him, ***“...the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in Gilgal”*** (1 Samuel 15:21).

That wasn’t the instruction. The instruction was clear: destroy everything. God didn’t say, “Preserve the choice animals for a sacrifice unto me.” It’s important that you

follow God's Word and His instructions to the letter. Do things His way, and you'll always be a success. Saul lost the kingship over Israel forever, by choosing his own way and hearkening to the voice of the people against God's specific instruction (Read entire account in **1 Samuel 15:1-23**).

Be wise. Even when God's instructions are contrary to your human reasoning, be like Peter: act on them. When the Lord Jesus asked Peter to cast his net into the sea after a fruitless fishing expedition (**Luke 5**), even though the instruction was contrary to Peter's reasoning, he obeyed and got a miracle for it. God's instructions may come to you in the most unexpected way, follow them, because therein lies your promotion.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the counsel I receive from your Word, and the divine instruction that comes to me daily by your Spirit. I'm a doer of your Word, not a hearer only; I take fast hold of instruction; my heart is attentive, and I act fast on your Word. Promotions, advancements, significant attainments are evident in my life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Proverbs 8:33; Proverbs 8:7-10;
Proverbs 10:17

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 4-6

FRIDAY



DEVELOP YOUR SPIRIT FOR SUCCESS



1 Timothy 4:8

For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life, that now is, and of that which is to come.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:23, the Apostle Paul, by the Spirit, penned down a beautiful prayer for the saints. But something worthy of note is the order. Let's read: ***"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*** The spirit comes first, the soul second, and third, the physical body. This is the Spirit's order, and that shows us why we ought to give premium to the development of our human spirit.

Sadly, many are only concerned about what takes place in their physical bodies, or how their minds function, losing sight of the most important—their spirit. God is much more concerned about your spirit. **Proverbs 4:23** says, ***"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."*** "Heart" is synonymous with the human spirit, and that verse tells us that's where the issues of life emanate from.

Prosperity, health, wellness, peace, victory, joy, and every good thing you could ever imagine are all domiciled in your spirit. Can you see why you should rather give more

time to the development of your spirit? Jesus said in **Luke 6:45, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good...."**

Your heart—your spirit—is a treasure house of good things. The ideas and thoughts that'll make you creative and excellent in all you do, are resident in your spirit. The highest potentials of the human nature are in his spirit. So, keep educating your spirit with the Word. Do this through conscious study and meditation on the Scriptures. Fasting, prayer, and swiftly acting on spiritual instructions are also ways you train and exercise your spirit for success and excellence.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for your Spirit guides me in all things, and floods my heart with light that I may know and walk in your perfect will always. My faith prevails today, as I put your Word to work; your righteousness, and the forces of life within my spirit, are unleashed, and your glory is revealed in and through me, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Joshua 1:8; Proverbs 20:27; Proverbs 4:23 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 7-8

SATURDAY



DISTRIBUTIONS OF THE HOLY GHOST



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.

The word translated “gifts” here, doesn’t mean gifts like we have it in **1 Corinthians 12:4**, where the word “gifts” is translated from “charisma.” Here, “gifts” is translated from the Greek word “merismos,” and it means “distributions.” It’s more accurately rendered “**distributions of the Holy Ghost**,” instead of “gifts of the Holy Ghost,” in the KJV.

What do we mean by distributions of the Holy Ghost? **Acts 5:12** says, “***And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s porch.)***”

The Word states that many signs and wonders were done by the hands of the apostles. Who are we? We’re God’s outstretched hands. We’re bearers of the divine order. We serve the blessings of the New Testament and one of those blessings is the Holy Ghost; we “distribute” the Holy Ghost. It’s the reason we can lay hands on someone and the person receives the Holy Spirit.

Oftentimes, we say in prayer, “I bless you in the Name of Jesus. I bless you with the Word, and I bless you with

the Holy Ghost.” That’s what we’re doing: distributing the blessings of the Spirit. When Jesus blew on His disciples in **John 20:22** and said, “... **Receive ye the Holy Ghost,**” they received the spirit of understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures. That’s “distribution”; and He’s given us the grace to do likewise. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I thank you for the privilege to be not just a beneficiary of the glorious blessings inherent in the New Testament, but also for the grace and ability to distribute these blessings to others. I pronounce blessings and the favour of God on my friends, family, colleagues, and associates today, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

2 Corinthians 3:4-6; Acts 8:14-17

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 9-10

SUNDAY



THE GLORY OF THIS LATTER HOUSE



Haggai 2:9

The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

Notice the expression ***"The glory of this latter house"*** in our opening text. The emphasis here is on the word ***"this"***, a demonstrative adjective that specifies what is being referred to. So, in our opening verse, it refers to the present: ***"this latter house"***; it didn't say, "the latter house." They're two different things. The prophet wasn't talking about the glory of a house in the future, but the glory of "this present house," the house currently being built.

It's important to make this clarification, because oftentimes when these words are given in prophetic language, it's often said that "The glory of the latter house, shall exceed the former," but that's not what God said. We have the tendency to always push it to the future, as though we have a plan to build the latter house someday; but it's not futuristic!

There was a former house, but it was destroyed; hence, the need for this latter house. So, the prophet says the glory of this current house, that is, whatever you're building right now, whatever projects or visions you're involved in, expect that the glory will by far surpass

anything you've ever seen or experienced. What house are you building now? Make it the glorious house of your dream now; don't push it to the future.

You've been exposed to new ideas and innovations; put them to work; upgrade and surpass the old experience. In the previous vision, you had a pattern, and you were going to build it according to that pattern, but you've gained new insight, you've seen a bigger vision, so you need to upgrade and change the levels to conform to this new vision. You declare, **"I make all things new in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ; I'm making adjustments for this new level."** Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, you've made me the expression of your grace and righteousness. I have the nature of Christ; therefore, as I continue to behold your glory in your Word, I make progress from glory to glory, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 Peter 1:10-11; Isaiah 43:18-19

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 11-13

MONDAY



HAVE NO EXCUSE FOR MISSING CHURCH SERVICES



Hebrews 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

A young man told the story of how he hadn't attended church services for about four years, due to his tight work schedule. Moreover, there was no local assembly close to where he lived. That's unacceptable. If you're a Christian, you **MUST** be a member of a local church, and have no excuse for missing church services.

If there're peculiar situations or challenges that hinder church attendance protractedly, there're ways to go about them. You can participate live in church services through several online platforms that are available. If the constraint is distance or even the unavailability of internet service, you can request from your local assembly to pioneer a branch where you are. You can even volunteer your home as the venue.

Moreover, if you're sure you have the spiritual maturity to be the coordinator, that's okay too; just let the authorities in your local assembly know. There's no reason good enough for any Christian to keep skipping church services.

The church is a place of hope, succour and solution. It's a place of solution because in church, the Word of God is

taught, and the knowledge of God's Word is what puts you over in life. In church, your faith is built strong, and you also have the opportunity for rich fellowship with other believers and the Holy Spirit.

When those who were in Caesar's house couldn't come to church, what did the Apostle Paul do? He helped them start a church in Caesar's palace. Think about that! And in **Philippians 4:22** he made reference to the saints in Caesar's household. We do the same for those who have been incarcerated for different offences and are serving jail terms that could span many years. We set up a "church" right inside the prison, so they'll learn, fellowship and grow in Christ.

There's no excuse good enough for continually missing church services. So, like the Lord Jesus (**Luke 4:16**), have the culture, routine, and personal discipline to always be in church when you should.

PRAYER

I'm so glad that I'm an active member of the church of the living God, where my life is constantly being upgraded with the Word. In your presence and fellowship, I'm continually built, strengthened and established in the truth of the Gospel, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 Timothy 3:15; Luke 4:16

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 14-16

TUESDAY



THERE IS SO MUCH TO LEARN IN CHURCH



Luke 4:16

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Yesterday we learnt that nothing should be an excuse for missing church services. That is so because there's always so much to learn in church. Every church service you attend, the Spirit of God has something special planned for you. It's an opportunity for your life to be improved. It's therefore important that you cultivate the habit of attending church services. Attending church is like being in school. Imagine a student who isn't consistent with his lectures in class, he's very unlikely to make good grades.

I recall a certain gentleman, very well read and widely travelled. After two years of being consistent in church, he said, "I never knew I would discover and learn so much in my life, just by coming to church."

There're many things that we have to do in building our lives as Christians. For instance, how do we worship God? Jesus said, **"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth"** (John 4:24). This means worship is very important to the Father, and He desires that we worship Him the right way. We have

to find out what it means to worship Him in spirit and in truth. Such things are learned from the Word of God, when you go to church regularly. Then you'd be amazed at your growth, at your wisdom, at the way you relate with others, at the happenings in your life. You'll know you're growing; you'll see your life go upward and forward.

Some Christians are always looking for someone to pray for them or counsel with them when there's an issue. When you form the habit of fellowshiping with God and other faithful Christians, you'll move out of that class, because you'll have the knowledge of the Word of God that puts you over in life.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the opportunity to fellowship with you and with other saints in church. I live in your presence, where there's fullness of joy, and pleasures for evermore! My life is the manifestation of your blessings, and the revelation of your glory, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Hebrews 10:25; Psalm 133:1-3; 1 Timothy 3:15

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 17-19

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WEDNESDAY



IMPORTANCE OF CORPORATE WORSHIP



Psalm 133:1-3

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore

One of the many benefits of going to church consistently is the opportunity for corporate worship. Worshipping God on your own is wonderful, but as Christians, we're required to come together in our respective congregations to worship the Lord, because His intention is to grow His children as families. Of course, there're families where nobody recognizes another—no communication between parents and the children—that's not ideal.

God lets us have our individual worship, individual prayers, individual Christian service, but there's also corporate worship, corporate prayer, and corporate service; things we do together as a congregation. In as much as each one of us has the responsibility to study the Word of God on our own, we should also come together to hear the Word of God as a congregation. These are Christian responsibilities and they're designed by God for the growth, nourishment, and strengthening of the individual child of God, and the body of Christ as a whole.

Don't miss such things. They're not just programmes of the church; they're responsibilities given to us through the

Word of God. It's got nothing to do with whether you feel like it or not, because even when you don't feel like going to work on a Monday morning, you still go because the job is important to you.

Ensure to take advantage of the corporate worship with fellow believers. David said, ***"I was glad when they said let us go into the house of the Lord"*** (Psalm 122:1). Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

Dear Father, thank you for the instructiveness of your Word. Now, more than ever, I take going to church and fellowshiping with other believers seriously. And in accordance with your Word, your blessings are evidently manifested in my life, and your glory is seen in all that I do, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Luke 4:16; Hebrews 10:25; John 4:24

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 20-22

THURSDAY



BE ACTIVE IN SOUL WINNING



Daniel 12:3

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.

Jesus said, “**...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature**” (Mark 16:15). If you truly believe in what Christ did for you; if you believe that His work of salvation was important, and that you actually received that salvation, you can’t keep it to yourself. You have to tell others about Jesus. You have to be active in soul winning.

Every so often, pray and ask the Lord to put someone in your heart that you can lead to Christ and invite to church; someone you can share the Word of God with and bring to church. It’s important to pray for the salvation of those in your world, and in far off regions, whose hearts the Lord would make ready to receive eternal life (**Acts 13:48**).

The Bible says in **Acts 2:47** that the Lord added to the church daily, such as should be saved, letting us know that every day, there’re those that are appointed and ordained for salvation. There’re those whom the Lord ordained should become part of the church, but it’s our responsibility to reach out to them and bring them into the Kingdom.

Some people don’t find the things of God pleasant; they

don't see the need to go to church, not because they're congenital atheists, but because they don't understand or know enough. They've always and only heard the wrong information, from the wrong people about God. This has beclouded their opinion and given them the wrong perception about God and the Church.

It's part of the reason we must be more passionate, strategic, painstaking, and unrelenting in our soul winning efforts. We must keep preaching the Gospel and interceding for lost souls. The Bible describes those who aren't born again as hopeless, and alienated from the life of God, thus, appointed to the judgment or wrath of God (**Ephesians 4:18, Ephesians 2:12; Ephesians 2-3**).

Make it your life's purpose that the sinners in your world aren't going to keep living without hope. Share the Gospel with them. Help them discover God's light, and receive His righteousness. You're His witness. He saved you and made you His partner in saving others.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for giving me eyes that see, ears that hear, and an understanding heart. Your love compels me to intercede and preach the Gospel to the lost, bringing them out of darkness into your marvellous light. I'm an active soul winner, and my light shines ever more brightly, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Acts 1:8; 2 Timothy 4:2

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 23-25

FRIDAY



ALL THINGS ARE SUBJECT TO YOU



Ephesians 1:22

And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church.

The Lord Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father, far above all principality, and power, might, dominion, and every name that is named. He occupies the most excellent and exalted throne there is; and the good news is that we're seated with Him. **Ephesians 2:4-6** says, ***"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."***

God gave Jesus authority over all creation. At the mount of transfiguration, He spoke out of heaven and said, ***"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him"*** (**Matthew 17:5**). God commanded all of nature, animate and inanimate, to be subject to Jesus. Together, we're reigning over all things; over all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named.

In the realm of the spirit, you seat with Christ; you occupy His place of authority, with the power of attorney to use His name. All the powers of darkness respond to, and

recognize, your authority in Christ. Therefore, be bold to exercise this dominion today and always. You're not ordinary. You operate from a higher realm where your words are backed with divine power. **Ecclesiastes 8:4** says, ***"Where the word of a king is, there is power...."***

All authority has been vested on you to alter the circumstances of your life and establish the righteousness of God in the earth. Now, about us, John writes, ***"...as he (Jesus) is, so are we in this world"*** (1 John 4:17). Therefore, when you speak, all of creation responds. In His Name, you can break the influence of Satan over men's lives, and declare that the light of His glorious Gospel shines in their hearts.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for giving me all authority in heaven and on earth to walk in dominion over all the powers of the enemy. I thank you for bequeathing to me the power of attorney to use the Name of Jesus and utter words of power and effect changes in my life, job, finances, family, health, etc. I speak life to everything that concerns me, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 8:19; Luke 10:19

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Acts 26-28

SATURDAY



MEMBERS OF HIS BODY



1 Corinthians 6:15

Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

In the opening verse, notice that the Apostle Paul used the plural noun "bodies." He was writing to the Church at Corinth. If he had used the singular noun "body," it would have seemed right to argue that he was speaking in generic terms, referring to all of us as "the body of Christ"; that is, the mystical body of Christ as referenced in **Romans 12:5: "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."**

He however expresses a profound truth about our individual connection and oneness with Jesus Christ by saying, **"...your bodies are the members of Christ...."**

This is the most powerful truth in God's Word that you can apply for your health. It isn't only your spirit that is part of the mystical body of Christ, your physical body is a member of Christ! This means Christ uses, rules, and functions in your physical body. If this is true, and it is true, where then would sickness come from? Christ is in you; He perambulates in you. Blessed be God!

Ephesians 1:22-23 says **"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him (Jesus Christ) to be the head over all**

things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all. It says the body of Christ—the Church—is the fullness of Christ. And since your very physical body is part of the whole structure called the body of Christ, it means that you're the expression of His reality, His grace, glory, kingdom, power and personality! You're the expression of His fullness: He is your completeness, but without you, the body isn't complete.

Every one of us is important in the body of Christ. **1 Corinthians 12:27:** ***"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."*** He uses the term "members in particular", showing that each one is important in the structure. **Ephesians 5:30** declares, ***"For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones."***

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for sending Jesus to shed His precious blood and die in my place. In this, I rejoice for His blood was shed for my salvation, soundness, and preservation, to bring me into oneness with you. Thank you for the life of glory and excellence that I have in Christ, and the dominion of your Word in my life, in Jesus' name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Ephesians 5:30; Romans 8:10; Romans 12:1

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Romans 1-3

SUNDAY



YOU'RE A LIFE GIVING SPIRIT



1 Corinthians 6:17

But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

The Bible says, ***"And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit...The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven" (1 Corinthians 15:45, 47).*** This is so powerful! The Lord Jesus Christ is the second and last Adam; He's the Lord from heaven, and the Bible describes Him as a quickening or life-giving Spirit. No wonder, everything He touched received life. The next verse says, ***"As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly" (1 Corinthians 15:48).*** We hail from Christ; this means we also are life-giving spirits!

This was what the Lord Jesus was referring to in **John 7:38**, when He said, ***"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."*** The Greek terminology signifies gushers or torrents of living water. Life is flowing out of you. How does it flow? The Scripture shows that it flows, first from your mouth, and then from your hands. Anyone who makes contact with you in faith or by faith can literally pull it out of you.

When Adam sinned against God, the law of death was set in operation. The Bible says through sin, death came into the world as a consequence of Adam's transgression. Life has however come by the second and last Adam, Jesus Christ. He said: **"...I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)" (John 10:10 AMP)**. Now, not only do you have life to the full, you've become a dispenser of life.

There's no more hopelessness where it concerns you. You can bring life into anything, no matter how dead. The Bible says in **Romans 4:17**, **"...even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were."** This shows what you can do, because you're made in His image and in His likeness. As He is, so are you in this world (**1 John 4:17**).

CONFESSION

I live in the Spirit; I also walk in the Spirit, because I'm born of the Spirit. I'm heavenly; therefore, I live by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. I'm also a life-giving spirit, ministering the divine life to my world. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY

1 Corinthians 15:49 AMP; 1 John 5:11-12

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Romans 4-7

MONDAY



MAINTAIN A JOYFUL ATMOSPHERE ALWAYS



Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

The “fruit of the Spirit” as used above means the product or feature of the recreated human spirit, one of which is joy. Joy is something you have within you; you can be joyful always, irrespective and independent of circumstances. Someone might say, “Well, I find it difficult to be joyful; the difficulties I’m facing are too dire for me to be happy.” But that’s a mistake; the Bible says, **“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations”** (James 1:2).

Joy is an emotion that is evoked by satisfaction, appreciation, and pleasure. Joy is powerful, and you can fill your home with it. You can control the atmosphere and bring in joy where there was hitherto anger, sadness, and gloom. Satan has no place and stands no chance in an atmosphere of joy. The Bible says the joy of the Lord is your strength (**Nehemiah 8:10**). The joy of the Lord in your spirit is the strength you need to prevail against the adversary and triumph over adversities.

Express joy, irrespective of how you feel. You don’t need any jester or comedian to exude the joy of the Lord!

Just let it out of your spirit! For example, you just arrived home from work; you can light up that joyful atmosphere by announcing your presence with a cheerful, **"Praise the Lord, I'm home! What a wonderful day; I'm so blessed and favoured in Christ!"** You could even come in singing; making melody in your heart to the Lord. Before you know it, everyone else in your home will get on the joy train with you, because joy is contagious.

Talk happy. Laugh often. The Bible says, ***"A happy heart is good medicine and a cheerful mind works healing...."*** (Proverbs 17:22 AMP). Apart from producing health in you, a joyful spirit also causes your spirit to be energized by the Holy Ghost such that it's easy to receive revelations from God. So, maintain a joyful atmosphere in, and around you always.

CONFESSION

The joy of the Lord is my strength, and I rejoice in Him today, for He has filled my life with His goodness. I refuse to be perturbed about anything because in Christ, all things are mine. Therefore, I delight myself in Him, excited that He is my life. In Him I live, and move, and have my being! Blessed be God!

FURTHER STUDY

Psalms 16:11; Romans 14:17; Isaiah 12:3

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Romans 8-10

TUESDAY



YOU'RE FROM HEAVEN



1 Corinthians 15:48 NIV

As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.

I want you to notice the tenses in the opening verse. It reads, ***"As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth...."*** He should have said, ***"...so were those who are of the earth...."*** since the preceding verb is also in the past tense—"was." He however used present tense, showing that though Adam is no longer here, the people who are not born again are born after him, and are like him—fallen.

The second part of the verse says, ***"...and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven."*** Again, examine the tenses closely: He used the present tense for Jesus. While on earth, Jesus boldly declared, ***"I'm from above"*** (John 8:23), even though He was born in Bethlehem. Understand that He became the second and last Adam, not when He was born in Bethlehem, but when He was raised from the dead. That's when He was born again, and became the head of the new creation. So, Jesus "is....," but Adam "was...!" If you're born again, you're born after the man from heaven, Christ Jesus.

You might have heard people say, "I don't know that man from Adam?" They're referring to Adam of the Garden of

Eden, because that's their origin. We never talk like that as new creations, because we're from heaven. You've got to know who you are, and declare it. Moses said to God, **"Who shall I say sent me?"** God replied, **"I AM THAT I AM" (Exodus 3:14)**. He didn't say, "I don't know who I am"; He said, "Tell them, I AM sent you." In the same way, always be bold to declare who you are, and where you're from. You're a God-man from heaven. Hallelujah!

Even now, declare, **"I'm from heaven; born of the Word and Spirit of the Lord!"** You can't even say that without the anointing being stirred in your spirit! Such a declaration nullifies the thoughts of weakness or impossibility. Never talk like an earthling because you're from heaven. You're not ordinary. ***"But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Saviour" (Philippians 3:20 NLT).***

CONFESSION

Nothing is impossible with me because I hail from above. All the forces of life and nature are at my disposal, they work together for my good because I'm the King's kid. I'm conscious of my heavenly heritage and walk in the light of who I am; an associate of the God-kind! Glory to God!

FURTHER STUDY

John 3:31; 1 John 4:4-6; John 15:18-19

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Romans 11-13

WEDNESDAY



REFUSE TO GET “OLD”



Psalm 103:5

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Joshua 13:1 tells us something interesting about the man Joshua. It says, ***“Now Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.”***

Being old here isn't just about being grey-headed; it has to do with relevance to God and the work of His Kingdom. Joshua was a hundred and ten years old when he died, and wasn't as old as Moses, who died at the age of one hundred and twenty years. Yet, Moses wasn't described by God as old. The Bible says, ***“And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated”*** (Deuteronomy 34:7).

It doesn't matter if your years are many, refuse to get “old” in your mind. Old people know too much, and their experiences could make them cynical. They know too much of what doesn't work. They're very difficult to be inspired because they always remember that someone tried the same thing they're being asked to do, and failed. But with young people, it's different. They can't think much

of what doesn't work; they take up the challenge. They're adventurous with God, and for God. That's why God loves to use them. They always want to learn something new.

Your body might age, but refuse to get old. The Bible says, ***"Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing"*** (Psalm 92:13-14). Start seeing with the eyes of the Spirit. When you walk in sync with God's Spirit, you'll never run out of strength, ideas, and vision. You're invigorated for life. He'll constantly renew, refresh, and rejuvenate you through the Word. Paul said, ***"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day"*** (2 Corinthians 4:16). Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

The Spirit of God strengthens me in my inner man and my youth is renewed as the eagle's. I refuse to get old in my mind; rather, I open my heart and mind to fresh ideas from God's Spirit. Nothing can stop me, for I'm daily vitalized and refreshed through the Word.

FURTHER STUDY

1 Timothy 4:12; Ephesians 4:23; Isaiah 43:19

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Romans 14-16

THURSDAY



THE JOY OF THE LORD



John 15:11

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

In life, people naturally seek to be joyfully fulfilled. Some try to find it in their jobs, family, possessions or friends. Some others live in servitude to the judgments or opinion of others about them. When others say or do something nice to them or for them, they're happy; but at the slightest feeling of rejection they become bitter, resentful and frustrated. Never live your life that way. Your joy should be independent of circumstances and the opinions of others about you.

James 1:2 says, **"...count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations."** The Apostles, and even the Lord Jesus endured serious persecution and rejection, yet they remained undaunted in their resolve to fulfil God's dream. Even after the Apostles were openly ridiculed and beaten for preaching the Gospel, the Bible says they were filled with joy to be counted worthy to suffer shame for His Name (**Acts 5:40-41**). That wasn't ordinary joy; it was the joy of the Lord in their spirits. If you ever feel discouraged, downcast, or rejected, all you have to do is to consciously activate the joy of the Lord from within and you'll be strengthened. You don't

have to wait for anything or anyone to make you joyful; evoke joy from within.

Never be dissatisfied or unhappy because of the challenging circumstances you might be facing or the ill treatment you get from others! You're more than a conqueror; therefore no adversity can overwhelm you. When trouble comes, laugh; and then say like Paul, ***"None of these things move me..." (Acts 20:24)***, because you know you're a victor. God has given you joy that isn't dependent on the situations around you; joy that flows from your spirit as gushers of living water. So live joyfully every day and be excited about life.

PRAYER

The joy of the Lord is my strength, and I rejoice in Him today, for He has filled my life with His goodness. I refuse to be perturbed about anything because I've cast all my cares upon the Lord, who is my caretaker and provider! Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Psalms 16:11; John 14:27

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Corinthians 1-4

FRIDAY



TODAY'S TRUTH – CHRIST IN YOU



Colossians 1:27

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

The revelation of God's character you have will primarily determine how much of His truth and glory you'll function in. In the Old Testament, God revealed His character progressively to the children of Israel. To Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, He revealed Himself as **"El-Shaddai,"** meaning, God Almighty. They thus functioned within the ambit of that revelation. Later on, when He met Moses, He said, ***"...I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty (El-Shaddai), but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them"*** (Exodus 6:3).

Moses had a higher revelation of God, different from that of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. At different times, as he and the children of Israel journeyed through the wilderness, God revealed Himself as **"Jehovah Rapha";** the Lord your Healer (Exodus 15:26), **"Jehovah Nissi";** the Lord our banner (Exodus 17:15) etc. The Lord took them through these progressions of revelations so they could be further enlightened and enabled to function in His greater glory.

Then came Jesus. In **Matthew 1:23**, when Jesus was born, God revealed Himself to Israel as ***“Emmanuel”***, meaning “God with us!” In Christ, God came as a man and dwelt among them, and they saw His glory (**John 1:14**). However, as beautiful as these revelations are of the character of God, they only project a limited view of who He is to the Church—the body of Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, God now dwells in you. He’s no longer “Emmanuel” (God with us); but “God in us.”

That’s what we read in our opening verse: ***“Christ in you, the hope of glory.”*** This is today’s truth. If you’ve received the Holy Spirit, God now dwells in you; you’re His operational headquarters! Through you, He now administers life, grace and salvation to a dying and hurting world!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for your presence in my life, making me your living temple! I carry your ever abiding presence within me everywhere to affect my world; and through me, you make evident the fragrance of your knowledge in every place, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Galatians 2:20; 2 Corinthians 5:17

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Corinthians 5-9

SATURDAY



WE HAVE RECEIVED OF HIS FULNESS



John 3:34

*For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God:
for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.*

2 Kings 2 tells the story of the great prophet, Elijah, and how he was transported via a chariot of fire to heaven. But before that time, Elisha, one of the prophets that served him entreated ***"...I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me"*** (2 Kings 2:9). Today, there're Christians who take a cue from Elisha and pray that the Lord would grant them "a double portion" of the anointing. That's a wrong prayer. The new creation doesn't require any double portion of the anointing because He's got all of it! When you were born again and the Holy Spirit came into your life, He didn't come in bits and fragments; He came to dwell in you in His fullness.

What Elisha meant by "double portion" is understood from Moses' instruction to the Israelites about the rights of the firstborn in **Deuteronomy 21:17**: ***"...he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his."*** What this means is that, if for example, a man had six sons, he'd have to divide his entire inheritance into seven places, such that the firstborn gets a double

share, as the right of the firstborn, while the remaining five sons get one each.

This was what Elisha requested for; the right of the firstborn. He wanted to assume the position of leadership amongst the other prophets in Israel, who at that time were under the tutelage of the prophet Elijah. And because of his spiritual perception, he got it and became the leading prophet over them (Read **2 Kings 2:1-25** for details). It's a misapprehension to say that Elisha wanted twice what Elijah had; there's no way that could have happened because it would mean Elisha asking Elijah for what he (Elijah) didn't have.

You don't have to ask God for a double portion of the Spirit, because the Bible says ***"And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace"*** (John 1:16). Just as the Lord Jesus had the Spirit without measure, because He was sent of the Father, you also have the Spirit without measure (**John 3:34**) because Jesus said, ***"...as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you"*** (John 20:21). So, all you need do is to continually get yourself filled with the Spirit to overflowing as the Apostle Paul admonished in **Ephesians 5:18-19**.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit whom I've received in His fullness. I declare today that He is fully operational in me; and as I stir up the anointing in me, I'm enabled to change circumstances and impact the lives of those around me with the power of the Spirit, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

John 20:21; Ephesians 5:18-20

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Corinthians 10-13

SUNDAY



RECEIVE FORGIVENESS AND MOVE



Romans 6:14

For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Someone once asked, "I'm born-again, but I'm always drawn to sin. Does that mean I'm really not born again?" That you did something wrong, having given your life to Christ doesn't mean you're no longer a Christian. **1 John 1:9** says, ***"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*** Something very important you need to realize from this verse is that it's not referring to non-Christians but Christians. Also read **1 John 2:1-2**: ***"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins...."***

This lets you know it's possible to err or fall into sin, but the emphasis the Holy Spirit communicates is that, you can receive forgiveness and live in the consciousness that sin can't rule over you. That you did something wrong doesn't mean you've lost your salvation; receive forgiveness and live for the Lord. **Ephesians 2:8** says, ***"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:***

Not of works, lest any man should boast. You were born again by faith when you believed in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, and confessed with your mouth that He is the Lord of your life. It had nothing to do with your feelings. **2 Corinthians 5:7** says ***“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”*** This means you’re not to walk by your sensory perception but by the Word of God.

Hebrews 4:16 says, ***“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”*** This is what you need to do as a Christian, if you do something wrong; don’t condemn yourself; boldly and humbly commune with the Father, confess your wrong and ask His forgiveness. Once you’ve done that, receive forgiveness and move on in your walk of faith.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for your grace, love, kindness, and mercy towards me. I’m strengthened in my faith-walk today, knowing that nothing can separate me from your great love as I exercise myself in righteousness, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 5:13-14

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Corinthians 14-16

MONDAY



THE VALUE OF YOUR EXISTENCE



Mark 8:36

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

The most important thing in life is to discover God's purpose for your life and fulfill it. Life isn't about material gains. If you were to be the sole owner of everything in the world, that'll still be nothing compared to the value of your soul. Jesus said, **"...A man's life doesn't consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15)**. Your primary reason for being isn't to amass wealth or become famous. You might then want to ask, "Why am I living?"

There're two primary reasons you're living today. The first is that God wants you to learn His Word and understand how His Kingdom functions so you'd function effectively in the world to come. He wants you to be a master over circumstances in this life so you'd be a giant and a champion in the world to come, ruling over nations: **"And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations" (Revelations 2:26)**.

Secondly, He wants you to bear witness of the reality of the Kingdom and be a testimony of His salvation.

Jesus gave us a charge to go **"...into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"** (Mark 16:15). You've got to witness to the fact that Christ has brought salvation to the whole world. There're people who may never hear the Gospel except through you; those in your sphere of contact, and the regions beyond.

2 Corinthians 3:6 says: **"Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament...."** The Lord has called you, and made you an able minister; you've been chosen and sent to preach the Gospel. These are the primary reasons for your life; therefore, channel all your energies and zeal on a daily basis in these directions, and be sure to fulfil God's purpose for your life.

PRAYER

Dear Father, you've made my life beautiful, glorious and exciting; and for this I worship you! Thank you for making me an able minister of the Gospel, and the wisdom you've granted me to teach those around me the Kingdom-life! I'm growing in grace and in the knowledge of your Word, being thoroughly positioned to live the transcendent life here on earth, and to see that the Gospel goes to the regions beyond, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Hebrews 6:5; 1 Peter 4:13

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Corinthians 1-4

TUESDAY



REFUSE TO DOUBT THE WORD OF GOD



Romans 4:19-21

And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

Time tests faith. You can easily tell whether someone is walking in faith or in unbelief when he's pressed for time. When pressure builds after an expected process is yet to yield the desired result and you begin to vacillate, wondering whether or not you heard God right, that's unbelief, not faith.

Many people unknowingly walk in unbelief every day, because they don't fully understand what it means to be unbelieving. To be unbelieving is to doubt the veracity and integrity of God's Word. Faith, on the other hand, doesn't doubt, no matter the circumstances; it's fully persuaded that what God has said is the absolute reality.

Where unbelief starts fretting because of some delay, faith remains unshaken; being confident that what God has said will surely come to pass. The Lord Jesus in **Mark 11:23** said, ***"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall NOT DOUBT in his heart, but shall believe that those***

things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Praise the Lord Jesus Christ!

It's not for you to wonder how the mountain will move into the sea after you've commanded it to move. Yours is to focus on the result and refuse to vacillate; be fully persuaded that your confessions of faith will produce the desired results: ***"...and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith"*** (1 John 5:4).

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the infallibility of your Word and its prevailing power in my life! My confidence and trust is in the ability of your Word to build me up and make me all that you've destined me to be, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

James 1:6; Hebrews 3:12; Romans 11:20

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Corinthians 5-8

WEDNESDAY



SICKNESS ISN'T AN ACT OF GOD



Acts 10:38

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

A lady gave birth to a child that was blind and started crying, "Oh God, what has this innocent child done to be born blind? Oh God, why did you do this?" She held God responsible for such a misfortune out of her ignorance. Many people ignorantly attribute every mishap to an act of God; this is wrong! God is not the author of the pain, sickness and misery in the lives of many. Rather, He's the healer, restorer, and mender of broken hearts, broken lives, and broken relationships.

Our opening scripture reveals God's character and nature of love, kindness, and compassion, while revealing Satan as the one who oppresses people with sickness, hardship, pain and misery. It tells us that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him. Notice, it wasn't God who made the people sick; but it was God who sent Jesus to heal them.

The case of blind Bartimaeus readily buttresses this. The Bible says he was born blind; not satisfied with his condition, he cried out to Jesus for help, and the Lord

restored his sight (**Mark 10:51-52**). In this case, the man was born blind, and then Jesus healed him, proof-positive it wasn't God who made him blind. A similar case was when Jesus and His disciples met another man who was born blind. His disciples asked Him, "**Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?**" (**John 9:2**).

The Lord responded, **"...Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him, I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."** The devil's work was manifested in the man's life, which was the blindness, but the Lord Jesus went on to say, **"...but that the works of God should be made manifest in him, I must work the works of Him that sent me,"** (**John 9:3-4**) and healed the man.

Evidently, God is the healer while the devil is the oppressor responsible for all the sickness, disease and misery that people suffer from! Nevertheless, thanks be unto God; He's given us power to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead and cast out devils (**Matthew 10:8**). Like Jesus, you ought to go about doing good, healing those who are oppressed of the devil, for God is with you.

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, blessed be your Name forever for your light that shines brightly in this dark world, bringing healing, deliverance, preservation, and strength to the oppressed and afflicted, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

1 John 3:8

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Corinthians 9-13

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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