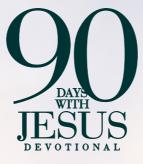
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DAY 1 FIRST THINGS FIRST

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you - Mathew 6:33(KJV) Have you ever taken the time to ask yourself where your heart is? I know you'll say you have given your heart to Jesus as in you have said the sinner's prayer but the real question is, what are the most important things in your life? Does God come first, or do you have things that are stealing your attention? Too many of us use God as a backup when he should actually be up front in our lives.

The best way to know if he is really priority on your list is to check your motives and your actions. It is easy to say anything but when the chips are down, who do you really seek to please? When you are asked to do anything what crosses your mind first?

Do you think about what people will say or what God will say? If you look out for how to please God, he will also find ways to please you. The point is, God must be your priority so that he will make you his priority too. Wouldn't it be great to be number one on God's list?

He loves you and wants you to have all things RICHLY to ENJOY. He knows you have needs but remember first things first.

Further study: Mathew 6:25-33, Mathew 10:28-33, 1Timothy 6:17.



DAY 2 GOD'S SOLDIER

"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier" -II Timothy 2:4. Have you ever seen a soldier in the middle of a heated battle drop his gun to dance? This may sound ridiculous, but do you know that as many as have given their lives to Jesus Christ are enlisted in His army? Our core duty is to please our God. Practices such as lying, cheating, stealing, acts of disobedience, fornication, smoking, drinking of alcohol, pride and the likes displeases God and exposes you to the devil's plot. He attacks you with guilt which makes you feel unworthy to be called a born-again Christian or even approach God in the place of prayers; this has made many young believers slip back into a life of sin.

Next time you face the temptation to lie or fornicate, remember it is a battle for your soul and you can't afford to drop your gun to dance to the tune of the devil's music and if you fall into such temptations, remember that God is rich in mercy and He is willing to forgive and cleanse you from every sin. So, don't run away, run into the hands of God, He's always willing to have you back because He loves you so much.

FURTHER STUDY: Hebrews 12:1-4, Colossians 1:10.



DAY 3 BUT NEVER QUIT

Do you see what this means-all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins - Hebrews 12:1(Message Bible). Life at times could throw difficult challenges at us, this is not unusual. What we do in the midst of such difficulties is what truly matters. Are you going through such trying times at the moment or probably experiencing some form of financial difficulties? It could even be some form of victimization because you are now Born-again and you are gradually beginning to feel like a cast away, or feel really lonely, understand today that you are not alone in this. God is right by your side cheering you on and working all things together for your good, so that no matter the circumstance you will come out stronger, better and able to help others when they go through such difficult times also. Get into God's word today and take hold on what He has said about you. In all, you are reminded today "NEVER QUIT".

FURTHER STUDY-James 1:2-4; Hebrews 11 24-27; Hebrews 13:5-6.



DAY 4 SEEKING GOD

"Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? I encourage you to surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship". - Romans 12:2(TPT)







DAY 5 GOD'S SCHOOL

Fear of God is a school in skilled living, first you learn humility, then you experience glory.
Proverbs 15:33 (Message Bible)

There is absolutely nothing new under the heavens except new people. Whatever you are going through someone has gone through it before and whatever you are about to go into someone else has gone through it already. One of the ways you can get to your desired destination in life is by following someone who knows the way or has been there before and has come out successful. When Elisha wanted to begin ministry he had to walk with Elijah the prophet. The same with Joshua, he had to walk with Moses. Jesus while on earth also showed us the same by teaching His disciples frequently. God has placed people ahead of us in life and ministry that can help us grow. The choice is up to us to humble ourselves and learn from them. Some might even be younger than us in age but mature in the things of God. As young believers we must learn to identify such people when they come around us, ask them relevant questions and heed their advice in line with God's word. Ask God to help you identify someone that will help you grow in Him today.

FURTHER STUDY: Proverbs 1:3-6, Matthew 16:24, John 12:20-26



DAY 6 GROW DEEP

"...But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost" - Jude 1:20 For young believer's praying can be really difficult especially if you don't know what to pray about. As children of God, it was never intended that we function alone. God has prepared and sent us a comforter, one that will live in us and also help us to please Him in all we do. He has given us His Spirit who when we don't know what to do or what to pray about helps us to pray effectively in the language of the Spirit. Praying in the Spirit is essential for every believer who wants to be intimate with God and encounter more victories in life.

Do you pray in tongues yet? Meet a pastor or minister today let them help you start. You can't afford to miss out on this great privileged to get answers to those mysteries surrounding your life and family. Don't waste time, start today.

FURTHER STUDY: Romans 8:26, 1 Corinthians 14: 2-4, Jude 1:20.



DAY 7 GET INVOLVED

..." Now therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God-Ephesians 2:19 As believers, we are all joined to form God's family, but only by meeting together can we fully experience this reality. Each time we meet, we help build one another up. We cannot receive this kind of fellowship if we do not meet with other believers.

Do you believe that the church is in the heart or prefer to watch or listen to messages on TV instead of coming to church? You need to know it is the devil's plan to cheat you off your blessings, because you cannot grow fully without fellowship with other believers.

Church gives you the opportunity to serve others using your God given talent while developing yourself in the process. I want to challenge you to make coming to church a priority. Just as your body depends on physical food to grow so does your spirit depend on spiritual food to grow and be strong.

Further Study: Hebrews 10:25, Matthew 16:18, I Peter 2:2



DAY 8 MEDITATION

"...Instead you thrill to God's word, you chew on scripture day and night. You're a tree planted in Eden, bearing fresh fruit every month, never dropping a leaf, always in blossom."
-Psalm 1: 1-5(message bible) A tree needs water to live, flourish and produce. Water sustains it, without it, the tree dies. That's what meditating on God's word does, it keeps us fresh. Meditation involves thinking on God's word and reflecting on how it applies to us. It keeps us close to God who is our source and sustainer; this causes us to be fruitful and not whither. The bible is the thought of God and His thoughts are higher than ours. For us to know His thoughts we must read His word and meditate on it.

It is when we meditate on His word that we know how he thinks. Meditation keeps us close to God and you cannot be close to God and remain the same because He changes you. Before long your life will be so full of results that you will attract others.

FURTHER STUDY: Joshua1:8, Psalm 119:15, Philippians 4:8, Mark 11:12.



DAY 9 DISCOVER IT

"My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb which is sweet to thy taste, so shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off". - Proverb: 24:13-14(KJV) Everybody on earth has a purpose to fulfil; it cannot be decided, it must be discovered. The discovery of it brings peace and prosperity; it becomes your vision which is the picture of your future. Do you know your purpose? Discover it in Revelations chapter 4 verse 11.

Jesus understood this. Despite the amount of miracles he performed, healings without numbers, raising the dead to life, etc. He knew his sole purpose on earth was- the cross. Through the cross he knew he would bring salvation to man, reconcile us back to God and he was willing to pay the price. Today, because he fulfilled his purpose, we can all celebrate forgiveness of sins and a life here on earth and in heaven with God.

Our regular jobs are all platforms for fulfilling our God ordained purpose. You must never confuse your purpose with your platform. Your purpose is clearly written in the bible, but you will need to discover the platform to fulfilling this purpose. Here are two ways to help you discover your platform; Ask God – Pray about it. Serve in a department- In service we discover our strengths and passion.

Further Reading: Jeremiah 29:11, 1:5, Proverb 29:18, Mathew 13:44-46.



DAY 10 CELEBRATE THE CROSS

"For the story and message of the cross is sheer absurdity and folly to those who are perishing and on their way to perdition, but to us who are being saved it is the [manifestation of] the power of God."

- 1 Corinthians 1:18 (Amplified)

Contrary to what we thought as children that the cross was a sign you make on your heart or chest when you drive past a church or a pendant you wear on your neck, the cross is one of the most significant points in our lives as Christians- no cross, no Christianity. It is that simple. Which means, without the cross, we would all be on our way to death and hell eventually. A life of complete separation from God; our life source!

But, thank God for the cross! Just like the children of Israel who sinned against God and were beaten by fiery serpents were saved by looking up to the brazen serpent for life, we too can look up to the finished work of Christ on the cross for any dead situation in our lives(see John 3:14)spiritual, financial, marriage, health, business, etc. Setting our eyes on Jesus and looking up to him alone as our solution is the solution to all of life's problems. Isn't that amazing?

Today, let's meditate on what Jesus did for us through the cross, then, let thanksgiving flow from your lips like never before to him. He deserves it!

Further Reading: Galatians 6:14, John 19:17, Acts 5:30.



DAY 11 JESUS DID IT ALL FOR YOU

"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed." -Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV) All over the world, we find billions of dollars being spent yearly over life threatening illnesses. We might begin to feel falling sick is a necessary evil that every human must face in life. The scripture we read above makes it clear that as children of God this is not meant to be a part of us, we have been given access to a life of divine health in Christ Jesus- *by his stripes, we were healed.*

The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus saved us from **everything** we needed saving from; lack, sickness, fear, stagnation, confusion, depression, sin, death, the list is endless. Jesus took them all and nailed them to the cross. There is no reason why you should still have them; it's illegal to be in possession of what's not yours. Jesus has paid the price for your freedom from all evil. So, stand your ground today in faith declaring all that Jesus has saved you from by dying for you on the cross.

Further Reading: III John 1:2, Jeremiah 30:17, Proverbs 4:22.



DAY 12 THE POWER WITHIN YOU

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. -Romans 8:11 [NIV] The Easter story is one of the most beautiful stories in the bible. It is filled with life transforming high points such as forgiveness, love and mercy but the height of it is that Jesus rose from the dead. This has never happened at any point in history apart from the miracles of Jesus himself raising people from the dead. No religion can ever claim that their leader died and rose againonly Jesus! He conquered death forever.

And because he conquered death, everything death represents – sickness, poverty, addictions, failure, fear, regret, divorce, depression, disease, etc. have no power over us as believers. The resurrection power of Christ is now at work in us.

Is there anything dead around you? Anything that is devoid of the life of God, is not of Him because Jesus said "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (see John 10:10).

So, today know that you have the same power that raised Christ to life at work in you, open up, let it bring everything around you to life.

Further Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:21-22 John 11:25-26, 1 Peter 1:3.



DAY 13 WHERE HAVE YOU LAID HIM?

"And He said, "Where have you laid him?"They said unto Him, "Lord come and see" – John 11:34(NKJV) Lazarus was dead. Not asleep, dead and probably rotting so for his sisters it was a dead case. What made it even worse was the fact that they had a friend who could have turned things around: a great prophet, a healer, and best of all, he was their personal friend- the only problem was Jesus was too late...or so they thought.

Isn't it funny how Jesus doesn't even try to defend the fact that he truly didn't make it on time? Mary believed that if Jesus had made it her brother too would have made it – Lazarus would still be alive. He would have been healed. Jesus did not waste any time trying to explain, all he asked her was a very simple yet profound question, "Where have you laid him?"

What Jesus was really saying was, take me to the place where you stopped believing. Take me to the gravesite; to the place where you buried your faith. Let me stand beside that dead situation and show you that it is not over until I say it is.

I know you have given up but you need to know that with God it is never too late. Be like Mary and walk back to that tomb with Jesus. Revisit that dead issue with Jesus and I guarantee you that it will not end in death but it will be for the glory of God. Only believe ...a testimony awaits you!

Further Reading: John 11:1,4,40-55.



DAY 14 MIND YOUR LANGUAGE!

..."This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth..." - Joshua. 1:8 Many times, people constantly speak of sickness, defeat, scarcity, depression, and the likes, feeling they are just being 'real'. Beloved, that is not God's standard. You may be thinking that what you are saying is the fact and that it doesn't really matter, after all it is just 'words' and that to say otherwise means you are lying about the situation. The truth is rather than speak about the prevailing circumstance be a "word-talking believer". The Bible says, "So mightily grew the word and prevailed".

Learn to constantly speak the word, everyday learn to tell yourself "things are working together for my good, I am enjoying divine health, whatsoever I lay my hands on to do prospers, I am divinely protected, I cannot be stranded". Talking like this may initially be unusual to you but keep at it. This is not just talking positively, it is talking the word. As you do so the word has the ability to recreate your circumstance to be in alignment with it. So, mind your language, keep speaking the word, it is an invaluable ingredient for a victorious life.

Further Study: Mark. 11:23, Job.22:29, Ecclesiastes. 5:6, Genesis 1:1-3, Acts 19:20.



DAY 15 BE PURPOSE-DRIVEN 1

..."And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose" Romans. 8:28 God has an assignment on the earth for each and every one of us. In His eyes no one is a mistake whether the pregnancy was planned or not.

Sadly, many live their lives without even knowing that there is a purpose for their "BEING ALIVE", they just simply join the rat race trying to outdo one another. Some others discover their purpose quite late in life and do nothing about it. For a lack of purpose many live an inferior life. An inferior life does not mean lacking money and influence; in fact, you could have all that and still not be fulfilled.

Most people just follow the crowd. We were not born only to make a difference.

Spend time with your maker today and discover your purpose in life. Don't run around without a purpose.

FURTHER STUDY: Psalm 139: 15-16; Hebrews 10:7; Galatians 2:20



DAY 16 BE PURPOSE-DRIVEN 2

... "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven". Ecclesiastes 3:1

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Timing is important when it comes to fulfilling our purpose in life. The scripture above reveals that our purpose has a time line to it. We all have just one life to live and there is no dress rehearsal. It is best to discover your purpose when you are young and strong. You can't get it wrong then come back to re-live your life. You don't create your purpose, you discover it.

The best person to ask about the purpose of a thing is its manufacturer. God is our creator, therefore to discover our purpose in life we must start by asking Him. It is important to know that Jesus is the only way to God the Father (John 14:6) therefore you must first be born again. Next you have to study Gods word and fellowship with the Holy Spirit in Prayer. As you keep functioning in church you will also discover your specific purpose. When you do, run with it and never look back, live your life with a sense of purpose, only then would you be truly fulfilled, and life will be meaningful to you.

Further Study: Ecclesiastes 3:17, Ecclesiastes 8:6, Acts 11:1-23.



DAY 17 ALSO BE RICH IN GOD

..."for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses..." - Luke 12:15

It is wonderful to succeed in life. The truth is this; true success is more about who you are than what you do, or what you have. Everyone desires to succeed in life and God actually has no problem with that. In fact the bible says "For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile-the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him." God wants us to have the best of both worlds: spiritual and physical wealth. God only requires that in our pursuit for physical wealth we put Him first. When we learn to chase God by giving attention to His word and fellowshipping with Him through prayers, the things we were seeking would begin to come after us. Having a rich relationship with God also involves getting involved in supporting the things of the kingdom of God either through your finances or offering service. Always remember that it is our richness in God that will count when we leave this world and stand before the judgment seat of our heavenly Father.

Further Study: Matthew 6:33, Luke 18:29-30, Romans 10:12, Luke 12:20.



DAY 18 HE UNDERSTANDS

"This high priest of ours understands our weaknesses. For he faced all the same testing's we do. Yet he did not sin" (Hebrews 4:15 NLT) Many times, we go through things that we believe we do not deserve or that we think is too hard for us to bear. We may even begin to think, "Why me lord?"

Some of us even go as far as telling God all the things we have done for him. No need my dear friend. He knows, he sees and he understands. We don't have a heartless God. If anything, we have a God who understands what we are faced with.

The bible tells us that he became a man so that he could feel all we feel and that he was tempted at every point yet without sin. He has set an example for us that it's not really about what we go through but how we respond. The bible tells us that he went through it all yet without sin. What are you going through? Trust the one who has gone through it to comfort you then have a good attitude about it. It will make the trial easy and above all know that God will get you out of it, so REJOICE!

Further Study. Hebrews 4:15, 1cor 10:10-13, Mathew 11:28-30



DAY 19 KEEP LEARNING TO KEEP GROWING

..."As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that you may grow thereby...." 1 Peter 2:2 Growth is one of the basic characteristics of living things. The Bible tells us that God expects us to keep growing. This is important because when we stop growing we become irrelevant and start dying. Sometimes we tend to drift and want to rest a bit to celebrate the little knowledge of God that we have acquired but there can be a great danger in this. Someone rightly said the greatest obstacle to discovery isn't ignorance; it's actually the illusion of knowledge.

Growth in God is intentional. As we move on in life, God will keep bringing situations that will stretch us, situations that will challenge us. We could either learn from these experiences or just refuse to budge and stay fixed in our old ways.

One thing that will help us to keep learning is to have a teachable (meek) attitude. There is a saying that 'when you become a student a teacher will appear'. Never lose your enthusiasm for knowledge. Like children never lose your curiosity, then you will know the true meaning of growing from glory to glory.

Further Study: John 15:2; Psalm 25:9; Isaiah 30:20-21.



DAY 20 ABIDE IN HIM

If you abide in me and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will and it shall be done unto you. - John 15:7 The word of God is the foundation of our Christian faith. Our hopes, prayers and faith are all built on the word. The scripture above shows two criteria for getting prayers answered. The first is for one to abide in Christ, that means being born again and the second is for the word to abide in you and this centres on thinking on the word, also known as meditation. To meditate is to hide the word of God in one's heart not head. You see faith is of the heart, the word of God cannot produce results except it is from your heart. That means you must continuously think on what the word has to say on any issue. Keep confessing the word. Instead of talking and thinking, I'm broke, I'm sick, I need help, we should be thinking in line with the word of God. "All my needs are met (Phil 4:19), by his stripes I'm healed (1pet2; 24), my help cometh from the lord (psalm 119:19). Believers are never stranded once they think and speak right.

FURTHER STUDY: Joshua 1:8, Isaiah 55:11.Mark 11:23



DAY 21 THE POWER OF YOUR WORDS

... "You are snared by the words of your mouth; you are taken with the words of your mouth. Proverbs 6:1 Words can make us or destroy us. Words can make us sick or healthy. Several times as believers we cancel our prayers by our wrong thinking and wrong talking. Words are spirits. We are products of our words. 2kings 5:7 tells the story of a king's adviser who heard the words of the prophet about abundance that was to come on the people during a time of famine and said it was impossible. When the abundance eventually came, he saw it but could not partake of it because of his words.

Many times believers are like that, they allow present situations to determine what they say. They cry out how they feel. But Jesus did not say you shall have what you feel; He said... you shall have what you say. God's word recognizes that there are times you will feel weak, but does not permit believers to speak those situations. Start speaking the right words about your present and your future and you'll be laying the right foundation for yourself and family.

Further reading: Matt 4:4-10, Matt 12:36, John 6:63, Mark 11:23, Joel 3:10.



DAY 22 A HEART OF SERVICE

"And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee" Exodus 23:25(KJV). Are you believing God for something and your expectation appears to not to be forth coming? Are you growing impatient? I have always been that person who sits and lets things fall into place; dad I want this and that, so it wasn't surprising that I came into the kingdom with that same mentality. I heard that God is actually my Father, so I continued with God, give me, give me. It was all about what I could get, and when I felt all my desires were not being met, I became angry with God and everybody else.

It was at that point that God exposed me to the scripture above, so, rather than wait for God to serve you your desire on a platter of gold, why don't you serve Him first, rather than wait to be served, why don't you ask Him for a way to be of service to Him. Seek to be of service to Him and He will never put you to shame.

FURTHER STUDY: Mathew 6:28-34, Hebrew 6:10-12, Galatians 5:13.



DAY 23 MINISTRY

..."And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." 2 CORINTHIANS 5:18 Have you ever heard of the great commission? I know it sounds like a great reward especially to those in marketing and sales. Believe it or not, it's not so far from it, but when it comes to God's kingdom it refers to the great responsibility of reconciling people to God and it comes with great reward also. The mandate God gave us is to go out into the world and preach the gospel. It's not a great suggestion but a great Commission.

Therefore, it's our responsibility to minister to people. We must not be afraid to preach the gospel or minister to the sick because He has already empowered us for the task. We should be aggressive with sharing the gospel with others; we should have the burning heart to share the good news to others, we must be willing to let people know about the love of God. We should have the zeal to preach, to do ministry just the same way we are passionate about our secular jobs.

FURTHER STUDY: Luke 4:10, Acts 1:8, Revelations 4:11, Luke 4:18.



DAY 24 YOU ARE IMPORTANT

..." And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come." -Luke 19: 13 God has deposited diverse talents in all of us; some may have more talents than others. However, whether you have ten or just one, you will render an account of how these gifts were used to the Master. Some of the benefits of using your gift in the Kingdom include;

Your talent can serve as a seed to God. You must remember that God's overall objective is to reconcile men to Him, and whoever plays a role in achieving this will surely get his reward. Your talent provides you the opportunity to connect with other brethren in church. In serving God, you will be working with people of like minds and passion, and together you can grow in the things of God. You can discover your purpose while using your talent for God.

Whatever gift you possess, spiritual, technical, artistic etc. you must realise that

it was deposited in you for a reason, and until you optimise that talent, you may never be fulfilled. You have a role to play in God's plan, no matter how and where you find yourself in life.

Ask God today to give you the grace to use your gifts and talents for His Kingdom.

FURTHER STUDY: Luke 19: 25 – 26, Psalm 133:1, Genesis 37, 39, 40 & 41.



DAY 25 ATTEND TO MY WORDS.

...."In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God" -John 1:1 When faced with tough circumstances and you need solutions urgently what comes to your mind? Is it God's word or the opinion of men? God's word was introduced to us right at the beginning. There are certain things that must take priority in a believer's life and the Word of God is one of such.

When you begin your day with the Word of God, you receive protection, direction and provision. Cultivate the habit of seeking God's word for every situation in your life whether it is spiritual, financial, marital, mental etc. if you can take time to seek God's word first on any issue, God will be committed to fulfilling his word. A wordless Christian is a lifeless Christian. The only way to win all battles is by God's word. God's word is Truth, it endures forever. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, meaning let every word that comes out of your mouth be in line with God's word. If it will take you days, weeks, months or years to receive that word from God for your situation, it is worth waiting for.

When you follow this principle, you are sure to be successful in life.

FURTHER STUDY: Proverbs 8:17, Hebrews 4:12, Acts 20:32.



DAY 26 SOWING TO THE SPIRIT

..." Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap". -Galatians 6: 7 – 8 "An old Cherokee grandfather was teaching his grandson a lesson of life. He said, on the inside of every man, there is a raging battle between two wolves. One is evil, jealous, angry, proud and lazy while the other is filled with love, forgiveness, understanding, humility and self-control. The son thought for a moment, looked up to his grandfather and asked him: who will win the battle? The old man replied, the one that you feed."

When we give in to the negative desires that rage within us, the "evil wolf", which is likened to our carnal nature is being fed; and the more it feeds, it desires to be fed more. The more it is fed; it becomes stronger and harder to control. So, the next time you are tempted to hold a grudge for example, ask yourself if you really want to feed the carnal nature; not without forgetting the consequence of that action. The more we keep sowing to the Spirit, as the scripture says we will reap a full life. Make a choice today to deny the desire of the carnal nature and fulfil that of the Spirit. Feed your spirit today with God's word.

FURTHER STUDY: Galatians 6:7-8, Romans 7:6, Romans 8:1-27.



DAY 27 FORGIVENESS 1.

..."At that point Peter got up the nerve to ask, master, how many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurt me? Seven? Jesus replied, seven? Hardly.Try seventy times seven" –Matthew 18:21-22(MSG). Forgiveness can be hard. When we are wronged we want to fight back. Especially when we feel justified we are right. We use the "eye for an eye" philosophy. Jesus showed his disciples that this isn't the way of loving God and that we should, like God rise to the higher standard of mercy. Why is it sometimes hard to forgive those who have wronged us?

It is humbling:

We have to surrender our attitude of being right or righteous. Let's face it; sometimes we like to feel a bit superior. When someone offends and we are "sure" we are in the right, we often want to gloat over our "goodness". We feel obliged to teach the other a lesson. This arrogance can blind us to our own need for forgiveness. Note: Forgiveness heals the wound caused by the wrong done to us.

FURTHER STUDY: Matthew 6:14-15, Matthew 18:21-35, Mark 11:25-26.



DAY 28 FORGIVENESS 2.

..."And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses." - Mark 11:25 We don't like the person who wronged us: It is easy to forgive those we love. A good example is our children. When they do something wrong, like telling lies, we tend to remember what it's like to do the same. We know they are still young, still learning and for the most part innocent. But if we already do not like the one who offends us, like the cruel servant in the story that Jesus told us about, we might demand that they suffer. We want them to pay the price for their sins. However, God is full of mercy and we must never forget how He so frequently forgives us. We need to extend the same mercy to others.

The person we need to forgive shows no remorse: This is a tough one. Sometimes I think "why should I forgive someone when they are not sorry?" In fact, they seem to gloat over the wrong they have done. That may be true but Jesus calls us to a higher standard. He wants us to rise above "tit for tat". Ultimately, we must remember that turning from an attitude of vengeance to that of forgiveness softens our hearts and it's important to note that we all need forgiveness.

FURTHER STUDY: Mathew 18:21-35, Luke 6:37, Luke 17:3-4.



DAY 29 THE POWER OF CHOICE

..." I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:"
- Deuteronomy 30: 19 "I had no choice". Does this statement sound familiar to you especially when you make a wrong choice? Few months ago, I took some steps that did not yield the desired result, sincerely I was upset, and I had no one to blame, no one to pour the anger on, I just did not understand why it turned out that way, I never knew it was my power of choice at work.

There is a consequence for every choice you make whether right or wrong. Any choice you make can either make or mar you. Your new nature is as a result of the choice you made to accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. The choice to grow in the things of God also depends on you. You can either choose to study God's word or hang out with friends, and you can choose to have faith in the word or employ people's connections to get things done. The power lies in your hands. From today start making the right choices because you are a product of the choices you make. Ask God to give you wisdom to make the right choices every day.

FURTHER STUDY: Isaiah 66:4, Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Isaiah 65:12.



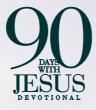
DAY 30 THE POWER OF SPEAKING

"...Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD". Ezekiel 37:4 Do you know that great power lies in the words you say? One day as I was studying this chapter my understanding and life took another dimension. I was reading the conversation between God and Ezekiel. God told him to speak to the bones and say dry bones this is what the Sovereign Lord says, I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. He said that everything that needs to be in your life to make you whole I'll put it there and cover you with honour, glory and favour. Amazingly, in verses 7 to 9 Ezekiel watched muscles and flesh form over the bones he had just spoken the word of God to. As a young believer in God's kingdom, one of the most important things to note is WORDS. In Genesis we saw how God created the world out of nothing with His words and we were created in God's likeness and image, which means we can create our world with our

words. Faith calls those things that be not as though they were, we do not walk by sight but by faith.

Is there something you want to see in your life? Begin to speak it into being and make sure it is backed up by God's word because that's what gives it power to come to pass.

FURTHER STUDY: Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 1:1-5, Genesis1:1-5.



DAY 31 COUNTED FAITHFUL

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry" -1 Timothy 1:12 Paul understood that everything he ever accomplished for God's kingdom was due to the enabling Power of God. He was not deceived into thinking that his own intelligence or personal drive brought about God's will. Rather, Paul was grateful for the opportunity to be tested and found faithful in any assignment, regardless of its size.

Your ability to serve God is not based on your past, but on your faithfulness today. If you are faithful with the task God entrusts to you, God will enable you to accomplish it. Don't distinguish between big and small assignments from God. Paul saw everyone as a privilege he did not deserve. Whether God has asked you to pray for someone, to minister to a person in need, to lead a Bible study, or to care for those who are sick, strive to be faithful. You will experience His enabling as you serve Him. If you are faithful in a little, God will entrust you with more. You will be able to join Paul in praising God for having counted you faithful, putting you into His service

FURTHER STUDY: Luke 16:10, 2ND CORINTHIANS: 9:12-14, Hebrews 3:2-3



DAY 32 YOUR SUFFICIENCY IS OF GOD

The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me -John 5:7

I woke up one morning very upset, I had just come back from school due to the ASUU strike, I had a lot of needs and they seemed to be increasing by the day. I did not know how to get the needs met. My parents were not able to meet the needs either because they had their own needs also. This made life very frustrating and gradually I became angry with those around me that I knew could help but were not just helping, I felt they were really unfair; especially those I knew were born-again. In that state, God showed me a very interesting story in His word that I had never taken note of and in it He pointed clearly to the fact that He is the only One who can meet all my needs. He revealed Himself to me as my Provider. I realized I could not depend on my parents; they are just one of the mediums He uses to provide my needs.

Are you bitter or angry with a rich relative

who you feel should help you with a job, connection or money? God wants you to know today that He is your source, the only One who can meet ALL your needs without pushing you around or humiliating you. It will be nice to note here that God does not require your begging, He said you should Ask. So, go ahead and ask like a son today and watch your Father supply your needs

FURTHER STUDY: Acts 17:28, 2 Corinthians 3:5, Philippians 4:19.



DAY 33 LOVE LIKE GOD

Beloved let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love -1 john 4:7-8 Have you ever felt that some people are very difficult to love? Probably you have tried times without number to make them see how much you love them but to no avail and you have concluded that they are "no go areas". Insufficient understanding of God's love for us is the main reason we fail in loving others the way we should. We can't give away what we don't have. If we receive a full revelation of God's love for us, it becomes easy to love others with the same love that we have received; unconditional love! That's the same love God shows towards all, believers and sinners alike irrespective of our back grounds or race. It's the same love that keeps on loving whether it's accepted or not.

When we struggle to believe that God's promises to us will come to pass, that's unbelief; but the root of that unbelief is lack of love. The bible says faith works by love. That means love is the driving force behind our faith. Remove or diminish love and faith



ceases to be what it should be. Many of us try hard to believe when we should be seeking a greater revelation of God's love for us. Then faith would just naturally work.

FURTHER STUDY: 1st john 4:8, 1st Corinthians 13:13, Galatians 5:6



DAY 34 RESIST THE DEVIL

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." -Colossians 2:15

Christians can become preoccupied with battling the devil. This deceives them to invest their time and energy attempting to do something that Christ has already done for them. We are not called to defeat the devil. God has already done that in Christ! Neither is it our mandate to "bind" the devil. Jesus has already set limits on the extent and duration of Satan's freedom. The devil, "our ancient foe," was decisively and completely defeated by Christ's sacrifice on the cross and in His resurrection. With regards to the devil, our assignment is to trust in the victory that Christ already achieved and daily resist him with the truth of his defeat as Jesus did. If he can convince you that God has not defeated him, then you will not experience Jesus' victory. You will find yourself fighting battles that Christ has already won! You will fear Satan though he has already been utterly and humiliatingly

defeated. Your responsibility is to resist Satan, and he will flee. When you resist him, you acknowledge that Jesus has defeated him and given you victory over his influence.

All you need is to apply Christ's victory in every area of your life in order to live the victorious Christian life, leaving the devil to face the reality of his defeat in each life that is claimed by the kingdom of God.

Further Study: Ephesians 6:12–18, Luke 10:17–20, Colossians 2:15. James 4:7



DAY 35 THE GOOD FIGHT

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." -Ephesians 6:12 In a battle, it is imperative to identify your enemy. If you are not aware of the point of your attack, you are vulnerable. Paul had many enemies. Some resented him, others hated him, and others wanted to kill him. Some, who were supposedly on his side, sought to harm him and his ministry. In spite of the persecution he faced, Paul never lost sight of his real enemy. Paul was wary of Satan. When people attacked him, he knew they were not his real opponents. They were simply unwitting instruments of the spiritual forces of darkness.

When you meet an opposition to your faith, your first reaction may be anger toward your antagonist. This may divert your attention from the deeper, spiritual dimensions of your conflict. Your adversary may be hopelessly in bondage to sin so rather than retaliating, you should intercede for that person. Knowing your real enemy will protect you from bitterness and unforgiveness. Your hope lies in the reality that "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" Do not place your hope in humanity, but steadfastly trust in the One who has already defeated your enemy.

Further Study: 1 John 4:4, ROMANS 12:18-21, Acts 9:23; Phil. 1:17, 2 Tim. 1:15-20 & 4:14.



DAY 36 UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

"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." -JOHN 3:16...,"

A story was once told of a missing rake in a prison yard; the prison warder after intense search that proved abortive, resulted to threatening the unruly prisoners involved in the yard work. With his machete held high, he warned that if no one confessed of being in possession of the rake; he would start killing them one after the other until they either come up with the rake or the culprit. In spite of the threats, no one relented to being the offender. True to his threat, he was about to start killing them one after the other when a prisoner stood up to the accusation. After he had been macheted to death, the missing rake was found; preserved and forgotten behind a barn

His fellow prisoners realised he had not owned up because he was guilty but because he had thought to himself it's better to die for all than all for one. No one had ever shown them such sacrificial love before. He had died for them even though they had nothing to offer him (what could one offer in a prison yard?). Their lives never remained the same. So I charge you to love today as if there's no tomorrow, not just people you can get love back from, but all you come across. And the love of God that has been shed abroad in our hearts will see you through.

FURTHER STUDY: Romans 13:8-10, Jeremiah 31:3-4



DAY 37 HANGING OUT WITH GOD

"He must increase, but I must decrease." -John 3:30

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A basic feature of babies and young children is the fact that they are always found around their mothers. This union happens to be a beneficial one on the part of the babies since all their needs are met as a result. Do you know your success in life is tied to your spending time with God and listening to Him? Prayer is one of the ways we hang out with God. Just like we spend time talking to our friends, prayer is talking with God. It brings you closer to Him as you begin to understand what makes Him happy, angry or sad. Things to note about prayer;

 It's a dialogue; that means you talk, God listens, God talks, and you listen. Is 1:18a
 The place of prayer is not just an avenue to throw our problems at God but an opportunity to get to know Him more. James 4:8a

3) Your prayer time is an avenue to rub

minds with Him in fellowship.

4) You receive inspired ideas and thoughts from God in the place of prayer.

5) It opens your eyes to how awesome and great God is. Rom 11:33

6) Spending quality time in fellowship with God strengthens you to withstand temptations. Is 40:29-31Note: You can't be a prey(victim) if you pray.

FURTHER STUDY: Jeremiah 29:11, Isaiah 55:8,9, Jeremiah 33:3.



DAY 38 HANGING OUT WITH GOD 2

..." And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach" -Mark 3:4 For most believers, their prayer time is a drag; dry, uninspiring and boring. It's just something to do to fulfil all righteousness so that they can feel good about themselves. But prayer can be more for you if you can learn to see your prayer time as something to be enjoyed rather than endured.

Prayer simply means that time you get to hang out with God just as you would with your physical father, a friend or a spouse. As your Father, God wants to share wisdom and ideas with you beyond your years, as your friend he wants to tell you great things about you and as a lover he wants to love you unconditionally as no one else can. God wants you to get to know Him better in the same way you get to know people when you spend time with them. But this can only happen if you devote time to hanging out with Him in prayers.

So when next you have a date with God to pray (in the early hours of the morning or after a hard day's work) kick off your shoes, sit back and relax. Feel free to unburden yourself and tell Him anything. He's waiting to hear from you.

Personal project: hang out with God for 30minutes. You talk for the first 15 minutes, and then listen to Him for the remaining 15 minutes

Further study: Isaiah 1:18, Jeremiah 29:11, Isaiah 55:8,9.



DAY 39 FAITH- OUR WAY OF LIFE

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." -Hebrews 11:1-11 Faith is not just another message like prosperity or healing, it is the very foundation of our Christianity. Giving our lives to Christ is an act of faith; we believed that Jesus died for our sins to save us even though we've never actually seen Him.

Faith is what gives your belief substance which means it is the evidence or proof that you have every promise God has made to you. That means salvation, prosperity, healing, protection will come to pass for you.

As a believer how do you serve God if you don't believe in Him?Your faith is the proof that you do believe in HIM. A life of faith is compulsory for every believer because it is impossible to please God without it. God's instructions may not always make total sense to you but just obey because He is God. And that is the kind of faith that God demands from us; total, unreserved and unconditional trust in Him.

Further study: Hebrews 11:6, Romans 4:16-21, 14:23.



DAY 40 THE POWER OF ASSOCIATION

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed". -Proverbs 13:20 Apart from praying and studying the word, in order to grow spiritually as a believer, you also need to be careful of the kind of company you keep. You need to understand that being born again means that you now belong to a new kingdom and have new beliefs. Associating with former friends who don't share those beliefs most likely will weaken your belief in God and may lead to the loss of your salvation.

Some people have destroyed their destiny by keeping company with the wrong crowd. The truth is, the company you keep will always influence you since we tend to act like those we associate with.

So start acting like the new creature that God says you are, choose friends that are God fearing, share the same beliefs as you and have the capacity to help you grow spiritually. Choosing friends is your responsibility, so ask Go to help you surround yourself with the right friendships from today. Personal Project: Take a look at four people closest to you. How have they influenced your life?

For further study: 2 Samuel 13:1-14, Psalm 1:1-3, 2 Kings 2:1-15



DAY 41 SHARING YOUR FAITH

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain..." -John 15:16 Have you ever had a good bargain at the market over a product you have always wanted, and you couldn't help but share with your family and friends the great news? This is the same way, we were indebted to the devil and God through Christ Jesus came and set us free! He brought us out of darkness into His Glorious light, setting us absolutely free! Now that's good news to spread. GOD wants us to be saved but He didn't just save us so that we can have eternal life. He didn't just call us so that we alone might enjoy His glorious light. If that was the case, immediately we accepted CHRIST as our Saviour we would be taken up into heaven so that we might serve Him there. He has saved us so that we also can act as His mouthpiece here on earth.

GOD has kept us here on earth to speak through us and bring about reconciliation between HIM and those that are not saved. This is why it says further," as though God were entreating by us ... be ye reconciled to God". He wants to bring more people to HIM through our testimony of His Glory. We are the mouthpiece for others to come unto salvation. This is the mandate that was given to us as believers. So, let us be effective communicators of the gospel and preach, teach and tell anyone around us of this glorious thing that our Good GOD has done for us.

Further Study: Mark 16:15, 1st Peter 2:9, Luke 4:18, 2nd Cor 5:18-20



DAY 42 CHOSEN BY GOD

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

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Sometimes I wish I could say, "GOD bless GOD", because HE has done great things for us. He chose us out of this world and called us His own. When you think about it, He doesn't need us but yet He wants us. He doesn't have to love us but yet He does. Praise GOD forevermore. One of the benefits of GOD choosing us is the way He treats anything He chooses. His mind is constantly on it, thinking about its good, its success and well-being, etc.. No wonder it is written that all things work together for our good.

GOD also said that because He was choosing the temple of Solomon that any prayer made there would be heard by Him. Someone might say, "I wish I could go pray in that temple now". But here is the fact, GOD has chosen us as His own temple so every prayer we make is heard and answered by God, His ears are open to our prayers. This confident assurance that we have in GOD because He hears our prayers guarantees we have what we asked for. It is a done deal.

GOD is good. Ask Him boldly today that which you desire. He is committed to hearing and granting our request. The LORD our GOD delights in our prayers, so let us keep on talking to Him.

Further Study: Mark 11 :24, Hebrews 4:16, John 16 :24, Proverbs 15:8-29.



DAY 43 LOVE

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" -Romans 5: 5 The love of GOD has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. This implies that we have love, not just any kind of love but the kind of love that GOD is.

Jesus told us that we have been given a new commandment "that ye love one another; as I have loved you..." This new commandment given unto us believers is that we love everyone — including our enemies. We have a command to love everyone just as He loved us.

From the natural standpoint, this is very hard. We cannot even achieve this. How do we love that guy that is always stealing from us? Or how can we love that girl who won't stop backbiting?They just need to be hated. Well, that is not what GOD thinks. He wants us to love everyone, but GOD, being gracious and kind and all-wise did not just send us with a task empty handed. He gave us the love to love everyone with. He shed it in our hearts. We have an unlimited access to the love that GOD is. We can love everyone even those that annoy us because He was able to love us even as sinners.

Further Study: Ephesians 5: 2, 1st John 3:14-15, 1st John 4:7-8 & Galatians 4:6.



DAY 44 MIND YOUR LANGUAGE!

"...Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth" -I Corinthians13:4-6 Love can be such a general term; I love books, I love shoes, I love my mum, but one question that comes to mind is; what is true love?

Love is a commitment to obey all that is written in 1st Corinthians 13. One of them is Love suffereth long, and is kind. The love that GOD has given us and has told us to love others with suffers long, that is endures and is kind. Do we endure? Are you kind to others? Many of us just suffer long cause we have to. Let us do so in kindness because we want to.

Let us work in love. The wonderful thing about love is that it never fails, so if you want to succeed in everything you do, walk in love. If you want success in your life, your business, simply walk in love. If you want your faith to be strong and never fail, walk in love because faith works by love. We'll live in 100% victory, 100% of the time. So, what do we do when it feels so hard to love? Simple... Act like you would act if you actually did love that person. Hallelujah.

Further Study: 1st Corinthians 13:1-13, Galatians 5:6, Matthew 5:44.

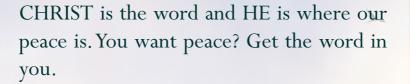


DAY 45 PEACE BEYOND LIMITS.

You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You and hopes confidently in You" -Isaiah 26:3 Amplified version Peace is an end to all wars. A war is not only with guns, but it refers to any fight against something. For example, a war can be against delayed prayers, against poverty and stagnation, against sickness, against depression, etc.

But guess what? Those that are in CHRIST have peace. CHRIST is our peace. We have peace! When we are born again, we received CHRIST and He brings peace. This implies and means that the war against your health has come to an end. You now have perfect health.

But why do some Christians, still keep experiencing these wars? How can we live in peace? Our text scripture says, "Thou will keep him in peace whose mind is stayed on Thee..."This means for us to experience a lasting peace, our mind and focus has to be on CHRIST. Keep the word of GOD constantly on your mind. Think it, meditate on it, and most importantly, do the word.



Further Study: Prov. 24:14, James 1:21, Prov. 4: 20 – 22, Mark 5:36.



DAY 46 WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. The word of our mouth is a very powerful tool in the Kingdom of GOD. So many times, people say whatever they want to say. Or they say something and say that they are just joking. As a believer in this Kingdom, we have to know that everything we say is to be accounted for. Matthew 12:37.

The Bible says, "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" Our tongue has an enormous amount of power. It can start a great fire that can consume anything. It has the power of life and death as written in the book of Proverbs 18 vs. 21. Our words can either free us or tie us down.

This means that we can speak life into our finances. We can speak health to our bodies. Every word we speak is established [Job 22 vs. 28]. We can speak our future homes to establishment. We can speak pain away. We are kings and where the word of a king is there is power [Eccl 8 vs. 4].

Let's start speaking life to every area of our lives. "I have success in my business in JESUS name", "I can never fail", Keep speaking life never speak death and your expectation shall never be cut off in JESUS Name.

Further Study: John 6:63 & 14: 12, Ephesians 5:1, Matthew 12:36, James 3:5.



DAY 47 THE NAME JESUS

And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him." -John 8:29 Put yourself in a situation where you are sent on an errand by your Principal in a secondary school. Then the head boy stops you and orders you to go back to the classroom. In that situation, all you need to tell him is the name of the person who sent you on that assignment. You will say, the principal sent me and the head boy has no choice but to let you go.

Once a higher authority sends you anywhere, even if any other power thinks or tries to stop you all you have to do is call the name of the one who sent you and you are free to go. With the right backing, there is no one that can stand in your way.

As a believer, the one backing us up, is the King of Kings. Hallelujah. It is the "Ruler of All" that has sent us. Who can stand in our way? The one who sent us is above all and there is none greater than Him [John 10 vs. 29]. That is why in all our activities, when we see what seems to look like a stop sign, or a road block, we don't have to fight, cry or start binding up and down. All we have to do is call the name of the greater one, the one who sent us. Hallelujah! HIS name is above all names-JESUS

So wherever the fruits seem to be at a halt, mention the name that is above every other name and every halting force shall bow out of the situation.

Further Study: Hebrews 13:5, Psalm 16:11, Romans 8:31, John 20:21.



DAY 48 HE UNDERSTANDS

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty -Psalm 91: 1 Yesterday's scenario illustrated how the name of Jesus works powerfully in changing the circumstances we might be facing; today we'll revisit the school scenario. In a situation where the head boy seems to be strong-headed in letting you go, the presence of the Principal himself would change things. If the head-boy insists, "you must go back to your class no matter what" immediately he sees the Principal standing behind you, he will immediately give way.

This is the same Divine Presence we enjoy when we live in the consciousness of God's presence around us and think constantly on His word. He has said that He will never leave us or forsake us. He said that He will never leave us comfortless. He is always there, so anyone who stands in the way, risks getting ground to powder by the Rock of Ages. On our part we need to draw closer to God if we want Him to draw closer to us, by maintaining an atmosphere of worship, by praying and studying His word.

From today, let us walk in the knowledge of the Divine Presence of the Creator. With Him by our side, our all round victory is guaranteed 100% of the time.

FURTHER STUDY: Psalm 68:2-8, Zephaniah 1:7, I Chronicles 16:27, Matt 21:44.



DAY 49 HUNGER FOR MORE

..."As newborn babies, desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby:" -1st Pet 2:2 As believers, we have a manual that tells us what this new kingdom (The Kingdom of GOD) has to offer us as new entrants. This manual shows us what to do, how to do it, our automatic privileges as entrants, our new status, our capabilities and any other thing we need to know. This manual is and always will be the Bible.

The bible is the word of GOD spoken to us. Anything that is written in there is GOD, our Heavenly Father, speaking to us. He, with His great planning abilities, mapped out all that we need to know in this life. That is why it says that there is nothing new under the sun [Eccl 1vs. 9]. GOD has written all that we need for our survival, planning, existence and wrapped it all up in His word. That is why He said that He has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness. He has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places but we need to access them here on earth. If an uncle living in America sent some money into your account here in Nigeria, the money reflects immediately but it is up to you to go to the bank to make withdrawals. God has remitted so much into our life account and one way we can make the withdrawal is by studying God's word and reading books written by great men.

Get into the word today and discover God's great plan for your life!

FURTHER STUDY: 2nd Pet 1:3, Psalm 42:1-2, Matthew 6:31-33



DAY 50 A NEW LIFE

"...Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." -II Corinthians 5:17 Moving into a new environment or relocating to a new country can be so uncertain. It keeps you asking, where do I begin? How do I make new friends? Are there better possibilities here? Starting a new life with Jesus on the other hand is not so. He has written out all the possibilities there could ever be in His word for you, so you don't have to worry. You don't have to bother about being alone because He said He would never leave you or forsake you. You don't have to worry about meeting your needs, because He said He would supply all your needs according to His riches. You don't need to fret about protection because He said He would give His angels charge over you to keep you in all your ways. This new life you have been given in Christ Jesus has endless possibilities. Jesus called it the ABUNDANT LIFE. Believe it, because it is truly yours to live.

Go about today with this consciousness of the new life you have in Christ. Jesus and you are an unbeatable team.

Further Study: John 10:10-28, Mark 10:29-30, John 6:27-68.



DAY 51 TO DO LIST

"...Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge." Psalm 19:2 It's such a common thing for people to have a list of things they intend to do and much more to accomplish before the close of each day. This they happily tag a to-do list. They access it at the close of the day to know how much they have accomplished and areas that still need to be worked on. Our text scripture today also reveals that every day we wake up, God gives us instructions on what to do and every night, God gives us wisdom to take greater steps the next day. The question that comes to mind is, if God gives all the instruction and directions, what's my to-do?

Here's a to-do list for today:

Morning: Worship & Pray. Study the word and spend time to listen to God before you go out.

Live in the consciousness of God throughout your day.

Read a chapter of a spiritual book and share your faith with a friend.

Evening: Thank God for a victorious day. Listen to what He would have you correct. Pray and sleep soundly.

It's beautiful to live a God filled day. Start today!

Further Study: Jeremiah 33:3.



DAY 52 SEEK THE KINGDOM

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" -Matthew 6:33. As humans we are often faced with needs r a n g i n g f r o m m a t e r i a l, t o emotional, to spiritual needs. It's not bad to h a v e n e e d s . J e s u s said, "My heavenly Father knows you have need of these things" and then He goes ahead to show us how to have our needs met. He said, we should seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness and ALL these things shall be added, whatever the things are.

God has packaged all our provisions in His K i n g d o m s o all we need t o do is to seek His kingdom. Jesus told Nicodemus," Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Now that you are born again you don't only see but have been translated into His kingdom. However, to partake fully of its resources, you have to live fully by the principles of the kingdom. This is done by obeying the instructions laid down by the King (God) in His word (the Bible). In the kingdom we live by the principles of God's word not by miracles.

Discover those principles today and start partaking of God's rich resources.

FURTHER STUDY: John 3:30, Mark 4:1-20, Luke 10:1-9, Romans 14:17.



DAY 53 TOO BUSY FOR THE KING.

And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, so shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it. -I Kings 20:40 Tick says the clock, tick, tick, what you have to do, do quick. Can you remember that popular childhood poem? Funny, how this poem grows with us and begins to influence all that we do including o u r relationship with God. When we wake up each day, the clock begins to tick. We need to meet up with deadlines and business meetings so we push our morning devotion till when we get to work. At work we get so busy, we push it to lunch time, lunch time is so crowded we push it to night devotion, at night we are so tired we push it to the next day and the cycle begins again. During the week, business takes the whole time and attending weekly service is totally thrown out for various work reasons.

Have you ever stopped to ask yourself who gave you that job or who makes the profit flow into your business? What if He takes the job from you and gives it to another faithful son or daughter who would have time for Him, who would put Him before the job? God is the giver of every good and perfect gift including your job or business. Don't use the gift God gave you as an excuse not to serve Him and if you have been doing that, correct it today.

FURTHER STUDY: Matthew 22:1-14, Ecclesiastes 3:11-17, Revelations 1:1-3.



DAY 54 NOT SELF-CENTRED

..."Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." -John 12:24 People's radios are always tuned to "WII FM" Station (What's In It For Me). True Christian growth is marked by a shift of focus from you to helping others. God created us in such a unique way that there's always something you have that others don't have. Many people forget about this and focus on what they don't have before a n d long depression sets in. As young believer's, we must realize that for a seed to grow it has to be buried, it has to die first after which a new and more beautiful life emerges. Dying here does not mean physical death but it means a shift of focus from yourself in terms of "my needs" to how can I help others? How can I make others feel loved? How can I be a blessing to the kingdom of God?

There are numerous ways to being a blessing to others.

Study the scriptures below and find out \searrow how you can be a blessing to others today.

FURTHER STUDY: Acts 9:36-39, 10:1-31, Matthew 5:14-16, I Corinthians 13: 1-13.



DAY 55 SHARING YOUR FAITH

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost -Matthew 28:19 We live in a world where sharing of bad news is a norm. We watch and listen to stories of disaster, wars, injustice, criminal offences, rising unemployment rates and economic crunch scrolled daily on our phone screens, television screens and newspaper pages. If care is not taken, this will form our perception and our perception shapes our lives.

As believer's we do not base our lives on what the news says, we base our lives on what God has done. The Christian race is a b o u t sh a r i n gthis good news of God's mighty work which He accomplished in Jesus. He has purchased liberty for us all, therefore we are no longer prisoners to sin, poverty, ill health, ancestral curses a n d t h e l i k e s. N o w t h i s is great news to be shared on social media, TV, newspapers, at family functions, work, friendly outings, on the bus, everywhere and at every time.

The Bible says, you are a lamp giving light to people telling them of hope and a better life in Christ Jesus. As you have been commanded today, go out and bring others into this light.

FURTHER STUDY: Isaiah 61:1-2, Matthew 4:17, 10:27-33, Acts 5:41-42.



DAY 56 BUILDING LASTING RELATIONSHIPS.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. -John 4:8. All good and lasting relationships are based on trust and love. For any relationship to attain this lasting state, the parties involved must be ready to sacrifice their time, money, talent etc.

As children of God it is important that we build a strong relationship with God, this relationship forms the bedrock of our walk with Him. In God's kingdom the depth of our relationship with Him determines the height of the authority we exercise. In human terms, the son or daughter closer to the father enjoys more privileges than those that are not because that son or daughter has come to understand their father in terms of what he loves and what he would not permit. Studying God's word and praying are very important ways of building

our relationship with God and getting to k n o w H i m b e t t e r. God has no favorite child, He wants every one of H is children to know Him and have a steady relationship with Him. Do you feel far from God? Are you wondering if He wants a relationship with you? Know this: when you feel far from Him, you are the one t h a t l e f t H i m. H e s a i d in His word that He will never leave you nor f o r s a k e you. You c a n start today; go back to God and remain in Him.

FURTHER STUDY: Hebrews 10:22 Psalm 37:25, John 15:1-15.



DAY 57 BEAUTY

And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair. -Genesis 12: 11- 16.

Sarah (Abraham's wife) was a very pretty woman. She was so beautiful that the king's princes and advisers recommended her to be the king's wife. Her beauty was such that you couldn't walk past her and not look back to admire such a wondrous work even though she was ninety years old. In our society today, we have many beautiful women both in our churches and offices but we seem to still lack that beauty touch when we relate with people. Beyond the natural outward beauty Sarah possessed, the bible talks about Sarah's inner beauty (a meek and quiet spirit) which further enhanced her outward beauty The Bible tells us that "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain but the woman who fears the Lord, shall be praised." No matter how beautiful a woman/man is, if he/she doesn't fear God, it's all in vain. Looking good is great and God wants all His children to look good to the glory of His name, but beyond the care of your physical body,

taking care of your spirit is of uttermost importance also. Growth in your spiritual life affects every other area of life. Grow your inner beauty from today, put on Jesus in all you do.

FURTHER STUDY: 1Peter 3:1-6, Colossians 3:10-14, Romans 13:10-14.



DAY 58 OBEDIENCE OR SACRIFICE

And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." 1 Samuel 15:22. Obedience is one virtue that is highly esteemed by authority in every sphere of life, ranging from churches, school, organizations etc. We live in a society, where people are quick to subtly disregard rules established by those in authority and would rather cut corners. A famous preacher once said, if you cut corners you will be cut short. King Saul was instructed by God through Prophet Samuel to destroy the Amalekites because they did not show kindness to the Israelites in their sojourn out of Egypt. The instruction to Saul came w i t h a

warning that he should wipe out the Amalekites completely but Saul disobeyed the Lord's command by sparing some of the sheep, oxen and some valuables. His disobedience led to the end of his rule as a king. Many would have made it great in life if only they had taken a little caution in attending to laid down instructions by authority. Don't join the bandwagon of people who believe they must make it at all cost. Be a person of integrity. Respect and honour authority.

FURTHER SRUDY: Romans 10:5-6, 2Cortinthians 10:5-6, Hebrews 10:5-1 4



DAY 59 ONE WAY

Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. -John 14:6 (Amplified Bible)

Many times in life, we are faced with difficult circumstances and several options present themselves. Knowing the right step to take will determine how successful we become in life. Are you at a stage in your life where you don't know the next step to take or which way to turn? And you are asking yourself, which way am I heading? The scripture above makes it clear that there is only one way that leads to a life of fulfilment and it is by accepting the Lord Jesus as your personal Saviour and creating room in your heart for a relationship with Him. One of the Jewish rulers once approached Jesus at night to find answers to a question that had been bothering him, the reply Jesus gave was that the only way a man can see the kingdom is to be born again. It also means that the only way to a better life is to be born again. Now that you are born again, you have access to that life

through Jesus, He said you should call on Him and He will answer you, He will show you great and mighty things which you do not know. The purpose of Christ is not to condemn us of our past but to offer us an opportunity to a whole new and wellmeaning life here and in eternity.

FURTHER STUDY: John 3:3-17, Jeremiah 33:3, Psalm 1:1-6.



DAY 60 STAY IN YOUR HOUSE

..."Dwell in me, and I will in you. (Live in me, and I will live in you) just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in me." -John 15:4 (Amplified Bible) The branch of a tree cannot yield fruit unless it is connected to the vine. It must get its nutrients from the vine for it to produce. In the illustration, the vine represents Christ while the branch represents us. The purpose of the illustration was to portray the great importance of being rooted in him.

A purposeful and impactful life can only be achieved by a working relationship with Christ. Jesus said, "Without me you can do nothing." Being rooted in Christ can only be possible when we give up our will for His. John the Baptist while speaking said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." That means He must take the centre place of our lives while we slip off to the side line. He becomes the major reason why we take every step that we take and we can be sure that the result of our decisions will be successful. We stand to achieve a blossoming life when we are firmly rooted in Christ. Our success, impact and effectiveness stems from a rooted relationship with Christ.

FURTHER STUDY: John 15:5, 3:30, Psalms 23:1-6, psalm 91:1- 16.



DAY 61 PERFECT LOVE

... "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love" -1 John 4:18

The word love is an everyday language and contrary to what it portrays, it is one of the most abused words by those who lack its true meaning. Jesus commanded his disciples and his followers that they should love one another unconditionally just as our heavenly father has done by sending His only Son. We walk in that command when we choose to love those that least deserve it or those that have at one time or the other betrayed the trust we have in them. The benefit of letting go and choosing to love is great. When love is at work, we experience freedom from fear of the unknown, peace, harmony, joy, good health etc. A life fully formed in love is the outcome of a working relationship with Jesus Christ. Consider what the scripture says, that God is love and everyone that loves is born of God and knows God.

Make up your mind today to walk in love; it is the heart of our Christianity.

FURTHER STUDY: 1 John 4:7-18, John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.



DAY 62 THE FLESH AGAINST THE SPIRIT

"Do not let sin control your puny body any longer; do not give in to its sinful desires.
-Romans 6:12.. (Living bible) If there is anything a believer must wage war against, it is the

temptation to give in to the demands of the flesh. The flesh

represents our sinful nature; it is that part of us that lusts for

material and carnal things, its desire is to satisfy self at any cost

and it's quick to trust in personal ability.

The spirit on the other hand represents a life of worship and fellowship with God; it's full of love for God and people. It studies the bible, witnesses to others, prays and makes sacrifices for the kingdom etc.

Apostle Paul warned that we should not allow our bodies become tools

of wickedness by making the flesh to rule over us.

As you go out today meditate on God's word. Live a life full of the Spirit by praying frequently and maintaining an attitude of worship.

FURTHER STUDY: 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Romans 6:13, 8:7, Romans 12:11.



DAY 63 YOU HAVE FAITH

I realize how kind God has been to me, and so I tell each of you not to think you are better than you really are. Use good sense and measure yourself by the amount of faith that God has given you." Romans 12:3(CEV) God has given to every man a measure of faith. Therefore, every believer can receive answers to his prayers. If you say you don't have faith, then you are saying the word of God is not true. You do have faith!

Every man has faith if he is saved. But it's thinking faith thoughts and speaking faith words that lead the heart out of defeat into victory. In other words, you need to use the faith you have in order for your faith to be effectual. To achieve this, do the following:

•Decide what you want from God and find scriptures that promise you these things.

•Ask God for the things you want and believe that you receive them.

•Guard against every evil thought that comes into your mind and tries to make you doubt God'sWord.

- •Meditate on God's Promises
- •Expect to receive answers to your prayer
- •Continually thank God for the answers.

•Accept God's Word, believe it and it will become a reality in your life.

FURTHER STUDY: Mark 11: 12-26, Mark 6:30-33, Acts 6:7-8.



DAY 64 FAITH ATTITUDE 1

According as it has been written, "I have appointed you a father of many nations;" before God, whom he believed, the One making the dead live, and calling the things that are not as if they were" -Romans 4:17 (LITV). From my years as a Christian, I've discovered that it's so difficult to get sincere, honest believers to call things that are not as though they were. 'But I will be lying if I say that I'm healed when I still feel the symptoms,' they say. But let God be true and every man a liar, If God speaks to situations in this way then that is exactly how He wants us to address situations

also. He expects us as His children to imitate Him. When we pray, we're to believe that we receive then we shall have what we have asked for and if we believe we've received what we have prayed for, then we should speak it forth boldly. He (God) has given us that authority as

Christians and has assured us that we shall have whatever we say. So, you do not need to remain in defeat by accepting the things that you do not want e.g. sickness, poverty, joblessness and so on. Start today; begin to declare those things you have prayed for.

FIRTHER STUDY: Genesis 1:1-6, Eph.5:1, Mark 11:23-24.



DAY 65 FAITH ATTITUDE 2

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God. -Romans 4:20..." (KJV)" I went for a job test and was later invited for several interviews

after which I was told they would get back to me.Three weeks passed

and there was no call from them, so I called. The H.R

personnel said they were sorry that the job had been taken, and that

she wished me well in my future endeavor. At that point, the scripture,

"Whose report will you believe?" popped up in my spirit, so I remained

calm. I chose not to tell anybody so as not to hear anything

negative. I had to guard my heart with all diligence because faith is of the

Heart. Before this time, I had been confessing and telling people that

the job was mine. Now in the face of an opposing report, I was not

going to change my confession. I just kept

right on praising the Lord that the Job was mine.

Two days later I decided to call a friend who is also a Christian and we prayed the prayer of agreement. As we prayed, I received in my spirit what to do, so I sent a mail to the company explaining what had happened. I got a reply from a senior HR personnel apologizing for a mistake that I should come in and pick up my letter. Hallelujah! Faith works. I just continued praising God from there and began to share my testimony, for I got what I said.

FURTHER STUDY: Matthew 9:18-28, Hebrews 11:1-10, 1 John 5:1-4.



DAY 66 NOT COLD

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;" -Romans 12:11... Have you noticed that when you place a hot plate of food on the dinning, you won't find any insect close to it but as the food gets cold and probably if open; it would begin to attract ants, flies and other insects?

Do you know the same happens with Christians when we become slack in our fellowship with God?

The bible said, "God is Light" and as Christians when we fellowship with God we live in that light. When we stop fellowshipping with God, we begin to drift back into the kingdom of darkness, which is known for sickness, depression, failure, guilt, fear and all sorts of sinfulness. That is why Christians begin to sin when they stop praying and stop studying Gods word; they begin to lose the power and grace that fellowshipping with God gives. It is that grace that empowers us to say no to every form of ungodliness. Serving God fervently is a conscious effort, start today.

FURTHER STUDY: Matthew 24:4-12, Revelations 3:13-16.



DAY 67 YOU ARE RIGHTEOUS!

For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief." -Proverbs 24:16 Being a man or a woman is not a matter of choice. We all arrived on earth to realize which one we are. God made that decision. The Bible tells us that we are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. That means we are constantly in right standing with God because we believe in Jesus and this right standing makes it possible for us to approach God as our Father at any point in time without fear of being sent away. Righteousness is not a FEELING; it is who God has made us to be, just like you can't wake up in the morning and say you don't feel like a woman. Feelings will not change the fact that you are a woman any more than it will change the truth that you are righteous. When you miss it, rise up, go back to God and He will forgive and clean you of every sin but it does not change the fact that you are righteous. This is a great reason to celebrate God each day!

FURTHER STUDY: Genesis 15:6, Romans 3:21-26, Romans 4:3-22.



DAY 68 STARTING POINT

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" -II Corinthians 5:17..." A brand new beginning can come with a measure of anxiety. After giving your life to Jesus, you might be wondering, where do I start? Who do I tell? What should I do? There is usually that tiny tendency to begin to base our lives on works alone by trying to behave well to all. Jesus while on earth ordained twelve disciples that they should be with him, and that He might send them out to preach. This actually makes it clear as to where you can start from.

First is building your fellowship with God. That means you must spend time in worship, in prayers and in the study of God's word. Jesus said, "The words that I speak are Spirit and life." That means you draw more of God's Spirit and life as you fellowship with His word in the place of study. God has a plan and purpose for your life and this can only be found when you spend time praying, He said, "Call unto Me and I will answer you, I will show you great and mighty things which you do not know." That means He will direct you into doing what you should do every day.

Today is a good day to start. Spend quality time with God in prayers and study of the Word.

FURTHER STUDY: Acts 20:31-36, Romans 3:21-31, Romans 12:1-16.



DAY 69 ONE STEP AT A TIME

"Draw close to God and God will draw close to you" - James 4:8(NLT)....



DAY 70 THE CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION...the Word.

"And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." -Luke 4:4... There is no mystery in life. Many times, when people get unpleasant results they tend to blame everyone except the one person responsible: themselves. When a Christian falls during times of hardship, one of these is responsible; either he is ignorant of what God has said about him or he is not doing what God has said or he is not consistent in the application of the word God has spoken to him.

The bible made reference to the woman with the issue of blood, how she had been with the ailment for twelve years and yet she held on to her faith in God and got her victory. As Christians the word of God is our foundation, the circumstance of our lives may change but the word of God NEVER changes and based on this we can hold on to it as an anchor for our soul in trying times.

Our scripture reading today makes it clear that when the devil came to tempt Jesus, all He used to enforce His victory was the word of God. Is the devil telling you lies that you can never make it because you came from a poor back ground? Rise up today and declare boldly that you are rich in accordance with God's word which says, "for ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich (2 Corinthians 8:9).

FURTHER STUDY: Genesis 15:1-4, Psalm 105:8-28, John 17:17-20. Swimming can really be fun if you learn how to go about it. On the contrary if you refuse to apply the right principles you will drown sooner than you think. As young believer's, living in this world is like swimming against the tides. A lot of the things you used to know contradict God's ways of operation. As a result, you will need to unlearn some of the things you know and start learning new ways of living from God's word. Our scripture today reveals that God's people perish for lack of knowledge; we can also put it this way, that they enter an inferior condition (poverty, sickness, guilt, confusion, hopelessness) for lack of knowledge.

Are you experiencing hardships in your spiritual life, finance or emotions? All you need to do is to search and find out from God's word what you can do about it. The bible addresses every aspect of our lives. You



DAY 71 GOD IS NOT AGAINST YOU... get knowledge. ..." My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge...

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The devil is oppressing you not because he has power over you but because he knows more than you so, enforce your victory today...get knowledge.

FURTHER STUDY: Hosea 4:1-6, Proverbs 3:20, Daniel 11:32.



DAY 72 DEADLY SINS ...pride

"These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue..." -Proverbs 6:16-17 God is not in the business of condemning people when they sin. What He hates is sin and not you. God does not hate the prostitute, what He hates is prostitution. I am going to point you today to seven deadly sins you should avoid. They are deadly not because God will kill you because of them but because these sins will hinder your growth in spiritual things and destroy you as a believer. These sins are not deadly to God but to you, I will take them one after the other:

The first is Pride: pride makes people feel too big to learn. It could be external or internal. Poverty is a product of pride because the rich knows something that the poor does not know but the poor has refused to learn. A proud person insists on things been done his way alone, he is too big to ask for help and hates to be corrected. He feels too big to start small. If you are too big to do a small thing, then you are too small to start a big thing. Are you feeling you are better than others and as a result you look down on them? Know today that the people you come across daily are God's masterpieces. Jesus our perfect example during his days on earth humbled Himself and washed the feet of the disciples. God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble, drop every pride today; you are what you are by the grace of God.

FURTHER STUDY: James 4:6-8, Proverbs 21:4-6, Proverbs 16:18-20.



DAY 73 7 DEADLY SINS ...a lying tongue

These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue..." -Proverbs 6:16-17 Lying is 100% opposite of who God is because God is 100% TRUTH. The whole essence of Christianity is integrity. When you lie you remove yourself from God's nature, lying stands against everything that God is. When you lie to others after a while you will begin to lie to yourself and you won't trust others. A liar will find it hard to believe anybody, even God.

Most times lying is linked to pride because you are trying to be what you are not. It's so common to hear people say "I did not mean it, I was only joking "after lying. Others will say "it was just a white lie to save my head." Whether it was a joke or it was a white lie, God hates lies. People who are fearful are very prone to lying. The bible said we have been given the Spirit of boldness, love and of a sound mind, so spend time in prayers and studying God's word to develop boldness, let His Spirit of truth fill you and lead you always and if you lie, correct it right there on the spot. Tell the person, "I am sorry this is not true." The bible says God's grace has appeared unto all men teaching us to deny ungodliness. You have that grace, go ahead and walk in it today (Titus 2:11-15) Seek the truth in all you do, tell the truth in all you say.

FURTHER STUDY: Colossians 3:8-10, Proverbs 12:22-23, Ephesians 4:24-25.



DAY 74 7 DEADLY SINS ...greed

..."He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live." - Proverbs 15:27 Our society is fast decaying because of the greed factor. People in government and private firms are constantly changing figures in order to divert large sums of money into their private accounts. Planted in every human is the desire to have more wealth, more fame, more of the good things of life. If this desire is not subjected to the will of God, then it leads to sin.

Greed is actually an overwhelming desire to have more of something such as money than is actually needed or than you can afford at that particular time. It is a desire for something that belongs to another person; this desire drives people into acts such as stealing, cheating and borrowing. You see young ladies borrowing dresses and shoes just to feel among or young men stealing phones just to feel big. This must not be a part of us now that we are saved.

Are you asking, what is the way out? Simple! Be content with what you have. Be happy where you are, if you need to increase your finance, get a job; work honestly but be content. The bible said godliness with contentment is great gain (I Timothy 6:6). Then, learn to give (II Corinthians 9:9-10),

FURTHER STUDY: 1 Timothy 3:3-8, 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Proverbs 1:15-19.



DAY 75 7 DEADLY SINS ...strife

..." Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. -Philippians 2:3 As young believers, realizing that perfect people and perfect situations do not exist is a great start. It enables you deal patiently and with a loving approach when you are wronged. In life, you cannot always control what happens to you but you have a responsibility to control how you react to such occurrence. Reacting with outbursts of anger, fighting, quarrelling, hatred, malice, jealousy, unforgiveness and bitterness is not of God. God does not hear the prayers of those in strife; don't hinder your own prayers from being answered by storing up bitterness or hatred in your heart against people who have hurt you, forgive them for your sake.

Maybe a lot of people have hurt you so badly, maybe they are even people that are close to you or your family members, and you are saying in your heart "I will pay them back in due time." You need to note this: strife gives room to the devil to operate in your life. It gives him room to plant depression, sickness, stagnation and all sort of wickedness.

You have a word from God today to forgive them even as Jesus has forgiven you. You might feel like crying; go ahead, cry out all the pains to God and after that forgive them. You are not too big to be treated wrongly, so make up your mind to be at peace with all men as much as you can.

FURTHER STUDY: Ephesians 4:31, James 3:14-16, Romans 13:10-14.



DAY 76 7 DEADLY SINS ...laziness

Lazy people finally die of hunger because they won't get up and go to work". Proverbs 21:25 (MSG) Excuses are the hallmark of a lazy man. As a new believer, you need to know that you can't makes excuses and make progress or grow spiritually at the same time. Laziness makes you do only the things you feel like doing. Many Christians fall short of this. They pray only when they want to and study only when they feel like, so if they don't feel like for a month they won't study God's word for a month. You cannot grow like that. God's word is your strength! Failure to take in God's word on a regular basis will lead to weakness in the things of the spirit.

Laziness brings idleness and idleness is the devil's workshop. Have you noticed that when you are lazy about the things of God that is when people bring gossip and unwise decisions to you?

Life is a product of personal adventure; you are a product of your choice! Choose to be fervent in the things of God whether you feel like it or not. We are not led by our feelings; we are led by God's Spirit. The bible said he that does not work should not eat, so if you do not work to develop yourself in the things of God, you will not eat of the goodness of God.

FURTHER STUDY: Proverbs 10: 26, Proverbs 19:24, John 5:17.



DAY 77 7 DEADLY SINS ...fornication

...Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. -1 Corinthians 6:18 A lot of young people get involved these days in sexual acts. This takes different forms ranging from kissing, pecking, sexual acts outside the confines of marriage and lust, yes lust. Lust is a strong sexual desire towards a particular person. Jesus said while addressing the people that "Whosoever looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matthew 5:28).

Sexual act between two unmarried people is called fornication. This sole act binds you with whoever you have slept with. The bible said "Know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? For two, saith he, shall be one flesh."

Sex within marriage is a blessing; sex outside marriage is a curse; physically (in terms of sexually transmitted diseases) and spiritually as it separates you from God, your life source.You also destroy your own soul (Proverbs 6:32) as it opens the door for the devil to afflict you with all sorts of evil. You can't afford to place a curse on yourself and stagnate your progress in life because of a few minutes of pleasure. FLEE FORNICATION!!!

FURTHER STUDY: 1 Corinthians 6: 13-18, Acts 15:20-29, Ephesians 5:18.



DAY 78 100% RESPONSIBILITY 1

"...While he spoke these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, my daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live". -Matthew 9:18 The principles of God have 100% guarantee on them that they will work. It is always the faith of men that determines its workings. Winning is not cheap; life will test you at every point and there are always two options; the flesh way or the faith way. The quickest way to know that you are in faith is by what you say and do.

Our scripture today reveals the centurion had a faith response to his situation. He said" My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live". He could have said, "My daughter is dead, Jesus come and preach at her funeral." Instead, he took responsibility; he chose the faith way. He did not blame the government that they did not provide good hospitals, he exercised his faith immediately and his daughter was raised to life.

Note carefully he "said." As a believer, you need to know that anything that closes you

mouth to speaking faith words will eventually close your destiny. Yes, the situation is real, but God's Word is more real.

Find out what God has said concerning you and begin to say them in the face of those opposing situations. You have a responsibility to grow your faith.

FURTHER STUDY: Matthew 9:18-21, Mark 11:23-31, Titus 2:1.



DAY 79 100% RESPONSIBILITY 2

But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour". -Matthew 9:22..." The cheapest way to change your results in life is by increasing your level of faith. If your results are small then your faith is small. It's noteworthy that faith does not just grow on its own, you have to grow your faith by hearing and hearing God's word. You will need to buy and read books also on faith.

God's word is a seed; a seed is what you plant to get your desired result. It is your responsibility to plant God's word in your heart (which is the soil of your life). If you want to grow your faith then you must plant the word of faith in your heart through study and meditation. If you want good health then you must study and meditate on scriptures talking about good health. The woman with the issue of blood meditated on the healing power of Jesus and continually said to herself," If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole." Even though she had been bleeding for twelve years and most likely was very frail and weak, she kept her faith in Jesus alive; she pushed through the crowd of strong men and touched Jesus with her faith. She got her healing.

It's your responsibility to grow your faith. Today is a good time as any to start.

FURTHER STUDY: Matthew 8:5-10, Romans 4:11-20, 1 Corinthians 16:13.



DAY 80 100% RESPONSIBILITY 3

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us". -Matthew 9:27. Taking responsibility for outcomes in life is one of the secrets of great men. Some of the greatest failures in life are great at making excuses. If you don't stop making excuses, you won't start making progress. Wondering which areas of your life to take responsibility for? Read on!

How your life turns out: Most people would rather blame everybody around them for their failures than blame the only person responsible; themselves. You are a product of the choices you have made so far. Start making your decisions based on God's word.

What you do: To get great results you must take great steps. The blind men followed Jesus, can you imagine that? How did they do it? Following the person they could not see despite the crowd. They pressed on till they got their miracle. Your excuses are not tangible, drop them and step out in faith. Do something concrete about that vision God has given you.

How you feel: One of the ways to know that you have grown in God is when you begin to live beyond feelings. If you wear a long face that means you have a long way to go. The bible tells us to "rejoice evermore!!" That means you should surround yourself with the atmosphere of thanksgiving and joyfulness at ALL times.

FURTHER STUDY: Proverbs 22:13, II Corinthians 4:8-10, Philippians 3:1, 4:4.



DAY 81 SERVING GOD'S WAY

You must serve only the lord your God. If you do, I will bless you with food and water, and I will keep you healthy. There will be no miscarriages or infertility among your people, and I will give you long, full lives. -Exodus 23:25-26(NLT) Serving God is an awesome opportunity to be blessed. It means I can place a demand on God anytime I want when I serve in his house. It means I don't have to be hungry, sick, barren or die young. Wow!!! All these blessings come when I choose to serve the Lord my God with all my heart, soul, spirit and body, not caring what the next person thinks but only what God thinks. This service does not end in God's house but continues everywhere I find myself because God's word says, 'Whatever work you do, do your best' (Ecclesiastes 9:10a NCV). It also means serving others not because they are better than you but because that's what God expects of you. Jesus said, "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant." That means the key to greatness in life is service.

Starting from today, look for opportunities to serve in your local church and at work. Look for people around you who need help and make sure you do those acts of service like God is right beside you inspecting all you are doing.

FURTHER STUDY: Ecclesiastes 9:10 Mark 10:45, Romans 12:1-2.



DAY 82 LOVING GOD

Those who obey my commandments are the ones who love me -John 14:2(NLT). "I love Jesus." I hear that a lot everywhere I go these days but do we really understand what that implies. It means that I obey everything He says. It also means that I don't have an opinion anymore. All my opinions are based on God's word because His instructions are for obedience, not a subject for consideration. It also goes further to say that if Jesus has said something in His word that concerns me and my situation, irrespective of how long I've believed in what I am doing as being the right thing, I immediately put that aside and begin to do His word. Why? Just because I love him. Obeying God's every instruction shows how much we love Him. If you love Me, obey my commandments (John 14:15). Does that sound like a suggestion? Absolutely not! So, the next time you want to say those words, 'I love Jesus'. Be sure to ask yourself if that is the absolute truth.

FURTHER STUDY: Deuteronomy 10:12-19, Deuteronomy 5:10, John 14:15-23.



DAY 83 YOUR AUTHORITY

"Behold I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and (physical and mental strength and ability) over all the power that the enemy (possesses); and nothing shall in any way harm you". -LUKE 10:19 (AMP)...

The Savior of your soul has given you the power and authority over all the works of the enemy in your life. That means you have the ability to do and be all that you ever want to do or be. No limits. It also means you can accomplish all your dreams because you have not just the physical and mental strength but the ability to do all you set your mind to do. You have the ideas, the creativity and the talent to be successful in ALL your dealings. You have been armed with strength for every battle by God. God has already put the right people in the right places to favor you. He has great opportunities lined up for you. You are wired to win. You have everything you need to live a victorious life here on earth; not an average life or a mediocre life because you have seeds of greatness planted on the inside of you by your Savior. It may not look like it now, but if you'll stay in faith and live by God's word

then it's just a matter of time before your victory becomes evident in every area of your life.

FURTHER STUDY: Isaiah 54:17a, Luke 9:1, Luke 4:36.



DAY 84 KEEP AT IT

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not". -Galatians 6:9

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Many times, in life, when we are about to start a new task, there is usually a form of excitement that comes on us but as time goes by, this seems to wear out gradually based on challenges and distractions, and we gradually settle for what is convenient.

I have come to realize in my walk with God that if you are looking for a convenient day to do God's work, it will never happen. There's not a right time to do what's right, the right time is NOW!!! I have made up my mind that giving up is not an option for me; no matter the adversity certainly one of us must give up but that one is not going to be me, the adversity will be the one to give way.

The Christian walk is not about convenience but commitment. Nothing should decrease your level of commitment. Rather, when people see you, they should notice that you are flying higher and higher in the things of God; the things of the world must not make you lose focus. Your job must never distract you from serving God. Strive to be more in God on a daily basis.

FURTHER STUDY: Luke 18:1, II Corinthians 4:1-16, Hebrews 12:3-5.

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DAY 85 TURN ON THE LIGHT

"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not". -John 1:5. Can you imagine looking for a lost coin in darkness? It is frustrating. Darkness hinders you from seeing things that are precious and valuable. Contrary to the opinion of many, darkness is not the opposite of light but the absence of light. If there is darkness anywhere, it's only there because you have not put on the light. When a believer is struggling, it is not because the economy is bad, or because the devil has become more powerful, it is because the light has not been turned on. A genuine encounter like the one you have just had with Christ Jesus has ignited your light.

You need to know that darkness cannot argue with this light, it just exists immediately. When God appeared on the scene of creation, the first thing He did was to turn on the light. As a child of God, your light must be on constantly at home, in your office, with friends and even on social media. To turn on your light, study and meditate on God's word. The bible says the entrance of the word gives light. Give yourself a target on what to study on daily and as you do so, write down the things God reveals to you and then go on and DO them. That's one of the ways to shine your light. Another way is by waiting (fasting and prayers) on the Lord, "For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness".

FURTHER STUDY: Psalm 18: 28, Psalm 37:9 & 34, Psalm 119:130.



DAY 86 PRAISE WILL DO IT

"I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth..." -Psalm 34: 1 A basic virtue we are fast loosing track of in this generation is thankfulness. A lot of people take God's grace and goodness for granted. When they wake up in the morning, they do not see it as something special. Remember you were not the only one that went to bed the night before; it is God's mercies that preserved you. Sometimes we just wake up in the morning and begin to load up our prayer points to God without even thanking Him. Praise shows we appreciate God's goodness in our lives.

Praise also gets our miracles in our hands sooner than we think. Paul and Silas were imprisoned for preaching and the bible recorded that at mid-night they prayed and sang praises to God and there was a mighty earth quake, and they were set free. Are you going through a difficult circumstance today and you have prayed so much about it and waited so long for it to come. Stop asking, get on your feet and start praising God for it. Praise is the proof that you are confident that God has heard and answered you already.

FURTHER STUDY: Deut. 10:21, I Chronicles 23:30, II Chronicles 20:1-30,Num.14:28.



DAY 87 OUR FAITH, HIS FATHFULNESS

"...and calleth those things which were not as though they were:..." -Romans 4:17 God's desire for every one of his children is to live a victorious life. The level of the gift you enjoy in life is directly related to the level of your faith. The just shall live by faith. Faith is practically believing what God has said about you and acting in accordance to that promise irrespective of your present situation or circumstance. It is being assured of His faithfulness and ability to do what He has said. All things are possible to him that believe.

In other words, God is not intimidated by your dreams. For with God all things are possible. The question here is, do you believe? One of the key ways to show that you believe is by words. By faith, Abraham received Isaac. God had to change his name from Abram to Abraham (father of many nations), calling those things that be not as though they were and it was at that time that Abraham received his promise, Isaac. You too can receive your promise today. Find out what God is saying about that situation. Receive it, confess it, act on it, and become it. PRAISE GOD!

FUTHER STUDY: Hebrews 11:1-17, Romans 4:16



DAY 88 UNDUE INFLUENCE

"For gift blinds the wise and perverts the words of the righteous. -Exodus 23:8 I have seen many people with shattered dreams, and when I get to hear their stories I wonder why they didn't see it coming. Well, let me tell you why? I've discovered that there was a lot of what is called undue influences in their lives. They got tied up with habits and concerns that kept them from facing the real issues. Their career or business or money, spouse, children and desire to acquire material things became the driving force of their lives. A failed life is something most people dread but it becomes inevitable when that life is built on the wrong foundation.

Let God take the centre place of your life. Let him be your first option; the sole reason why you do every other thing, and watch, every need in your life will be met abundantly.

FUTHER STUDY: psalms 11:3, Ephesians 5:3, Corinthians 6:15-20

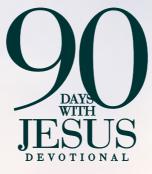


DAY 89 THE GOOD NEWS

"from that time Jesus began to preach and to say, repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." -Mathew 4:17 For the new believer sometimes, it feels like what's all the fuss about preaching the gospel to others? Is being saved not enough? If you don't know the purpose of a thing, abuse is inevitable. Sharing your faith is not a man's idea, it is God's idea. When Jesus who is our example was on earth, he went from place to place preaching the gospel, which is the good news of God's free salvation to all.

Now look at it this way, you would not be saved if someone did not preach to you. Apostle Paul also adopted this lifestyle. He preached everywhere he went, delivering men and women from the hands of the devil and hell. Save your loved ones and friends from eternal destruction in hell. Preach the good news of God's great love to them today

FURTHER STUDY: Mathew 10:7-17, Mathew 11:1, Romans 10:8-5



DAY 90 THE KING MUST BE WORSHIPPED

"Lift up your heads, o ye gates: lift them up ye everlasting doors, that the king of glory may come in". -Psalm 24:7.

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As Christians we are part of a heavenly kingdom, though invisible to the natural eye yet still very real. This kingdom doesn't just exist for the now but for all eternity. We are subjects of that eternal kingdom and the object of our worship is the King, our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. It is His laws that we obey, it is His pleasures that we seek. We are just all mere servants in the kingdom. It becomes rather amusing to find a fellow servant complaining that he doesn't like the way he is being spoken to or that he is too busy to do things for the kingdom or the King!You must realize that we are only alive by the mercies of our King and He alone deserves our worship.

So next time you feel, you are despitefully used and overworked or you feel like grumbling about being persecuted for the King, remember this: THE KING ALONE MUST BEWORSHIPPED... and you are not the king, are you?

FUTHER STUDY: Luke 17:7-10, 2 Corinthians 5:20, Mathew 10:28, 37-39