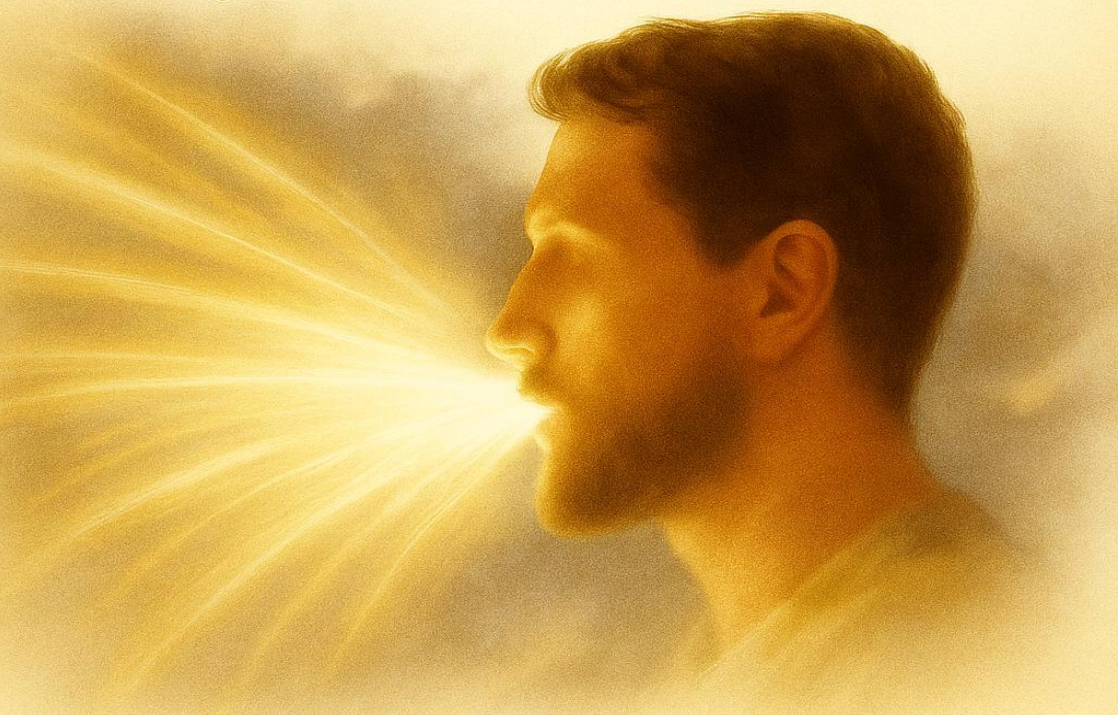


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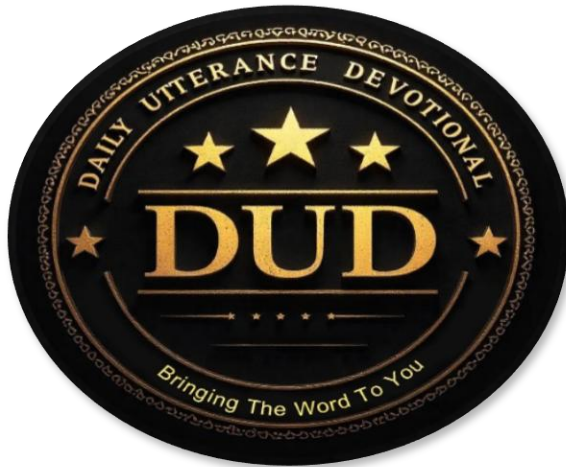
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Introduction

Glory to God, our long-awaited daily devotional is here. The Daily Utterance Devotional (DUD) is a compilation of inspired topics tailored for your spiritual growth. The topics are carefully selected under the auspices of the Holy Spirit. This devotional has a unique dual purpose of serving as a teaching manual for Bible studies/cell meetings for any church and also as a guide for practical Christian living.

Tips on How to Effectively Use the Devotional

- ❖ You can follow our basic format on how to use a devotional for your personal study of the Bible. The template is as follows;
 - ***Opening prayer:*** A personal prayer time to stir up yourself.
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 - ***Observation:*** Here, you write down what you understood.
 - ***Application:*** Here, consider how the text applies to your life.
 - ***Closing prayer and prayer topic:*** Make some declarations and make your final prayer. Write down any related prayer topic.

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- ❖ The topics which are suitable for Bible studies can be studied in a small group whilst the topics which are inspirational can be studied independently.
- ❖ Follow the Bible reading plan throughout the entire year.

THE MONTH OF

JULY



Tuesday

1st July, 2025.

TOTAL SURRENDER: PART 1

The subject of surrender originates from our understanding of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. The word **Lord** simply means **master**. In Lordship, Jesus is the master and we are His servants. He is the commander in Charge of the Army of God (the Church). Thus, in total surrender, Jesus Christ must be Lord **experientially** over your life. Jesus must be at the center of your heart controlling everything. You must understand that there is the surrendering of your life at new birth and the experiential surrendering of your life whilst on the earth. This leads us to the three aspects of man that needs to be totally surrendered to Jesus experientially. They include; the Spirit (which happens at new birth), Soul and Body (which happens in our earthly walk). ***Total surrender is the ultimate key of being a servant of Christ.*** In this study, we will consider three dimensions of total surrender.

1. Surrendering of Your Life Literally: This is where your ambitions, family, education, job, work, marriage, personal goals and dreams are swallowed up by Christ. This is where you can agree with Paul to say...**To live is Christ.** You say for “His Glory I live”. Don't get me wrong here. I am not saying these things are not important but you come to the point where they are relevant

because of Christ and as such He becomes the controlling factor. Consequently, if at any point in your life He makes a demand on any of these things listed above that you have to halt, change or adjust, it won't be a struggle between you and Him.

2. Surrendering of The Things You Have: This refers to every material resource you possess. They must all experientially belong to Christ. These include your money, energy, strength, land, houses, etc. You must lose the affinity to things at the call of the master to give it out.

3. Surrendering of Your Will: This is when you can boldly and experientially say "let thy will be done even if it will go against you". Jesus at the garden of Gethsemane said, "Father thy will be done". In total surrender, ***your will*** must be swallowed up by ***God's will***.

In conclusion, in considering the last verse of Luke 14:28-33, the Bible places an emphasis on ***all*** and brethren ***all means all***. Total surrender requires all of you.

PRAYER: *Father in the name of Jesus, I thank you for your Word today. I pray and yield all that I am and all that I have to you, have the pre-eminence and take charge. I set my life apart for you. Let your will be done in my life in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Genesis 1-3



Wednesday

2nd July, 2025.

TOTAL SURRENDER: PART 2

Total surrender is a state of the heart manifested by how you physically yield to the Lord. As a Christian you must fully yield to the Lord and live the life that God has designed for you to live. You must live according to His plan and let Him be the controlling power in your life. There are some practical keys that can help a Christian to live a totally surrendered life.

1. Total surrender is a decision you must make and daily stand by it.
2. Always cross check your motives and ask yourself this question; is it for the glory of Jesus? Will He be glorified?
3. Make Jesus the controlling power and highest authority behind anything you do. The Lord should entirely be your source. True maturity is absolute dependence on God.
4. Beware of the atmospheres you enter. Not everyone is as yielded or surrendered as you. Hence, choose the people around you well. They should also be people of a surrendered heart.
5. Love God passionately, even to the point where you can die for Him. Let Him become your obsession.
6. You must die daily to the flesh and self. Get to the realm of Galatians 2:20, where it is no longer you living but Christ.

On another note, there are few statements one can make as acid tests for a totally surrendered life (but note that these statements must come out of the Heart). These statements and similar ones like these must be birthed out of passionate and genuine conviction for a life of total surrender. Thus, these statements must not just be mere mouth confessions but your convictions, contemplations and experience.

1. Where God cannot take me, let no man take me.
2. What God cannot give me, let no one give me.
3. If it is God's will, I am ok no matter the price or inconvenience.
4. For your glory Lord, I will do anything.
5. Holy Spirit, you are so dear to me than anyone or anything in my life.
6. Lord, anything that attempts to come in between us let your jealousy fight it, even if you gave it to me.

In conclusion, what God needs is all of you. Totally surrender all to Him. If he is Lord, He must be Lord over all.

PRAYER: *Father in the name of Jesus, we thank you for practically teaching us how to totally surrender to you. We pray that each day may we give ourselves to the practice of a totally surrendered life in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Obadiah, Psalms 82-83



THE FEAR OF GOD

with REV
SAMUEL A. EWOL

Thursday

3rd July, 2025.

THE FEAR OF GOD: PART 1

The fear of God is simply the reverence of God. It is holding Him in high esteem in your life. Some Practical keys on how to reverence the Lord.

1. Total obedience to His word: His word must be the ultimate authority in your life and not what society or friends or even your own mind is saying. In fact, not even what the majority is saying. If what they are saying is not the word of God, discard it. God's word must be the controlling force behind your thoughts, ideas, and way of life. A person who truly fears the Lord obeys his word absolutely.

2. The promptness in obeying His Word: You must be quick in obeying His voice. God should not struggle with you for a long time for you to simply **do** what He is saying. Let us take an example of prompt obedience to the voice of God in Genesis 22:3- **And Abraham rose up early in the morning...** (this was to go and sacrifice Isaac his dear son). You must have the ability to obey even when it doesn't make sense because you fear the Lord.

3. You must honour Him with your time: Give God the best of your time. Also, anyone who truly fears the Lord won't appear at

meetings late. You are never late for His appointments with you. Even on this earth, the President of the any country can't summon you and you turn up late, it will mean you are not serious and do not respect him (since he can't be sitting there waiting for you). Same way you must go and wait for God in every meeting. That is why waiting on the Lord is a fundamental key for walking in his manifest presence.

4. You must honour God with your substance: Honour the Lord with thy substance and with the firstfruits of thine increase (Prov. 3:9). This is another way of showing God reverence/honour. Some people give their tithes and offerings grudgingly with no revelation of reverence to the Lord. Remember that, even on this earth, we don't meet kings empty handed, so why would you want to meet the king of kings that way. King Solomon honoured the Lord so much with his substance that God appeared to him. Honouring God with your substance can extend to include your energy, strength and all other resources that you have. Remember that ***everything around you must reflect honour and reverence to God.***

PRAYER: *Father in the name of Jesus, we thank you for practically teaching us how to reverence you. We pray that we will continue to walk in the spirit of the fear of the Lord each day in Jesus' name.*
Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Genesis 4-7



THE FEAR OF GOD

with REV
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Friday

4th July, 2025.

THE FEAR OF GOD: PART 2

As we studied in the first part, the fear of God is simply showing honour and reverence to God. So let us continue with the practical keys on how to reverence the Lord.

5. When you stand before him, give him all honour: Don't be too playful before Him (don't get me wrong, I didn't say you cannot be jovial) but you must know how to be jovial so as not to communicate dishonour. Also, when we come into His presence in our church meetings, you must be able to succumb to any posture the Lord lays on your heart in worship or prayer. For instance; kneel when prompted by God or the leader to do so, lie down prostrate when God wants you to or when you feel like doing so (don't think about your dress getting dirty: that is a sign of lack of total surrender and reverence to God). Feel free to extend your gratitude and praise. Don't be shy to dance where necessary (Remember Michal and David in 2 Sam 6:14-23).

Cast down your crowns, titles, pride, ego, self-worth, self-love and self-dignity when you stand before Him. (1 Cor 4:7- what hast thou that thou dost not receive?).

6. Reverence through your daily walk on earth: This deals with your day to day walk in all spheres of life. There are some

questions that can help you in your quest to reverence the Lord: Do you talk about Him with reverence? Is He an authority in your life? Do you seek His counsel before you move? How does He influence your day-to-day conversation and activities? Does He have a say in the major decisions of your life?

The Benefits or Evidence of the Fear of God in Your Life

1. The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant (Psalm 25:14).
2. The fear of God restrains you from sin (Gen 9).
3. The Lord honours the words of those who fear him by fulfilling them.
4. The Lord blesses those who fear Him (Ps 115:13).
5. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Ps 111:10).
6. The fear of the Lord prolongs days (Prov 10:27).
7. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death (Prov. 14:27), (Prov 19:23).

In conclusion, the fear of God is absolute reverence to God in all things.

PRAYER: *Father in the name of Jesus, we pray that we will continue to walk in the spirit of the fear of the Lord each day in Jesus' name.*

Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: 2 Kings 1-4

**Saturday****5th July, 2025.****NEW BIRTH: PART 1**

There are two things for every human being. It is either you are born once and die twice or you are born twice and die once (although not all shall sleep in Christ). Thus, the first birth of every human is by a woman and if that is the only birth for such a person, he or she will first die physically and also go through the second death in the lake of fire. On the other hand, if a person is born again in Christ after being born by a woman, he/she will escape the second death in the lake of fire. The first question to ask in this study is; Why Does man need to be born again? To answer this question, let us go back to Genesis where everything begun and consider the scriptural passage in Genesis 3:1-8;

...4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. 8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

This text shows how man got corrupted and hence the need for man to be born again. The devil gave Eve a new judgement or perception outside the Word of God. That new judgment or perception was ***the flesh***. The devil communicated the flesh to Eve and for the first time the woman saw the tree differently: that it was good for food, pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise. Relating this to the New Testament in 1 John 2:16, we can deduce the lust of the flesh – when she saw that the tree was good for food, the lust of the eyes – when the tree was pleasant to the eyes, the pride of life – a tree to be desired to make one wise. The flesh was communicated to Eve and you have to understand that any act, nature or living based on the flesh (any judgment outside the Word of God) is ***Sin***. The flesh entered into their nature as soon as they took of the fruit and suddenly their eyes were opened to themselves and their nature (thus, spirit) was corrupted. This was when Sin entered into the world. And God hath said if they eat, they will die; so death started working in them (some expressions of death include: sickness, poverty, etc). Paul summarized it in Romans 5:12, “Wherefore, as by **one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men**, for that all have sinned.” The corrupted nature passed on from Generation to Generation. We were all in the loins of Adam. Adam got corrupted before he reproduced. This was the problem God had to solve, hence the first coming of our Lord Jesus which led to the new birth of man in Christ.

***CONFESSION:** I thank you Father for my new birth in Christ. I thank you for sending your son to take away the sinful nature. Amen.*



Sunday

6th July, 2025.

NEW BIRTH: PART 2

As we were all in Adam when he sinned (although we were born at different times), the same principle took place with Christ. We were all in Christ when He died and we all rose up with Him. This is called the ***Inclusion Principle***. We died with Him so we were punished with Him for our sins. Paul tells us in Colossians 2:12: ***Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him*** through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

It should be noted however that, ***although we were crucified with him, yet he was crucified for us (substitution principle)***. This is because; although we were in Him, we never suffered any of the punishment directly. He bore it for us. The implication of this for us is summarized in Colossians 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, ***the firstborn*** from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence. The firstborn meaning ***the prototype*** from which other copies are made from. Hence, we are exact copies of Christ. Peter captures it this way ***‘Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of***

incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever' (1 Peter 1:23). If we are now being born by the Word of God, we are literally of the nature of God. What makes God who He is, we are same in Christ.

By the intervention of Christ, the nature of Sin which worked death in us was taken away so every expression of death that was at work in our members can be done away ***experientially***. That is why we can boldly say that the Christian is not supposed to be sick or poor, a Christian does not live by bread alone, etc.

However, we are to grow to the full stature of Christ so that every possibility of the Christ will be manifested in our lives since we have that same right and privilege of having God's life. Thus, as He is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:17). Consequently, our limitation in living exactly as Christ on the earth is our spiritual growth and the old man's mind and body.

PRAYER: *Father we thank you for loving us and making a provision for our salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask that you help us to live a life worthy of the Christ, manifesting all the possibilities of this new life in our world, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: 2 Kings 5-8

**Monday****7th July, 2025.****NEW BIRTH: PART 3**

In our previous study, we understood the importance of the first coming of Christ and how we resurrected with Him. It is worthy to note that, although we all resurrected with Christ that same day but for Christ and the saints of old, they resurrected directly with new bodies because their old bodies were dead. On the other hand, those that were alive at that time like Peter and James resurrected with Christ but inside the old man's body and with the old man's mind. This is same for us because we were not yet born physically into the earth but you must note that we were existing. So, whatever happened with us in Christ truly happened. Thus, we also resurrected that day with Christ.

You must remember that, anyone born by the sperm of a man and the egg of a woman has the nature of sin and needs to be born again. So, we all were born by the sperm of a man and the egg of a woman and as such we were sinners automatically as we entered the world. What we needed to do was to accept and receive Christ who already has paid the price for our salvation over 2,000 years ago. That is why it is more grievous not to accept Christ in this dispensation of grace. However, when you receive Christ and you

are born again, the old man's body and mind still remains since we didn't resurrect with new bodies like Christ and the Patriarchs. Inevitably, our limitation in expressing the full nature of Christ now is our old man's mind and our old man's body. Hence, it is expedient to mortify the old man's mind and that is what most people call the crucifixion of the flesh, death to self, putting off the old man etc.

Also, the old man's body must be dead to the perception and judgement of the flesh from the old man's mind. Moreover, the body can actually be quickened on the earth to assume all the possibilities of the Christ (for instance: a snake bit Paul and he didn't die, John was fried in oil but didn't die, Paul was stoned but didn't die, when they cut off his head, milk came out and not blood according to church history, Phillip translated, etc). Thus, it is possible to live on the earth with such possibilities like how Christ lived when he resurrected. To sum it up, Paul says in 2 Cor 5:4, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. He said we shall all not sleep but we shall all be changed: that is the rapture. However, our final glory will be revealed at the last hour where our rewards will be added unto our glorified bodies after the beamer seat Judgement of Christ.

PRAYER: *Father we thank you for the hope of our glorified bodies and the possibilities available for us in Christ today. Equip us by your Word to lay hold on these truths, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Job 1-5



Tuesday

8th July, 2025.

CRUCIFIXION OF THE FLESH (THE OLD MAN'S MIND)

In our previous study, we understood that the Christian today is limited by the old man's mind and as such he needs to mortify it. The flesh or the mind of the old man is like a tool or software that runs the natural man and lingers in the new creature (a Christian) when he or she does not renew his or her mind. Since our spirit is born again as an exact copy of Christ, it is our mind which needs to be brought under the governance of this new life. So let us go straight into how to mortify the flesh or the mind of the old man.

1. *Renewal of the mind by the Word of God:* Since our mind before our new birth was subject to the old man, its perception or judgement is of the flesh. So, discard or mortify that mind by taking up the mind of the Spirit for the new creation you have become. The Bible says in Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Our transformation is based on the **continuous renewing of the mind after the mind of the Spirit** (Eph. 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind). This renewal must continue till you begin to think fully as Christ

thinks. Thus, all your perception and judgement become the Word of God.

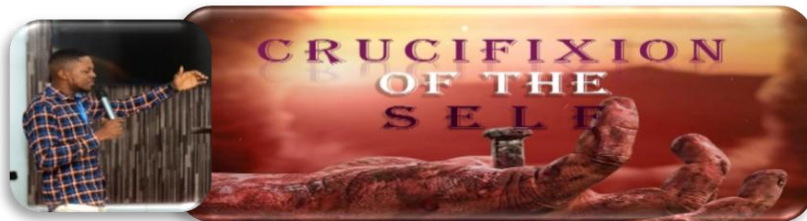
2. Guard your heart against the things of the world (judgment outside the Word of God): These include, the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and the pride of life. This is how the devil tempts us. By this he gives us another perception outside the word of God. So, John advised us not to love the world and the things in the world. Avoid fellowshiping with what the devil says. Conquer it by the Word of God. When Jesus was on the earth, He showed us how to live as a Son of God. Let consider how He conquered Satan when he brought another information outside the word of God. Jesus simply answered by saying **“it is written”!!**

3. Make no room for the flesh: Romans13:14: But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make not provision for the flesh**, to fulfil the lusts thereof. Thus, do not find yourself in situations that will make you vulnerable to act in the flesh.

4. Empowerment of the Holy Spirit: Jude 1:24 (NKJV) Now to Him **who is able to keep you from stumbling**, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy... The Holy Spirit’s ministry in your life is to help you discard every judgment that is not from the Word of God. He is the Spirit of Truth. Let Him help you.

PRAYER: *Father we thank you for your Word that renews our minds and transforms us each day in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: 2 Kings 9-11



Wednesday

9th July, 2025.

CRUCIFIXION OF THE SELF

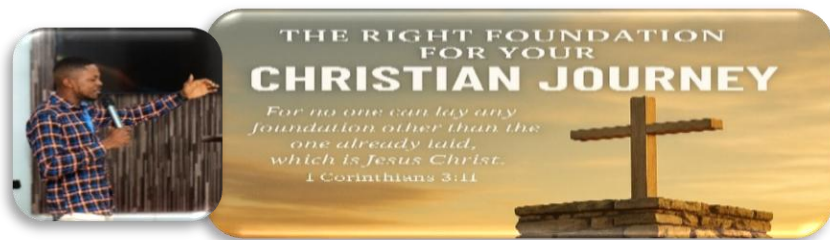
In our previous study we understood how to crucify the mind of the old man, but closely related to this is the crucifixion of the self. It is worthy to note that, another effect of the fruit Adam and Eve ate was that their eyes were opened to themselves. This is where the SELF was also revealed as a perception outside the Word of God. Thus, a perception of **self-independence**. The devil told Adam and Eve that they will be like God, he put a competition between man and God. The creature wished to be independent of its creator but hardly did they know that self-independence was death for God is the source of their life. As they took the fruit, their perception was changed and they began to look to themselves as independent beings (SELF). The manifestation of the self in our lives is very subtle even in our days. They do not normally have a physical manifestation but their effect on our decisions, actions, among others can be discerned. The self leads to spiritual sins like greediness, unforgiveness, bitterness, anger, strife, among others.

As a Christian, the Self is crucified when you completely yield to the Holy Spirit and become fully dependent on Him and not your own self. True maturity in Christ is absolute dependence on God. Also, crucifixion of the self happens when we are broken before the Lord. A broken and a contrite heart is pivotal in crucifying the self. Brokenness before God is completely yielding to God. A point where you cannot say **NO** to God.

In conclusion, the body is a slave to the spirit and the mind, so to crucify the flesh and self from operating in the body, it must be ***quickened by the Holy Ghost to be fully under the control of the spirit (new man)***. Paul tells us how our bodies can be quickened in Romans 8:11, “But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead ***shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit*** that dwelleth in you.”

PRAYER: *Father we thank you for your Word today. I pray and surrender all to you. Lord, help me to fully look up to you and depend on you. I declare that I am not self-dependent but God-dependent in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Job 6-9



Thursday

10th July, 2025.

THE RIGHT FOUNDATION FOR YOUR CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

Understanding the new birth is a starter for your whole Christian journey. It makes you see how things are supposed to be. It helps you to know your identity which is the key to start the engine. For instance, a baby must first know how human beings live before it can fully know how to behave as such. Thus, its mind has to be developed before it can live the normal human life.

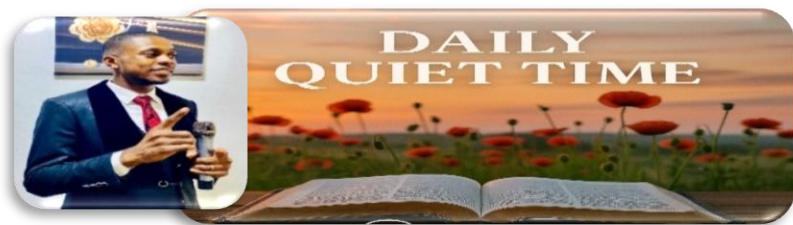
This principle applies to our new birth in Christ. We must know and understand our identity so that we can fully start living by it. After understanding your new birth, what you need next is to totally surrender your life to Jesus for him to be Lord experientially. Don't get confused here, when we accept Christ, we confess him as Our Saviour and Lord. But He must experientially become your Lord in everything you do. Thus, His will must become your will. Remember that in your new birth experience you received the life of God and as such you must fully and experientially allow Jesus to rule your life in everything. Thus, your purpose in life must be determined by Him, your friends, your marriage, how you spend your money, your

thoughts, your words, among others must be under His influence. He must literally become your master. Then through this experience of total surrender, it will inevitably lead you to the fear of God. It is much easier for you to fear him (total reverence to the Lord) when you acknowledge Him as your master. Convincingly, His commands become your delight, His will becomes your will, etc. Also, you will fully honour him in your work, job, conversation, time management, substance, submission, etc. You acknowledge Him as the final authority in your life. This will prepare you to readily subscribe to the crucifixion of the flesh and the self. The flesh is any living or nature or perception or judgement outside the Word of God. You must renew your mind after the Word of God to mortify the flesh. On the other hand, dying to self literally means losing your life and living Christ's life. Thus, you recognize that your life is a derived life. You are no longer independent. You are totally and forever dependent on Christ. Your self-worth becomes what He says you are.

In conclusion, this understanding will guide you in preparing you for a walk with God and maturity in Christ.

PRAYER: *Father we thank you for your Word. I pray that you guide us unto maturity in Christ by the Word and the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Job 10-13



Friday

11th July, 2025.

DAILY QUIET TIME

The expression “quiet time” has traditionally come to mean a time for our personal study of the Bible. In this set aside time, we usually include prayers, worship and /or praises. However, because it is a daily discipline, I use the term daily quiet time to distinguish it from what I call **Actual Quiet Time** (time alone with God in solitude and deep fellowship).

Daily quiet time may not necessarily be done in the morning but it is mostly advisable to start your day with the Word of God. Your daily quiet time is your daily eating of the Word of God and as such it is important for one to be consistent so as not to starve the spirit man. Essentially, your daily quiet time is your daily meditation of the Word of God. In simple terms, this is when you read, study, contemplate and speak out the Word of the God to yourself.

How to Observe Your Daily Quiet Time

Your daily quiet time should not be a haphazard study of scriptures but must be structured and targeted. Thus, for a beginner, you can use a devotional booklet or a structured thematic scriptural manual. Also, based on your personal

timetable, schedule a time for your daily quiet time and set an alarm or a reminder on your phone.

How to Structure Your Daily Quiet Time

There is a simple basic template for doing your daily quiet time.

Opening prayer: A personal prayer time to stir up yourself.

Reference Scripture/Daily Devotional Manual: This is when you read the scripture or devotional guide you are using.

Observation: Here, you write down what you understood.

Application: Here, you consider how the scripture or text applies to your life. Also, this is where you speak the Word of God to yourself (meditate on the Word).

Closing prayer and prayer topic: Make some declarations and make your final prayer. Also, write down any related prayer topic.

Sharing: You must make it a habit to share your daily quiet time with others. So, this is where you write the Name(s) of the Person(s) you shared your daily quiet time with in the course of the day.

In conclusion, it is important that you document your daily quiet time for reference and revision. You should even have times you aside to revise and read your daily quiet time notes.

PRAYER: *Father we thank you for your Word today. Father, I pray for grace to discipline myself to stay consistent each day in reading and meditating on your Word in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: 2 Kings 12-13, 2 Chronicles 24



Saturday

12th July, 2025.

WATER BAPTISM

Water baptism is one of the foundational truths of the Christian faith. It is quite a controversial topic because of the vicissitudes of doctrines in various denominations. However, in this study we will principally consider what the Bible tells us about it. Baptism is from the Greek word *baptizo* which means to submerge. So, in simple terms, water baptism means to submerge in water. The deeper meaning is that, this Christian experience signifies that we died and were buried together with Christ and we rose up together with Him. Water Baptism serves as a witness or testimony that you are no longer of the world. It is worthy to note that the Bible does not directly give any consequence of not being water baptism. In fact, we are not saved by water baptism but by faith in Christ Jesus. However, the Bible encourages us to water baptize and as such not doing it robs you of the benefits it offers to your Christian experience.

Why must we be water baptized

1. The early church practiced it (Acts 2:38, 8:36-38, 19:5).
2. Jesus commanded us to baptize (the great commission: Mt. 28:18-20).

3. We must baptize because of what it signifies: Just as communion is a remembrance of the death of Jesus and what it does for us, the same way water baptism signifies that we died and were buried together with Him and we rose up together with Him. John highlighted that, there are three that bear witness in earth: the blood, water and Spirit (1 John 5:8). Water is ancient and existed before the creation of man (Genesis 1:2). Hence, its authenticity as a witness of the death of Christ is substantive. Remember when they pierced the Lord Jesus on the cross, blood and water came out as witnesses that He had indeed died for our sins.

Where can one get baptized: Any water in which the person can be submerged in it.

Who can baptize: Primarily, any mature Christian can baptize a new convert but usually the five-fold ministry/the leaders of the church handle it since they are often considered to be the mature in the Church.

How to baptize: The candidate is baptized in the name of our Lord Jesus as he/she is submerged in the water (completely and totally covered) and lifted up out of the water.

Eligible candidate for water baptism: Anyone who has accepted Christ Jesus as his saviour and Lord. Hence, I believe babies must not be water baptized but they can be dedicated to God by water sprinkling.

In conclusion, water baptism is a unique Christian experience that reminds us of what Christ accomplished **with us** through the cross.

PRAYER: *Father, we thank you for the opportunity to testify through our water baptism about the death and resurrection of Christ which brought us eternal redemption in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Job 14-16

**Sunday****13th July, 2025.****THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR NEW BIRTH**

There are many things to talk about the Holy Spirit. We can talk about His personality, His work in Believers, His work in the World, His work in Creation, His work in the life of unbelievers, etc. All these are very broad subjects to discuss, but for the purposes of this study we will focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in our new birth.

It is important to note that, without the Holy Spirit a man cannot be born again. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is a part of our new birth experience. Thus, the Holy Spirit comes to indwell a person in that moment he or she accepts Christ. His coming is not a second spiritual experience of the Christian. It is important to establish this truth from scriptures especially from the early days of the Church.

Prior to this, let us do a quick recap from the gospels. When Jesus resurrected, He showed himself to the disciples and they believed in Him (Joh 20:28) and we know that the first requirement for your new birth is to believe with your heart. However, as at this time the Holy Spirit had not yet been officially sent to the

disciples so they were not yet born again. Fast forward, the disciples gathered in the upper room then the Holy Spirit was officially sent in Acts 2.

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Three things happened on the day of Pentecost: Firstly, the Holy Spirit filled the house (this means they were submerged in the Holy Spirit at that point in time). Secondly, they were filled with the Holy Spirit (this is where the Holy Spirit entered them and effected the new birth because they had already believed in Jesus). Thus, the Holy Spirit made them born again and they became one with the Holy Spirit (***1Cor. 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit***). Thirdly, they spoke with new tongues. The evidence of speaking in tongues was very necessary to show that they had become new creatures because Jesus had already said it in *Mark 16:17...they shall speak with new tongues*; This was what happened with the disciples. In our next study will consider after the disciples how the new birth experience happened.

PRAYER: *Father, we thank you for our new birth by the Holy Spirit
and we pray that by Him many souls will be won in Jesus' name.
Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: 2 Kings 14, 2 Chronicles 25

**Monday****14th July, 2025.**

THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR NEW BIRTH. PART 2.

In our previous study, we understood how the disciples were born again and this was the first account of the new birth experience. In today's study we will consider how the Holy Spirit effected the new birth experience after the first account in the upper room with the disciples. It is worthy to note that, the only way to be born again is to believe in Christ Jesus.

So, after the disciples were born again, they begun to preach the gospel and anyone that believed and confessed (or acted in faith) was born again until now (the same pattern). Thus, after the new birth of the disciples, the Holy Spirit is already on the earth for the duty of the new birth of man and as such there is no time lapse between when the person believes and when he or she is born again by the Holy Spirit. You can recall in our previous study that, when the disciples believed, they had to wait till the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was officially sent to the earth. However, since the time the Holy Spirit was officially released to the earth on the day of Pentecost, a person does not need to believe and later receive the Holy Spirit but in that moment when

he or she believes and confesses Jesus, the person is instantly saved. Let me illustrate the process below.

When the gospel is preached to anyone, the Holy Spirit does two things:

1. The Holy Spirit is the one that convicts the unbeliever (sinner) to accept Christ.
2. As soon as the unbeliever (sinner) believes in Jesus, accepts and confesses Him (the confession is the step of faith you take to be saved) as his/her Lord and saviour, and declare that he/she is a child of God and receives the eternal life, at that moment the Holy Ghost makes the person a new creature. Thus, the individual's nature at that moment changes to be a child of God and the Holy Spirit is the life of a child of God.

You must understand that the Holy Spirit is the life of the believer. In fact, He is actually the Zoe (the God Kind of life) in us (John 3:16). Inevitably, without the Holy Spirit, one cannot be born again. What blood is to the body is what the Holy Spirit is to a believer. We are one with the Holy Spirit and He is our life. Hallelujah!!!

PRAYER: *Father, we thank you for our new birth in Christ by the Holy Spirit. We thank you for your life in us. I declare that I carry the life of God in me and my life cannot be ordinary in Jesus' name.*
Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Job 17-20



Tuesday

15th July, 2025.

THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN A BELIEVER

In our previous study, we understood that without the Holy Spirit it is impossible to be born again for He is the life of the Believer. So, we are going to look at some roles of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer.

1. The Holy Spirit helps the believer to engage in active Fellowship with the Father (*John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me*). The Holy Spirit proceeds (issues, discharges, goes forth) from the Father as life. You must understand that, no one has seen the Father and I believe might never see Him for “*in Him we live and move and have our being*” (Acts 17:28). Again, Jesus is the express image of the Father so when you see Jesus you have seen the father (*John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?*).

So, the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father as life. In plain language: the Holy Spirit is what comes out from the Father as

life. Hence, the Holy Spirit is the Father in Spirit and actually the presence of the Father. Let me break it down for you with an illustration: It is like this, as a man, you are a spirit but what is expressed as your character is your soul. So, when I see the expression of your spirit (which is your soul), I can say that is you. Thus, whatever comes out from you as your expression is you. From this illustration, the Holy Spirit is like the Soul of the Father. In other words, the Father expresses Himself as life and that life is the Holy Spirit (The Father Expressed as life). This is how Apostle John puts it in *1 John 5:12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life*. In other words, we can say that he that has the Son (the nature of Christ: that is being born of the Word) has life (the Holy Spirit). Consequently, we are in Fellowship with the Father because we are born by the word and we have His life (Holy Spirit). But you must understand that it is the word that declares the Father (John 1:18). So, what the word defines the Father to be, so is He. We know now that the Holy Spirit is the Father in Spirit. Hence, what the word of God declares the Father to be, the Holy Spirit manifests that way to the believer. The Holy Spirit then is actually the life in the Word. You engage in active fellowship with the Father through the Son (the Word) then the Holy Spirit is the Presence of the Father to you (1 John 1:3).

PRAYER: *Father, we thank you for giving us your life. As I fellowship with the Holy Spirit, the presence of the Father is made real to me. I receive the ministry of the Holy Spirit in my life in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Job 21-23



Wednesday

16th July, 2025.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AS THE CHIEF WORKER

In our previous study, we looked at the role of the Holy Spirit in helping the believer to engage in active fellowship. We are going to continue the study on the roles of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer in today's study. Thus, the Holy Spirit as the Chief worker in the Godhead and as such some crucial executions He carries out in a believer.

1. His work in our personal edification: The Christian is expected to grow and be built up unto the stature and measure of Christ. Physically, we build our body by eating and exercising. Similarly, we build our spirit as Christians by eating the Word of God and exercising ourselves in it. Hence, the Holy Spirit helps us to understand the Word of God which is the substance for our edification (*John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come*). Consequently, without the Holy Spirit we cannot understand the Scriptures and know the truth that will build us.

2. His role in the work of the ministry: This has to do with the work of the Holy Spirit directly in the Church and His work with

Christians in the world to shine as lights and win many to Christ. Every Christian is called to the work of the ministry. Thus, the ministry of reconciliation (saving lost souls and bringing the systems of the world under Christ). The Holy Spirit helps us in this ministry of reconciliation. Without the Holy Spirit, Christians cannot do the work of the ministry. The Holy Spirit is God's ability at work in us in fulfilling every divine assignment. The fivefold ministry is the facilitating ministry of the entire ministry of the Church. Thus, they equip the saints for the work of the ministry. They are also able to do this through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER: *Father, we thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit who helps us in doing works of the Lord and our edification. I declare that I am greatly helped by the chief worker in the Godhead and I cannot fail.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: The Book of Jonah



Thursday

17th July, 2025.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AS THE POWER OF GOD

In today's study we would consider a very crucial role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. Thus, the Holy Spirit as the Power of God. The reference scripture for this study is ***Ephesians 1:18*** ***The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power.***

The Holy Spirit as the power of God, can create and cause changes in any situation of life. As the power of God, He can move from one believer to another to cause changes. Note that, the power of God does not increase or decrease but the knowledge on how to use the power of God that causes the differences in the demonstration of the power of God among believers in situations of life. Let me illustrate this with a practical example: when you consider the electricity coming from the Akosombo dam in Ghana, it is the same electric power distributed in every house but the knowledge on how to use that power differs. For instance; someone can use the electric power for a television whilst another

will use that same power for his light bulb and yet for another, he will use it for a washing machine. So, it is all about the knowledge on how to use the power.

It is worthy to mention here that, the Holy Spirit is the power in the Word of God. Hence, the Holy Spirit is the executioner of all the actions of God on the earth. He is the power house of God. He is with the Christian for the actualization of all the possibilities and realities of Christ in our lives. Hallelujah!!!

PRAYER: *Father, we thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit who is the power house of God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we cause changes in our world. We take charge of situations of life in Jesus' name. We declare that we walk in the power of the Holy Spirit and no power from the pit of hell can stop us in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Job 24-28



Friday

18th July, 2025.

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO OUR MORTAL BODIES

Romans 8:10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

In today's study we would consider a very important role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. Thus, the ministry of the Holy Spirit to our mortal bodies.

The verse 10 of our scriptural text above tells us that the body is dead because of sin (the falling short of the glory of God). That is, the flesh was made alive in the body and this reaped death. For the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). Inevitably, the body of every mankind (natural man) is dead because of sin. This explains why ordinary humans keep falling sick because sickness is one of the incipient of death in human bodies. But glory be unto God for the Holy Spirit in us (Christians). The Holy Spirit produces (gives us) life in our mortal bodies. In our scriptural text, Paul said the

Holy Spirit will quicken our mortal bodies. It is worthy to mention that “to quicken” means to vitalize, make alive, give life, invigorate, energize or strengthen. Thus, all put together, the Holy Spirit preserves the bodies of Christians. He makes our bodies have supernatural abilities. He makes our bodies yield certain possibilities of the new creature like not being able to be sick, no poison harming us, passing through walls, translation, forever young phenomenon (advanced in years but still strong), etc.

We will conclude this study with the emphatic words of Paul in *2 Corinthians 4:10* *Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. 11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, **that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.*** The life of God can be manifested in our mortal bodies. Hallelujah!!!

PRAYER: *Father, we thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Lord, that our bodies are preserved through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. I declare that I have the life of God at work in me and I cannot be sick or weak in Jesus' name. My body is invigorated and vitalized by the life giver in me. I am full of life in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: 2 Kings 15, 2 Chronicles 26



Saturday

19th July, 2025.

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

In one of previous studies on the Holy Spirit, we understood that the Holy Spirit is our life as Christians and thus, without Him, no man can be born again. We understood His role in our active fellowship with the Father, His chief works with us, He being the power of God and His ministry to our mortal bodies. In today's study, we want to look at how to walk in the Spirit. Remember He is our life. Hence, we can also reframe the topic as "How to walk in the Zoe (the God kind of life)".

Prior to this, it is important to state the reason why we should walk in the Spirit with reference to Apostle Paul's teachings in ***Gal 5:16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.***

Additionally, it is worthy to explain what walking in the Spirit means. From the scriptural text above, the Greek word used for walk is "***peripateo***" which means to tread all around but figuratively, it means to live, deport oneself, follow (as a

companion or votary). However, the meaning that fascinates me is ***“to be occupied with”***.

This meaning informs us that, to walk in the Spirit simply means to be occupied with the Spirit. Thus, you are busy with the Spirit. This explains why anyone who is occupied with the Spirit will not even have the luxury of time to gratify the desires of the flesh. He or she is so busy with the Spirit that there is no time to spare on the flesh.

PRAYER: *Father, we thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit. Lord may we walk conscious of this truth we have studied today. I declare that each day I walk in the Spirit. I am occupied with the Spirit and there is no room for the gratification of the flesh in Jesus' name.*

Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Isaiah 1-4



Sunday

20th July, 2025.

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT. PART 2.

In our previous study on Walking in the Spirit, we laid some foundations on why we must walk in the Spirit and what walking in the Spirit means. In today's study, we want to practically consider how to walk in the Spirit everyday as a Christian. The practical keys are explained as follows;

1. Living by Faith: One of the focal ways to walk in the Spirit is to live by faith. The Bible admonishes us in these scriptural references to live by faith. *Hab 2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the **just shall live by his faith.*** *Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.*** Apostle Paul emphatically stated that **“for we walk by faith, not by sight”** (2 Cor 5:7). This statement for me is synonymous to saying **“we walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh”**. However, to walk in faith we must be grounded in the Word and as such Paul highlighted that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Rom 10:17). When you live by faith you will see things as the Word of God defines them to be and not what the flesh or traditions suggest. A man of faith is a man of the Word and a man

of the Word is a man of the Spirit since the Holy Spirit is the life in the Word.

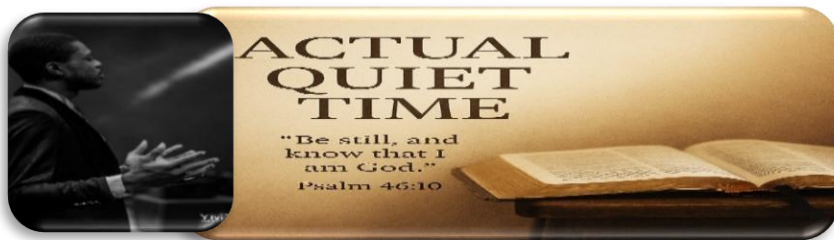
2. By Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit: Essentially, we explained that walking in the Spirit means to be occupied with the Spirit. As you engage with the Spirit, you grow in Christ and you begin to yield the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law). As you continue to bear the fruit of the Spirit, it plunges you into an atmosphere that attracts the manifest presence of God and as such you are perpetually under the influence of the Spirit leading to a walk in the Spirit.

3. By Being Filled with the Spirit: It is easy to walk in the Spirit when you are constantly filled with the Holy Spirit. To be filled with the Spirit in this context means to be under the full control or influence of the Spirit just like how someone behaves when he is drunk with wine (Eph. 5:18).

In conclusion, a Christian is expected to walk in the Spirit every day and we must learn to start practicing it. It is possible to walk in the Spirit in all the 365 days of the year. Glory to God!!!

CONFESSIO: *I have the Spirit of God in me. I am constantly under the influence of the Holy Spirit. I do not walk in the flesh. I am occupied with the Spirit. I live by faith. I bear the fruit of the Spirit and I am constantly being filled by the Spirit. I am intoxicated with the Spirit each day. Hallelujah!!*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Job 29-31



Monday

21st July, 2025.

ACTUAL QUIET TIME

In a previous study, I taught that daily quiet time has been traditionally explained as a time for daily engagement in the word, prayer and praises/worship. However, there is also another set aside time I have captioned ***“Actual Quiet Time”*** which I define as a one-on-one active fellowship with God. This is where you experience God in deep fellowship and He also experiences you. This is not just prayer but ***“Intercourse with God”***. The prerequisite for this fellowship is the stillness of your Spirit. Let us consider the scripture below; Psalm 46:10- ***Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.*** There is a dimension of the knowledge of God that is solely derived through the stillness of our souls and spirits so God reveals himself to us in a special way. This fellowship is a spirit-to-spirit intercourse.

How to engage in this actual quiet time varies based on your personal convenience and your external environment.

For the stillness of your body: Some people will prefer to sit down quietly and bow down their heads. For some, they will lie

down with their chest upwards. The point here is that; get a posture convenient for you to still your physical body.

For the stillness of the physical eyes: It is better to close your eyes or turn off your light so that you are not distracted.

For the stillness of your soul: Some may use songs or worship instrumentals as background. Others prefer complete and absolute silence in the room.

For the stillness of the mind: Keep your mind on the word of God and the Holy Spirit and prevent it from wandering on other thoughts.

So, when everything is set: You can mutter in tongues to stir up your Spirit and remain sensitive to the Holy Spirit to speak to you. Note that; God doesn't speak to you in English but His communication is light. It is the mind that interprets it as words. Hence, the Holy Spirit can speak to you and vice versa. Note that silence is still a form of communication. He can also speak through visions, ideas, inner voice, inner witness, etc. Don't worry if you fall asleep, it is good to sleep in the presence of God so maybe He speaks to you through a dream. However, it is better you don't fall asleep though. Finally, as a step of faith that God will speak to you, get a notebook/diary and a pen close to you.

PRAYER: *Father, we thank you for the opportunity to fellowship with you. I pray that I grow more intimate with you through the practice of actual quiet time in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Job 32-34



Tuesday

22nd July, 2025.

MEDITATION. PART 1.

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

The word meditation is from the Hebrew word “**hagah**” which means

- 1. To ponder or contemplate**
- 2. To mutter or murmur**
- 3. To Roar or Speak**

These meanings demonstrate the progressiveness of meditation and thus it ends in the literal roaring (speaking out) of the Word of God. Also, the scripture teaches us that the Word should not to depart from our mouths but it must be constantly spoken. This is how we shall make our way prosperous. It is important to note that, is not necessarily God that will make your way prosperous but the meditation of the Word of God. Remember that, the words we speak are spirit and life. Our words define us, and the course of our lives.

As you meditate on the Word, you are exposed to the secrets of the Lord which leads you in the way to go for a prosperous and victorious life. Meditation of the Word guides us into ancient paths that have been proven over the years to be consistent with producing results. Meditation of the Word is crucial for our success in life as Christians. Hallelujah!!!

PRAYER: *Father, we thank you for giving us your Word as the manual for our life. I declare that as I meditate on the Word, I shape the course of my life. I move from glory to glory. I walk in perpetual victory in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Isaiah 5-8



Wednesday

23rd July, 2025.

MEDITATION. PART 2: YOU ARE THE POET OF YOUR LIFE

James 1:22-25 (KJV): 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. → (that is His nature, who he actually was) you forget by not being a doer or a poet). 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

The Greek word used here for a “doer” is “*poiotes*” which means;

1. A producer
2. A performer; specifically, a poet.

I like the second interpretation which says a poet. Thus, we must be poets of what we see in the Word (the mirror). We must see who we are (our nature in Christ). The Word of God is like the glass (mirror) that helps us to see who we are. Paul revealed this in *2 Cor 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass*

the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

So, as you behold who you are in the Word (glass), you must continue to affirm who and what the Word says you are and reject who and what you are not. Sometimes we can easily believe what we are not based on what the world thinks about us or what our own mind/background tells us. However, you must constraint your tongue to speak only what you are. Our anchor scripture tells us to be ***“a doer of the work”***. Thus, our work actually is to be ***poets of the Word of God***. You must remember that ***“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof”*** (Proverbs 18:21). The power of the tongue are the words it speaks. Brethren, whether you like it or not you will eat its fruit, so why don’t you speak what God says you are and refrain from arguing the Word of God with your mind and your own calculation. Speak who you are today, you are wonderfully made to exude the glory of God. Hallelujah!!!

CONFESSION: I know who I am. I am born for signs and wonders. I am a child of the king. I am born to win. All things work together for my good. It does not matter my background in life, to be in Christ is to be a new creature. I am born into the family of God. I have a goodly heritage. I know who I am. Hallelujah!!!

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Amos 1-5



Thursday

24th July, 2025.

MEDITATION. PART 3: CONSIDER NOT THE NEGATIVITY

Romans 4:19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

In our anchor scripture above, Abraham did not consider his own body dead and deadness of Sarah's womb. When you begin to speak the Word of God about you, don't consider your current negative situation like the symptoms of the sickness you are feeling, the seemingly poverty or lack or perhaps the sin/weakness you are struggling with, etc. Don't consider these things no matter how real or factual they appear or feel, that is not the **"Real You"**. The **real you** is who God says you are. The current negative circumstance you are facing may linger for a while but trust me if you **continue** in being a poet of the Word of God, your circumstance will change. Always remember that, the physical realm is a slave to the realm of the spirit. As you change

things by your words in the spirit, it will manifest physically just as you said it.

Let us consider another scripture in ***Eph. 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*** The word workmanship is from the Greek word, “**poiema**” which means:

1. A Master piece
2. A Poem

We are God’s poem created for good works which were ordained by God before we came to this earth. We are on a journey of discovery.

Concluding our study on meditation, you must understand that you are ***the poem and the poet***. Constantly speak who you are as revealed to you by the Word. Our words are spirit and life when we confess the Word of God. The word of God is living and active. It accomplishes whatever it is sent to do (Isaiah 55:11). The word of God created all things. In fact, we must create our future by the words we speak (which must be the Word of God).

CONFESSION: I am the poem of God. I am the master piece of God on the earth. I am specially made to diffuse the glory of God in my world. Hallelujah!!!

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Amos 6-9

**Friday****25th July, 2025.**

HOW TO PRACTICALLY MEDITATE ON THE WORD OF GOD

In our previous study, we understood that the word meditation is from the Hebrew word **“hagah”** which means 1. To ponder or contemplate 2. To mutter or murmur 3. To Roar or Speak. Hence, deep meditation of the Word will end in literal roaring (speaking out) of the Word of God. This is quite different from speaking Rhema (the active Word of God) to get things done. Meditation is eating the Word of God to grow your form. Meditation is actually when you get the Word into your spirit. Then, the Holy Spirit broods on it and grants you understanding. Understanding simply is the pattern that knowledge (the Word) follows and if fully practiced, the Holy Spirit moves to perform what that knowledge offers.

So, when the Word enters you by meditation, you will begin to speak rightly about situations of life. You will start speaking faith filled inspired words (**rhema**) to create your world. Let us take a practical example of a person who needs healing. This person can use 1 Peter 2:24 as his or her meditation line (*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to*

sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed). So, as he/she meditates on this scripture by repeating it over and over again, what the person is actually doing is feeding on the Word of God. It is important to sometimes speak in tongues alongside. Through meditation, the word of God enters your spirit and you begin to grow your spiritual form. Remember that, the words (the Word of God) we speak are spirit and life hence they build us up. We grow spiritually by feeding on the Word through meditation. Moreover, as the word of God enters you and grows you, the Holy Spirit brings understanding to you. You are enlightened then you see the pattern of the Word (how the word functions). This will influence how you judge and speak about situations. So, the person that needed healing and was meditating on 1 Peter 2:24 may begin to say: Oh Glory! I am already healed from every sickness (past, present, future). I cannot be sick. Glory to God (***this faith filled words are Rhema- active Word of God that produces immediate results***). These are not just empty confessions but words coming from the depths of the person's being (because the Word of God: ***by whose stripes ye were healed*** has entered into him/her and formed part of his/her being through meditation). This becomes his or her reality. This is actually walking in faith. Glory!!!

CONFESSION: *As I meditate on the Word, I am feeding my spirit with the Word and in situations of life, **rhema** (active word) will pop up from my spirit to confront that situation. I walk by the Word; I live by the Word Hallelujah!!!*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Job 35-37



Saturday

26th July, 2025.

GLORY TO GLORY

Glory simply means appearance or form. Your glory simply is who you are. However, Jesus is the Lord of Glory (*1 Cor 2:8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory*). Christ lives in us with all of His glory. Now, as we behold the glory of the Lord in us through the Word, we are changed into that same image (*2 Cor 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord*). This glory (appearance or form) is built from glory to glory. Thus, everyday a glory is added. We ought to build our form every day. We must not be babes in Christ but we must grow to the full stature of Christ (the full form of Christ- Eph. 4:13).

In the physical, people build their form by eating and exercising. This is what they call workout. So, we are also supposed to work out our spiritual form by eating and exercising. You feed on the Word by meditation (*Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is*

written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success). The quantity of the Word you feed will determine how you soar in this life. We are to continuously meditate on the Word of God. There is nothing like I know this scripture already so I don't need to meditate on it again. You must still continue to eat it. Remember that, even in the physical you have been eating rice since childhood but you have never stopped eating it. So, continue to eat the Word of God each day even if you have meditated on that scripture before. Secondly, to build up your form you must exercise yourself spiritually. You can exercise yourself spiritually by speaking in tongues (the language of your spirit man - 1 Cor 14:2-4). Then as you pray in the Holy Spirit, He grants you understanding (the pattern on how to use the Word). Daily eat and exercise spiritually to grow your form (to exude the glory in you).

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for the riches of your glory in me in Christ Jesus. I pray for the grace to be consistent in my daily spiritual feeding and exercising. I declare that as I feed and exercise myself in the Word, I am being built up into the stature and fullness of Christ. I exude the glory of God in my world in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Job 38-39

**Sunday****27th July, 2025.**

USING THE FORM YOU HAVE BUILT TO WORK

Eph. 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

In our previous study we understood that our form is the glory we exude. Our form is who we are. We must build our form to do the work of the ministry. You cannot give what you do not have. But it is important to know that, the capacity of work you can do is based how much you have built yourself. For this very reason, Jesus gave us the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip us for the work. Let me illustrate this with a physical example. Consider any body builder or weight lifter; they go through rigorous work out to build a form (muscles) necessary for the weight lifting tasks ahead. It is the muscles you have built that determines the weight (work) you can carry. As you build your spiritual form, the spiritual work assigned to you increases. God looks at your capacity before He gives you an assignment (remember the story of the talents in Matthew 25).

Consequently, if we want God to entrust us with more, we must be willing to build enough spiritual muscles for the level or height we are seeking to attain. When you build adequate spiritual form, you are able to do mighty good works which brings glory to the Father (*Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven*). Build more spiritual capacity (accumulate more light for the Word is light) and let your light so shine till you become a brightening star lighting every corner of your world. Hallelujah!!!

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for the opportunity to build my spiritual form by the Word. I pray that I will build enough spiritual capacity for any good work ordained for me in Christ Jesus. I cannot fail. I receive grace to build the required spiritual capacity. I shine as light in this world in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: 2 Chronicles 27, Isaiah 9-12



Monday

28th July, 2025.

ETERNAL REWARDS

2 Corinthians 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

As a Christian, it is important to know that there are eternal rewards for every labour and work done for the Lord. The rewards and crowns we will receive at the judgement seat of Christ are incorruptible (1Cor 9:25- *And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible*). At the end of our journey on earth, whatever work we did we will be rewarded. Remember that, how much you can work is directly proportional to the glory you carry (the form you have built up). Let us consider the different crowns available for Christians.

1. Crown of life: James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Rev 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

2. Crown of Righteousness: 2Ti 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 2Ti 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

3. Crown of Glory: 1Pe 5:2-3: 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

4. Crown of Rejoicing: 1Th 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? Php 4:1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for the opportunity to work and labour for you. I pray that may I not lose conscious of the eternal rewards awaiting the saints. Thank you for the promise of rewards and crowns in Jesus ' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: The Book of Micah



FASTING



Tuesday

29th July, 2025.

FASTING

Fasting is when one decides to totally abstain from or take in little food and/or water. In general, people fast for medicinal reasons whilst others fast for religious reasons. Almost every religion in the world practice fasting. There are about three types of fasting depending on the amount of food or water taken during the period. We have dry fasting (total abstinence from food and water), wet fasting (total abstinence from only food) and partial fasting (abstinence from heavy meals but mostly taking in fruits and vegetables).

In one of our previous studies, we discussed our eating and exercising for building up our spiritual form (glory). In the physical, body builders take protein supplements in addition to the normal food they eat to help them build very well. These supplements are boosters for body building. This is true for our spiritual build up. We must not only eat and exercise but we must get some boosters for building our spiritual form and fasting can be classified as such. Two key scriptures to support this point are; *(Mt 9:15 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the*

bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast. Mt 6:16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward). From these two scriptures, fasting is not an optional Christian exercise but a compulsory and scheduled activity in the life of a Christian. This is because, the master Jesus used the word “**When**” which implies the timing of a future obvious and compulsory activity. As Christians, fasting is part of our lives. Make plans to fast. Schedule fasting periods for your spiritual life. You can do some days in the week or some weeks in the month or some months in the year. By all means you must fast if you want to be a strong Christian.

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your word today. As the psalmist said “teach us to schedule our days”, I pray for the wisdom and discipline to schedule fasting periods for my life. I pray that may my spiritual life be boosted through these fasting that I may be a strong and vibrant Christian in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Job 40-42



Wednesday

30th July, 2025.

WHAT HAPPENS TO A CHRISTIAN DURING A FAST?

Many things happen to a Christian during a fast and it is important to know these benefits of fasting so as to serve as a motivation to engage in these spiritual exercises. Some of these benefits are as follows;

1. The practice of immortality: When you engage in a fast, you give the optimum opportunity for the life of Christ to be expressed in your mortal body. The Holy Spirit is the life of the believer. So, in a fast, as you cut yourselves from what physically sustains the body, you are actually saying that the body should be fully sustained by the life of God in you. The life of God can be expressed in our mortal bodies (2Cor 4:11 *For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh*). As you engage in a fast, you train your body to exude glory (*spiritual form: the body exhibits certain supernatural possibilities*). For instance, not falling sick, no poison harming you. Paul demonstrated this in Acts 19:11 *And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them,*

and the evil spirits went out of them. Thus, the life of God freely flowed through his body. He was a conduit for dispensing the life of God. No wonder he said he fasted often (2 Cor 11:27).

2. Fasting kills unbelief and helps you operate in higher dimensions of power: *Mt 17:20-21 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. 21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.* Thus, in order to demonstrate this kind of power and cast out certain devils like this, faith is very necessary. However, this kind and level of faith is kept vibrant by much prayer and fasting.

3. Fasting helps you to focus: Thus, you are able to focus on God and give Him quality time in certain “*kairos seasons*” (opportune times) of your life. You must be able to maximize these seasons.

4. Fasting helps you medically: Thus, you are able to rest your body, excrete toxics and maintain ideal health conditions.

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your word today. I thank for the benefits reserved in fasting. I pray and take advantage of all these provisions in Jesus’ name. Amen.*



Thursday

31st July, 2025.

PRACTICAL KEYS ON HOW TO FAST

In our previous study, we looked at some benefits of engaging in a fast. It is necessary then to give some practical keys to help you engage in a fruitful fast.

1. You must first make a decision to fast: This will demand that you sit down and schedule when you want to fast.
2. You must decide on the **type** and **duration** of the fast before you start so that you can discipline yourself to meet that target. However, if in the course of the fast the Holy Spirit prompts you to extend it, please do so.
3. Do not carnally eat too much food before a fast like some people say *“I want to fill my stomach before the fast”*. Remember that fasting is denying your body of physical sustenance by food and solely depending on the quickening of the Holy Spirit (the strength of God). So, it is not how much food you eat before the fast that determines how far you can go in the fast but the quickening of the Holy Spirit.
4. Bodily preparation before and after a fast: The principle here is that, the longer the hours/days you spend in the fast, the longer the time you take to return to your normal solid food. You

gradually enter a fast and you gradually leave a fast (eat less when you are about to start a fast and eat very less when you break the fast and gradually move to a solid food).

5. During the fast, make sure you pray and read the Word of God (*Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God*). So, to say you are fasting and not pray or fellowship with the Word is simply hunger strike.

6. Few things to avoid during a fast: unnecessary roaming about, too much social media, movies, entertainment, games, talking, arguments, heavy labor work, etc. Remember that a fast is a period set aside for God.

In conclusion, these practical keys are designed to help you engage in an effective fast. Apply this wisdom to any fasting program you do to achieve the maximum results.

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your word today. I thank you for the wisdom that has been poured out to me. I pray for the humility and discipline to apply this wisdom to my fasting schedules. I declare that my fasts are fruitful and effective. I obtain desired results in each fast in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Genesis 16-18



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Friday

1st August, 2025.

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT FASTING

In our previous study, we looked at some benefits and practical keys on how to engage in a fast. However, some Christians do not often engage in a fast because of some fears and misconceptions about fasting. Some of these arguments are refuted in today's study.

1. Fasting is for only Pastors: There is no biblical reference to this claim. When Jesus taught on fasting, it was clear that it was meant for all His followers. Fasting is meant for every Christian.

2. Some people say that they cannot stand hunger: This excuse is unacceptable because the truth is that you are going to be hungry that is why it is called a fast. The purpose of fasting is to deny yourself of food even though you are hungry so you can focus your mind and body on the spiritual. So, hunger should not be the reason why you should not fast. It is part of the fasting journey.

3. The fear of stomach problems: Jesus did 40 days and 40 nights and did not record any stomach complication. Paul said in *2 Cor 11:27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in **fastings often**, in cold and nakedness.* Paul

did not suffer from any stomach problem. The fear of stomach problems is what makes people get them when they do fast and not the fasting itself. Job said ***“For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me”*** (Job 3:25). Do not be afraid. Do not let fear limit you. Remember that ***“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind”*** (2Ti 1:7). So, believe that fasting will make the body stronger and healthier. It is even medically proven. Overcome any fear and schedule a time to fast.

4. Some people say that they do not have the grace to fast. The grace of God is supplied during the fast so do not say that you need a special grace for the fasting before you can start. When you start grace will be supplied. As you discipline your body and train it after the Spirit, you are supernaturally empowered to continue in the fast. Stop giving excuses and add fasting to your Christian journey.

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your word today. I thank you for renewing my mind on some misconceptions about fasting. I pray that through this renewal, may I be empowered to engage in more fastings in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Genesis 19-21



Saturday

2nd August, 2025.

PRAYER

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

Prayer is the place for the orchestration of events, happenings and situations of life. Tremendous power is made available through prayer. One thing we must understand is that the physical realm is a manifestation realm and as such real changes happen in the spiritual realm. Let me illustrate this with an example: If you stand before a mirror and you see dirt on your face, do you clean the dirt from the image in the mirror or you clean the dirt on your face. We all know the obvious answer. This is true with the spiritual realm and the physical realm. Any change you want to make must first be done in the spiritual realm before the physical realm. The physical realm only reveals what happens in the spiritual realm.

On another note, when you pray you use a work (the form you have built). So, you pray from the truths that have formed part of you (out of these truths will you chart the course of your life).

That is why it is very crucial to consider these two points when you are praying and they are:

1. **Why you are praying** (is it to consume it on your lust-that is praying amiss: James 4:3): Many people pray with wrong reasons but it is important that you have the right motivation for prayer. Thus, for the cause of Christ and the revealing of His kingdom.
2. **What you are saying:** Remember that, in prayer you are creating a happening so it ought to be according to God's will. Thus, God's pattern should be followed. You must pray according to His Word.

In conclusion, prayer is very important for the Christian and as such one should schedule times of prayer.

CONFESSIO: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank for the benefits and privilege to pray. I take advantage of the power available through prayer to effect desired changes in my life and my world in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Genesis 22-24



Sunday

3rd August, 2025.

PRAYING IN THE UNDERSTANDING

1 Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

There are different types of prayer as spelt out by the scriptures but for the purposes of today's study we will consider ***Praying in the Understanding***. Praying in the understanding is simply when you have a focal point for the prayer. In other words, when you have a prayer topic. In this type of prayer, you know what you are praying for and you are conscious of the prayer target. So, it does not really matter the language you use in this prayer, but the important thing is that you are aware and conscious of what you are praying about.

Let us take an example: in Acts 12, Peter was put in Prison but prayers were made for him. That is, they lifted up a prayer topic for Peter to be delivered. What was the understanding they were praying in? They knew of the delivering power of God so they prayed that Peter should be delivered and an angel was sent to do that work. Angels are ministering spirits sent forth to minister for

us. It is like they are waiters standing to receive the orders of the saints (based on the Word of God).

In conclusion, it is important to be specific and direct about what you are praying about, what you want to achieve and the end of this type of prayer. However, it should be according to the will of God and as such it is usually an effective practice to use the Word of God as the prayer topic in this type of prayer.

CONFESSIO: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. As I use your Word to pray in my understanding, I inevitably pray in line with your will and there is an assurance of answered prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Genesis 25-26



Monday

4th August, 2025.

PRAYING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

One crucial type of prayer for the saints is praying in the Holy Spirit. In this type of prayer, the Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf by using our members (our bodies). From our anchor scripture above, the groanings which cannot be uttered simply means that, what is being prayed about is not coming from us. Thus, we do not know the prayer topic. However, the sounds that will come out of us are effects of the groanings of the Holy Spirit in us.

Praying in the Holy Spirit gives room for the Holy Spirit to do His work in you and with you. One cannot imagine the great work He will do. For instance; the intercession by the Holy Spirit may be focused on delivering someone from an unpleasant situation (like an accident) at a particular moment. The Spirit of God who knows all things will intercept that situation because a Christian

has given Him the opportunity to do so through Praying in the Holy Spirit. Remember that, usually for God to interfere in the affairs of men, He must be invited by men.

Again, praying in the Holy Spirit brings an understanding of the Word to you. Understanding simply means the patterns of how a particular Word function. The Word must be revealed to us by the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of Truth) in order to benefit us. As we pray in the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth brings the understanding and we gain enlightenment on how to use the Word to effect changes in our lives. Hallelujah!!!

CONFESSION: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you for our oneness with the Spirit of God who is our life. I declare that as I schedule times to give the Holy Spirit an opportunity to use my members in prayer, all things are working together for my good according to the will of God in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Genesis 27-29



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Tuesday**5th August, 2025.****PRAYER SCHEDULE**

Luke 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

In our scriptural text above, the master Jesus used the conjunction **when** to depict a scheduled event. Thus, every Christian is supposed to have a prayer time. It is a compulsory scheduled time with God. It is very important for you to have such consecrated times with God.

The Psalmist knew the value of time so he prayed to God in *Psalms 90:12* ***“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom”***. The word **“number”** in this text is from the Hebrew word **“manah”** which means to allot or schedule. The Psalmist then is praying unto God to help him allot his days (time) rightly that he may grow in wisdom on the things he has to do to achieve his goals. This principle applies to your prayer life. I believe every Christian should have a goal for his/her prayer life and as such it is important to schedule a time every day to meet this goal.

Moreover, prayer is a time of fellowship with God and I would advise that it is better to have a daily and consistent prayer schedule than a one long standing period once a week or a month. It is good to pray every day rather than just pray once in a while. In conclusion, sit down and schedule times of prayer that will not be interfered with anything in your life. You can start with about just 15minutes daily and grow your way through to hours.

CONFESSION: Father, I thank you for your Word today. I pray for the wisdom and discipline to schedule prayer times daily for a perpetual fellowship with you in Jesus' name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Genesis 30-31



Wednesday

6th August, 2025.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. Assurance is a declaration tending to inspire full confidence. An assurance makes one firm in a particular belief system. Thus, you become unbending and unwavering. Paul said in ***Gal 1:8-9 (NKJV): But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.*** This is to say, let him be banned or excommunicated. One may say this is harsh but you must understand that Paul was trying to let them know how certain foundational truths should not be twisted no matter who is delivering that message. Paul emphasized on the fact that the gospel of salvation is foundational and that there is no other gospel of salvation except what Christ did for us. The pattern should not be changed. Faith in ***Christ alone*** is the only way to be saved. It is expected that our faith stands on a solid ground that is immovable and unshakable.

The only way to stand on a solid ground is to stand solely on the Word of God. Thus, what has already being revealed to us by the Word of God is the basis of our assurance of salvation. In our theme verse, Apostle Peter emphasized on our new birth by the Word of God which lives and abides forever. Therefore, it is eternally safe and secure to put our confidence in the Word of God. So, as the Word of God reveals to us that faith in Christ alone guarantees our salvation, we are eternally safe to rely on this Word as our assurance of salvation. Glory to God!!!

PRAYER: Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you that the life I have received is incorruptible. I declare that, the Word of God is my assurance of my salvation and I can eternally rely on it in Jesus' name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Genesis 32-34



Thursday

7th August, 2025.

APOSTASY

Heb. 6:4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

The subject of apostasy has to deal with a person departing from the faith. Thus, when a Christian renounces Christ and denies the faith. However, it is important to note that, from God's perspective, once you are saved you are forever saved if you continue in faith (faith in Christ alone). Hence, losing your salvation is only possible from man's perspective because God has given our will to us and as such if you decide to throw away your new birth God will not stop you.

I believe however that the issue of apostasy technically is not for baby Christians but for mature Christians (people who know what they are doing and do it willingly by engaging whatever knowledge it takes to do that). Look at what Paul said in our anchor scripture. Paul referred to those who have tasted of the

powers to come (these are not babes but mature ones). But the intriguing question here is that, at a certain level of maturity, what will you deny Christ for? Paul asked, what shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Surprisingly though, some people do fall into apostasy (depart from the faith) - ***1Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons (NKJV).*** But a person may be delivered from this predicament of apostasy, if he/she is called home before he/she falls into apostasy.

In conclusion, remain in the Lord and you shall remain saved forever. Once saved, forever saved as we remain in Christ. Hallelujah!!

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I declare that I shall remain in Christ and not depart from the faith no matter what in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Genesis 35-37

**Friday****8th August, 2025.**

THE PATTERN FOR OUR SALVATION

Our God is a God of patterns. There are patterns He has given in the Word for several things we want to do in this life. The Word is our manual for life. It is the book that reveals God's patterns to His children and as such in today's study we will consider some scriptures that reveal to us the pattern of salvation. This will principally give you an assurance of your salvation. It is important that we are so sure of our new birth and eternal destiny. The scriptural texts to be considered are as follows;

1. **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (NKJV).
2. **Ephesians 2:5** even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved

through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. (NKJV)

3. **Romans 10:9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (NKJV)
4. **1 John 5:11** And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God (NKJV).

In conclusion, these scriptures reveal to us the pattern of our salvation (faith in Christ Jesus). As you prayerfully meditate on these scriptures let the assurance of your salvation rest on God's Word.

CONFESSION: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I declare that by my faith in Christ Jesus, I am eternally saved in Jesus' name.
Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Genesis 38-40



Saturday

9th August, 2025.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS OF SINS. PART 1: The Concept of Sin

Assurance is a declaration tending to inspire full confidence and as such an assurance makes one firm in a particular belief system. To do justice to this topic, it is important to first consider the concept of sin. Basically, sin is in two aspects. Thus, ***the nature of sin*** and ***the deeds of sin***. The nature of sin is primarily the identity or corruption that dented the entire human race due to the fall of Adam in Genesis 3. Paul highlighted in Romans 3:23 ***“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”***. Thus, all have missed the mark (fallen below the standard which God designed man to be). This happened to all humans by the transgression of Adam (***Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned***). The effect of the nature of sin brought death. The whole human race got corrupted and we all got a different identity (thus, man was identified with sin).

On the other hand, the deeds of sin are what natural men do because of the nature (identity) of sin. Thus, natural men are slaves to sin (the nature of sin). However, Christians are not

supposed to engage in the deeds of sin but if they do so, it is because of the presence of the flesh (the mind of the old man) which the Bible tells us to renew our minds. Consequently, the Christian is not supposed to sin as he/she matures in Christ.

In conclusion, the fall of man brought the nature of sin and it is only the creator that could change that nature so God had to recreate us in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17). So as new creatures (without the nature of sin), the deeds of sin can be avoided as we grow in Christ. It is not compulsory for a Christian to sin because the nature of sin has been taken away. Glory be to God!!!

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you for the enlightenment I have received in your Word today. I declare your Word concerning my life that, I do not have the nature of sin and as such I have the power to overcome the deeds of sin in Jesus' name.*
Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Genesis 41-42

**Sunday****10th August, 2025.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS OF SINS. PART 2: Jesus Took Away the Nature of Sin

In our previous study, we understood the concept of sin. In today's study, we will consider how God took away our sinful nature by the sacrifice of Jesus. This study will anchor on two important scriptural texts.

1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. 5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. 6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

It is clear from these scriptures that, by the death of Christ, sin was taken away. We have been born again by the incorruptible

seed (the Word of God). This means a Christian cannot fall short of the glory of God. He cannot get corrupted by the nature of sin again. Hallelujah!!!

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. Father, I thank you for taking away our sinful nature by the sacrifice of Jesus. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for giving yourself as a ransom. I declare that by your death and resurrection, I walk in the newness of life void of the nature of sin in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Genesis 43-45

**Monday****11th August, 2025.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS OF SINS. PART 3: The Word

Our assurance in life should purely be based on the Word of God but not on our feelings. It is not our begging that makes God forgive us but God has forgiven us because of Christ. Our sins have been paid by Christ so we are now justified (not guilty) by faith. There are a lot of verses in the Bible that gives us assurance of forgiveness of sins. We are going to consider some of them.

1. Eph. 1:7 *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.* It is not according to your begging but it is according to the riches of his grace.

2. Col 1:14 *In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.* Glory!! We have already been forgiven.

3. Col 2:13 *And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses.* All our sins have been forgiven.

4. Hebrews 10:10 *By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.* Jesus paid for our sins once and for all. You must receive the forgiveness of

sins and live unto righteousness. Do not let the devil accuse. Jesus paid the price for you. We are eternally forgiven once and for all.

In conclusion, your assurance of the forgiveness of sins should be based on the integrity of God's Word. Believe God's word and live victoriously over sin, for sin shall not have dominion over you. Hallelujah!!!

CONFESSION: Father, I thank you for your Word today. I believe in your Word concerning the assurance of the forgiveness of my sins.

Henceforth, I live victoriously over sin, for sin shall not have dominion over me in Jesus' name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Genesis 46-47



Tuesday

12th August, 2025.

ETERNALLY FORGIVEN

Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. 13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

The Bible thoroughly deals with the issue of sin and as such our assurance of forgiveness of sins should purely be based on the Word of God. The blood of Jesus has eternally redeemed us.

In the Jewish tradition, it was the age of the sacrificial lamb that determined how long one could be forgiven. So, the one-year-old calf could cover the sins of the people of Israel for one year and as such the atonement of sins had to be done every year. But now, God's own sacrificial lamb (the Lord Jesus), the self-sufficient eternal God gave himself for our sins and as He is ageless, our sins are also forever wiped out. Again, two important texts allude to this same point. *Heb 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. Heb 10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*

In conclusion, you must accept that Jesus did a thorough work to deliver us from our sins. We are eternally forgiven and it is worthy to mention here that, there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your word today. I thank you for the sacrifice of your Son Jesus for my sins. I receive my forgiveness in Christ Jesus and I declare that I am eternally forgiven in Jesus' name.
Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Genesis 48-50



Wednesday

13th August, 2025.

A CHRISTIAN IS NOT SUPPOSED TO SIN

1 John 3:6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

The Christian is not supposed to sin because Christ has taken away the nature of sin and as such a Christian has the power to say no to sin. He is no longer a slave to sin but a slave to righteousness. We are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. However, because of immaturity in Christ, some Christians sometimes do commit deeds of sin and it is important to know what to do when this happens to you so you gain dominion and victory over that deed of sin.

One thing you must understand is that, when a believer sins, he/she grieves the Holy Spirit (*Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of*

redemption). The Holy Spirit is our life and our lover. So, when you walk in the flesh (deeds of sin) you grieve your lover and as such it is expedient to express godly sorrow and remorse. The fact that we are already forgiven does not mean you should just overlook when you stumble. It is important you admit you did not do well and you are sorry for that. But never permit guilt and condemnation to take over. God has already forgiven us because of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Our past, present and future sins are all forgiven. Do not let the devil or your mind condemn you but as Paul says in **2 Cor 7:10** *For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.* Repentance simply is to renew your mind by the Word of God so that you do not go back to those sins. Let me say this, it is actually possible for a Christian to live without sinning. That is why Paul said in **Eph 4:13**, *“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.”* A Christian is not supposed to sin and you can live above sin. Hallelujah!!!

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you for the victory over sin. I declare that as I mature in Christ, I manifest the righteousness of God and I do not commit deeds of sin in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Exodus 1-3

**Thursday****14th August, 2025.****DIVINE GUIDANCE. Part One: The Path**

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Guidance is a key thing in our Christian walk. In fact, the safest place to be is where God leads you to. Guidance brings three things to mind: a path, the one being guided (the Christian) and the guide (God).

The Path: There is a path for every Christian to walk on to fulfil his or her divine assignment. Your path is the process for reaching your final destiny and as such it is revealed from one stage to another. A believer can never outgrow the need for divine guidance. At every point in life there is a decision to be made and not all decisions have the same implications. For instance: the decision to choose a dress for a Sunday service is not so important as who to marry. The implications of any decision in your life determines how you must be careful in that decision making. We need divine guidance to triumph in life. Divine guidance is part of the true riches in the kingdom, because wherever God leads His children, there is an assurance of the flow of milk and honey (remember the journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land).

Also, you get to know God in the journey of life when you allow Him to guide you. Thus, a good relationship is built. God's plan is not just about getting us to the Promised Land, but He is also interested in the fellowship we enjoy with Him as He leads us to the Promised Land.

In conclusion, there is a path designed for your life. Receive guidance from the Lord to walk in it.

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I pray that I will discover the path of my destiny in Christ. I declare that through divine guidance I always walk on the path to my green pastures. I am guaranteed of a glorious path in Christ Jesus. Thank you, Lord, for leading me in the way I should go in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Exodus 4-6

**Friday****15th August, 2025.****DIVINE GUIDANCE. PART 2: The Christian**

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

The Christian who wishes to be divinely guided must be submissive to God. Your obedience to the initial instruction from God determines when the next instruction comes. The people of Israel journeyed in the wilderness whenever God wanted them to do so. God was the one leading them (*Exodus 13:21 And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night*). Thus, they were guided each step on the way and the people of God had to be submissive to follow God's leadings. Any act of disobedience was to their own peril.

In our anchor scripture, Jesus reveals that His sheep hears His voice. It is your responsibility as a Christian to fine tune your spirit to hear the Lord's voice. Your ability to hear His voice is the key for divine guidance. Every Christian has the inherent potential to hear the voice of the Lord. However, take note of the words of the master that it is the sheep that will be able to hear His voice and not the lambs. This suggests that the lambs (baby

Christians) may not be able to clearly hear His voice although they have the potential inherent in them. Therefore, spiritual maturity is important if we want to be divinely guided. When you mature in Christ you will easily hear His voice.

In conclusion, divine guidance is important for every Christian and the softer and malleable you are to the directions and leadings of God is a proof of your submission to God. Also, the quicker you are in obeying His voice is proof of your strong trust in the faithfulness of God and how you totally surrender to Him.

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I pray that you help me to remain submissive to your voice and directives. I make a solid decision to take responsibility for my spiritual maturity which will inevitably help me to hear your voice better and clearer. Grant me more grace to yield to the trainings and disciplines necessary for my growth in Christ in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: 2 Chronicles 28, 2 Kings 16-17



Saturday

16th August, 2025.

DIVINE GUIDANCE. PART 3: The Guide

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Since we are talking about divine guidance, the guide here is God (specifically, the Holy Spirit). Guidance is one of the main duties of the Holy Spirit in our lives. In the book of Psalms, God made a promise of continual guidance to His children (***Psalms 32:8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye***). The promise in this scripture is so personal and whatever God says He will do; we must trust Him that He will do it. Actually, He has fulfilled this promise by sending the Holy Spirit to dwell in us forever and He is our ever-present guide.

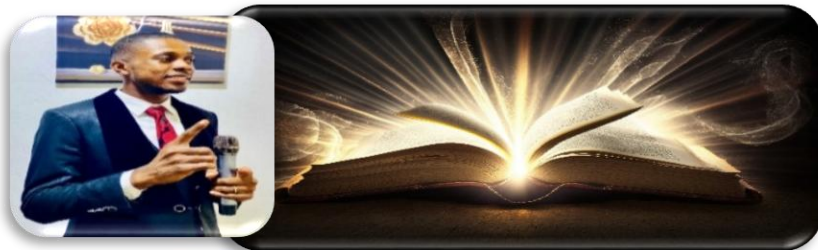
Again, Solomon gives us some insight on divine guidance in ***Proverb 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths***. To acknowledge Him means to admit the knowledge of Him or recognize Him. Many Christians do not walk conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit to guide them

and that is why they are not divinely guided. You must acknowledge Him in all your ways and He will also do His part to guide you.

In conclusion, there is a path that leads to life and as a Christian you must remain submissive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead you in each step of the way into your glorious destiny in Christ. Hallelujah!!!

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I totally yield myself to the Holy Spirit to take absolute control over my decisions in life. I pray that I will remain humble under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and not go ahead of Him in life in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Isaiah 13-17



Sunday

17th August, 2025.

DIVINE GUIDANCE THROUGH THE WORD

Proverb 1:23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

God's word carries His direction and guidance and it is the Holy Spirit that reveals the Word of God to us (***John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come***). Thus, without the Holy Spirit, the Word of God will not profit you. The Bible will become an ordinary book. But when you read the Bible under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit, you will be divinely directed and guided in the journey of life.

Again, it is important for a Christian to put high premium on divine guidance so he or she does not make mistakes in the path of life. God has assured us of His guidance (***Isaiah 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left***). This scripture is so wonderful. Be rest assured that we cannot miss our path if we will only acknowledge and rely on

God for His guidance through the Word. Remember what Jesus said in John 10:27 ***“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me”***. If we are the sheep of Christ, it is our sole right to hear His voice because His sheep hears His voice. Hearing from God in the New Testament is not the reserve of prophets but it is the legal right of every child of God.

In conclusion, let God guide you through His Word each day and you will continue to live a life of flawless victories.

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I declare that your Word is the light for my path in this perverse and dark world. I declare that I do not stumble and fall because the Word of God guides me and instructs me in the way I should go in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Isaiah 18-22



Monday

18th August, 2025.

HEARING FROM GOD: Part One

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

It is in the nature of every child of God to hear God's voice. It is not a reserved privilege for some selected few in the body of Christ. We are all the children of God so we all have the potential to hear the voice of our Father. In this series on "**Hearing from God**", we are going to consider about ten (10) basic ways through which we can hear from God.

1. Hearing from God through the Word of God: John 16:13
Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. The truth is the Word of God. The Holy Spirit is the one who brings illumination to us. The Word of God is the voice of God to us. The Bible contains the Word of God. The Word of God reveals God's will to us. This I say then, "*if you don't know what has already been said why do you want to find out what is being said now*". You must know what God has already said to help you

discern what He is saying now because He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

2. Hearing from God through Promptings and Inspirations:
Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. God sometimes speak to us through our desires and inspired ideas. It pays to trust God to stir your heart for something He wants you to do. The Spirit of God is actively working in us both to will (desire) and do of God's good pleasure. The right stirrings and promptings from the Holy Spirit can help you to know what God is saying. There are things that only the Spirit of God can stir you to do. These promptings and inspirations are usually consistent with the Word of God.

Train your spirit through these two ways to fully discern the voice of God.

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you for the opportunity to hear from you through your Word and the active promptings and inspirations of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. I declare that, as I continue to use these basic ways of hearing from you, may I become sharper in discerning your voice in Jesus' name.*
Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Isaiah 23-27



Tuesday

19th August, 2025.

HEARING FROM GOD: Part Two

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

3. Hearing from God through the Inner witness: Romans 8:16
The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. To bear witness means to attest to a fact. To attest also means to affirm or certify or apply a signature. So, sometimes we know what God is saying by this principle. There is that attestation in our spirit to do the bidding of the Lord. Thus, the Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit about the very purposes of God. There is an affirmation in our spirit about God's will and what He wants us to do.

4. Hearing from God through your Intuition: 1 John 2:20
But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 1 John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.
 This kind of knowing is an inward knowing. It is like you know that you know that this is what God is saying or leading you to do. Sometimes it may be difficult to explain to another person but you just get to know what to do inwardly. This intuitive knowing

is not something you premeditate on but it is a knowledge that is given by the Holy Spirit. Thus, the Holy Spirit just inspires you with a piece of knowledge in your spirit and as such you get to know what God wants you to do. This is an education of the Spirit and that is why it is important to pray in the Holy Spirit often so that He does this work in you.

Train your spirit with these two ways to fully discern the voice of God.

PRAYER: PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you for the opportunity to hear from you through the inner witness and the intuition. I declare that, as I continue to use these basic ways of hearing from you, may I become sharper in discerning your voice in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: 2 Kings 18; 2 Chronicles 29-31;
Psalm 48



Wednesday

20th August, 2025.**HEARING FROM GOD: Part Three**

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

5. Hearing from God through the audible voice: *Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? Exodus 33:11 And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.* This is where you hear the voice of God audibly as though someone is speaking to you. However, that voice of God will be in a language you can understand.

6. Hearing from God through the still small voice: *1Kings 19:12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.* This is where you hear the still small voice. It is like as though someone is whispering to you but that voice seems to be persistent for a while inspiring you to do the will of God. This is what sometime some Christians say “*something told me....*” That something is the still small voice of God. The gentle Spirit of God can speak to you this

way and it is your responsibility to discern His voice. Every way through which we can hear from God becomes sharper and clearer the more we use it.

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you for the opportunity to hear from you through the audible voice and the still small voice of God. I declare that, as I continue to use these basic ways of hearing from you, may I become sharper in discerning your voice in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Hosea 1-7



Thursday

21st August, 2025.

HEARING FROM GOD: Part Four

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

7. Hearing from God through Personal Revelations

- i. **Dreams and Visions:** Dreams deal with seeing things in the spirit realm whilst you are asleep (Remember the dreams of Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar). These were serious dreams about what God was about to do. On the other hand, visions deal with seeing things in the Spirit realm whilst you are conscious.
- ii. **Trance:** This involves seeing in the spirit realm when you are torn between the conscious and unconscious realm (half asleep and half awake). *Acts 10:10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, 11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:*
- iii. **Open Vision:** This is where the realm of the spirit is expressed in the physical realm. It is like you see it happen before you physically. *Acts 9:3 And as he journeyed, he*

came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: 4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

8. Hearing from God through the body of Christ: This is where the use of spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12) plays a major role in our lives. *1Co 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal* (they are given for the benefit of all). For instance, a brother or sister can by the use of the word of wisdom give you serious divine direction about something and it will work. Again, the manifestation of the simple gift of prophecy is significant when God communicates to us by His body. The simple gift of prophecy is when a believer suddenly comes under the influence of the Spirit to give a message to the church.

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you for the opportunity to hear from you through personal revelations and the body of Christ. As I continue to use these basic ways of hearing from you, may I become sharper in discerning your voice in Jesus' name.*
Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Hosea 8-14



Friday

22nd August, 2025.

HEARING FROM GOD: Part Five

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

9. Hearing from God through our Spiritual authorities: 1Cor 4:15 *For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus, I have begotten you through the gospel.* Paul gave Timothy over one hundred charges in the two letters he wrote to Him. This is like God speaking to Timothy. All the charges he gave him were to make him a success.

10. Hearing from God through the Ministry Gifts (the fivefold offices): The ministry gifts (the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and the teachers) are given grace to edify the body of Christ to fulfil the will of God and so they are necessary conduits through which God speaks to His children. The most crucial ministry gift when it comes to the issue of hearing from God is the office of the prophet as highlighted in *Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.* But in general, the fivefold offices are to build the saints and you cannot build people

without the Word of God. They all instruct us in the ways of God and God speaks to us through them.

In conclusion, it is your legal right to hear from God as a Christian. In fact, God's desire is that all His children would be able to hear from Him to do what He instructs and much more become so synchronized with His will to the end that He has full control over His children such that He can drive them (Mark 1:12) to do His will. Paul summarizes this in ***Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons (Mature Sons) of God.***

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you for the opportunity to hear from you through our spiritual authorities and the ministry gifts. As I continue to use these basic ways of hearing from you, may I become sharper in discerning your voice in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Isaiah 28-30



Saturday

23rd August, 2025.

FREEDOM FROM CURSES AND DEMONS

Luke 4:17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, 18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. 20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Jesus came to shutter every power of darkness. Even, in His earthly ministry He fulfilled this mandate. Peter summarizes this in *Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

In the resurrection of Christ, He completed His conquest on the power of darkness by delivering us from the shackles of the devil and his cohorts. Paul rightly said in *Col 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the*

inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son. This is what Jesus has done for us. We have every right to walk in total freedom from demons and curses. Our duty is to let the devil know that we know our rights and privileges in Christ by acknowledging and enforcing our deliverance in Christ. Consequently, any satanic oppression a Christian undergoes is illegal. Christ has finished the work and made us free but it is our duty acknowledge this truth and walk in it.

In conclusion, when you know the truth, you will walk in freedom.

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you for the liberty I have in Christ Jesus. I declare that I am no longer under the power of darkness. I walk in dominion over demons and curses in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Isaiah 31-34

**Sunday****24th August, 2025.**

TESTS AND TEMPTATIONS

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

The subject of tests and temptations sometimes are confusing for some Christians. In today's study we are going to consider the difference between tests and temptations. To begin with, God tests our faith and obedience and testing is for promotion. For example: God tested the faith and obedience of Abraham when He told him to sacrifice Isaac. God tests us mostly by giving us instructions to follow and He watches us to see if we will obey Him and trust His faithfulness that the test is for our own good. That is why after such a test there are rewards. God is a rewarder (*Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him*). On the other hand, the devil as the master mind behind temptations, tempts believers to sin hence temptation is for demotion that is why we must not

succumb to temptations. We must overcome temptations and this reveals our maturity in Christ.

In conclusion, tests are from God and they are for our promotion whilst temptations are from the devil and they are for our demotion.

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you for letting me know the difference between tests and temptations. I pray that by this truth I will live to fulfil the tests from God and as such ascend in the journey of life. Also, I pray that my eyes will be opened to the schemes of the devil to walk victoriously over all temptations in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Isaiah 35-36



Monday

25th August, 2025.

HOW THE DEVIL TEMPTS CHRISTIANS

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

The devil tempts us by enticing us. The three major doors through which the devil entice people are ***the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and the pride of life***. These three points of enticement are the desires of the flesh of which the Bible teaches us to mortify them. The devil tempts us by these lusts of the flesh and when they are mature, they produce sin. Thus, through these windows of the flesh, the devil will begin to suggest things that are outside the Word of God and the moment you act on it, you have fallen into the devil's temptation which produces sin. So, to overcome temptations, it is expedient for the Christian to walk in the Spirit. Convincingly, any Christian who walks in the Spirit easily overcomes temptations. Remember what Paul said in ***Gal 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh***. Our master Jesus overcame all temptations as a man (***Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that***

is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need). It is possible to overcome all temptations.

In conclusion, Jesus overcame every temptation and so as his disciples we are challenged to do same. Do not make room for the flesh but be occupied with the Spirit to overcome all temptations.

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you for exposing me to the schemes of the devil in temptations. I pray that by this revelation, I do not walk as a victim but I soar victoriously above all temptations in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Isaiah 37-39, Psalm 76



Tuesday

26th August, 2025.

OUR VICTORY OVER TEMPTATIONS: Part One

1 Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

There are ways of escape in every temptation and in this study, we are going to consider some crucial ways to overcome temptations.

1. Overcome the start of the temptation in the mind by the Word of God: *Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Eph 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind.* As the devil suggests thoughts of sinful acts in the mind, you must overcome them the Word of God. Take note that, we do not fight these thoughts by trying to think otherwise but we fight these thoughts by our words. Speak the Word of God and address any thought of sin.

2. Applying the Wisdom of the Word: The word of God teaches us what to do. We must therefore act on the word. For instance, the Word teaches us what to do when we are tempted of wrath

(James 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath). Again, there are certain things you just have to avoid them as the Bible teaches (*1 Cor 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body*). The Word of God gives us directives on how to overcome every temptation. We must be doers and practitioners of the Word.

In conclusion, it is possible to overcome every temptation the devil throws at us. Therefore, be vigilant and alert to his schemes and apply the wisdom in the today's Word to overcome every temptation.

PRAYER: Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you for the victory over every temptation. As I put into practice these ways of escaping the fall into temptations, I declare that not a victim but I soar victoriously above all temptations in Jesus' name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Isaiah 40-43



Wednesday

27th August, 2025.

OUR VICTORY OVER TEMPTATIONS: Part Two

1 Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

We continue to study the ways of escape in every temptation in order to overcome them.

3. Overcoming temptations by Seeking for counselling: There are sins which can easily beset a Christian and, in such situations, it is advisable to seek for help. This is crucial especially when you become entangled in a particular deed of the flesh. Thus, you always get defeated in that temptation (the devil easily entices you in that area). In seeking for help, you must consult a right and trusted source.

4. Overcoming temptations by divine intervention: This is where the Holy Spirit helps you to navigate your way through when you are tempted of the devil. Thus, God intervenes in the situation. For instance; when David was tempted to express his wrath on Nabal (1 Samuel 25), he was intervened by Abigail and

I think it was God that moved Abigail swiftly to prevent David from shedding innocent blood.

In conclusion, it is God's desire that we overcome every temptation of the devil and as such we must learn to see the ways of escape in every temptation. When you prevail over the devil in any temptation, it brings glory to God and our Father in Heaven entrust us with higher responsibilities in the kingdom because our demonstration of maturity in overcoming the temptation.

PRAYER: Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you for the victory over every temptation. As I put into practice these ways of escaping the fall into temptations, I declare that not a victim but I soar victoriously above all temptations in Jesus' name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Isaiah 44-48



Thursday

28th August, 2025.

GOD'S DESIRE FOR YOUR HEALING AND HEALTH

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

Every sickness has been taken away by our Lord Jesus Christ. We were healed by his stripes and as such divine health is our heritage. Sometimes, people are in doubt whether it is the will of God to heal them and as such in this study we will consider some key scriptures that point out clearly God's desire to heal His children.

1. ***Exodus 15:26 If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you.*** God is our healer (Jehovah Rapha).
2. ***Ps 103:3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, (NKJV).*** God is over willing to heal you.
3. ***Proverbs 4:20-22 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes;***

keep them in the midst of thine heart. 22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

4. ***1Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*** Oh Glory! I am already healed from every sickness (past, present, future). I cannot be sick. Hallelujah!!
5. ***Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*** The Spirit quickens (vitalizes, energizes, make alive,) my body. I cannot be weak. Let the weak say I am strong for I am vitalized by the Spirit. I live on the Holy Ghost life support.
6. ***3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*** God's wish for me is to be in health. I cannot be sick. I walk in divine health. Hallelujah!!!

PRAYER: Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you for your desire to heal me from every sickness and much more for me to walk in perpetual health. I declare that I cannot be sick because I am already healed and divine life flows through my body in Jesus' name.

Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: 2 Kings 19, Psalms 46, 80, 135



Friday

29th August, 2025.

YOU ARE ALREADY HEALED

1 Peter 2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed (NKJV).

Your healing was part of Christ's atonement. You are already healed. It is our heritage to walk in divine health (3 ***John 1:2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers***). Thus, you cannot be sick or better still you do not fall sick. Perhaps at the initial stages of walking in this truth, sicknesses may come but you have to knock them off by the power of God until you reach the point where the sickness will not have the power to come near you.

As you continue to walk in divine health and express the divine life in your body, you will become a hostile environment for sicknesses to thrive (2 ***Peter 1:4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust-NKJV***). Thus, you become a threat to any sort of sickness. This is the level where

your blood can be taken for an experiment and any virus that comes into contact with it dies.

It will suffice to add here that, the reason why some people are not healed is because of unbelief. Thus, some people have lived so long with their sickness and have accepted it to be part of them. Secondly, some Christians are not healed because of the works of the flesh (acts of sin). This give access to demons to oppress them with sicknesses (***James 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much-NKJV***).

In conclusion, it is your legal right to live a life free from sicknesses. Lay hold on this truth and live a triumphant life of divine health.

PRAYER: *Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you for healing me already in Christ Jesus and much more for giving me the power to stay in good health. I declare that, I have dominion over sicknesses and I do not fall sick in Jesus' name. Amen.*

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Isaiah 49-53



Saturday

30th August, 2025.

PROSPERITY

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

The concept of prosperity sparks diverse debates among believers to the extent that sceptics have criticized some pastors and have even tagged them as fake preachers because of the subject of prosperity. Even some believers who do not understand the subject very well sometimes join these people to condemn and assault prosperity preachers. It is important as a Christian to fully understand what the Word of God (the final authority) has to say about the subject.

To begin with, it is crucial to know and believe God's will on prosperity for us. From our key text, Apostle John revealed that above all things, God's will for us is to prosper and be in health. The phrase ***"above all things"*** used here in the Greek actually means ***"with respect to all things"***. It is God's will for us to prosper in all things. This extends the scope of prosperity beyond finances. It has to deal with every aspect of our life. Thus, the prosperity of our soul, mind, human relations, purpose, task, marriage, business, job, vision, church work, finances, etc. We

must not fail in life. We are born to prosper. We are born into prosperity; it is supposed to be our default mode. Everything we do in His name and for His name's sake must prosper. This is our glorious heritage in Christ Jesus.

In conclusion, God's desire for His children is that we prosper in all things. Believe and accept this truth. Walk conscious of this truth in your spirit and see how things will prosper in your hands.

PRAYER: Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you for glorious heritage in Christ. I declare that I prosper in all things to the glory of God. I am a victor in this world. I am born to prosper. I cannot fail in Jesus' name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Isaiah 54-58



Sunday

31st August, 2025.

OUR HERITAGE OF FINANCIAL PROSPERITY

Financial prosperity is simply the prosperity that deals in material resources such as lands, assets, money, properties, systems, structures, buildings, minerals, cars, etc. In today's study, we will consider some points on the legal rights we have in Christ to prosper financially.

1. We are born (our new birth in Christ) to Prosper Financially: 2 Cor 8:9 *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.* This scripture means that we are not rich because of the money in our bank accounts or because of our material possessions but we are rich because that is **who we are**. So, being rich is our nature and heritage in Christ. It is too late for us to be poor for we are in Christ. We are so rich and heavily loaded. That is who we are. Hallelujah!!!

2. All things are ours in Christ: 1Cor 3:21 *Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours.* This means that we are supposed to lack any good thing. That is why we are supposed to be givers in the kingdom. Thus, we give to express our nature for

we have all things. As we express our nature by giving, we grow in that glory and grace from one level to another.

3. Our Father owns All things and has made us stewards over all His estate: Ps 24:1 *The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.*

The fullness of the earth includes: minerals, buildings, cars, planes, etc. ***The world includes:*** the systems of the world (which Satan stole from man but Christ came to give us back our inheritance), the structures, the mountains of influence, etc.

They that dwell therein includes: the people and every creature. That is why salvation is available for every human.

So, from the scripture above, everything (people, lands, minerals, buildings, systems) belongs to our Father. Men are stewards on the earth. No one is an owner of anything. Our Father can give us anything we desire on the earth. Everything is His and we can have whatever we want as His beloved children.

In conclusion, be conscious of your financial heritage in Christ and live super abundant life of financial resources.

PRAYER: Father, I thank you for your Word today. I thank you for glorious financial heritage we have in Christ. I declare that I walk in perpetual financial prosperity. I cannot lack in Jesus' name. Amen.

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: Isaiah 59-63

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