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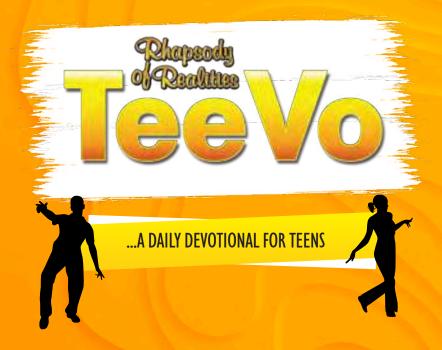
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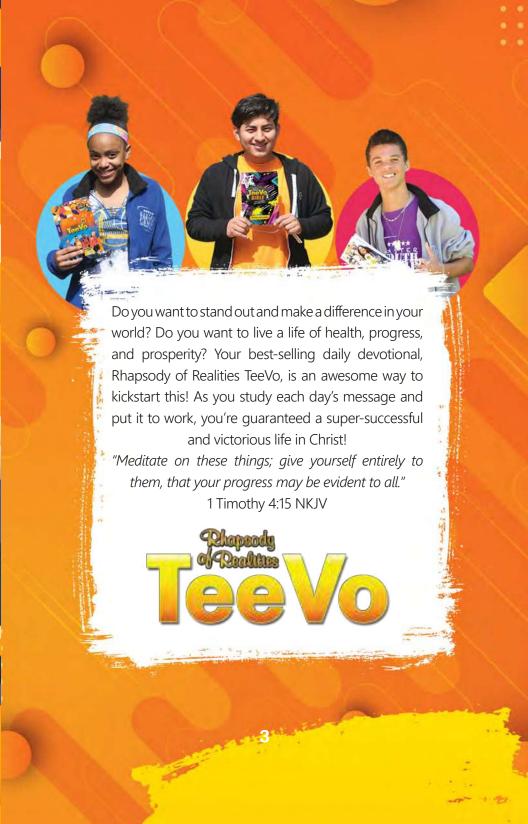
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There are many things that we don't ask questions about, we just know them in our spirits. I was not there when Jesus rose from the dead but I believe it with all my heart. If you ask me, "How do you know?" I can only tell you I believe it. And if you're a Christian too, you know it this way, because you also were not there.... If you go on to ask me, "How do you know you're born again?" I can only say I know it in my spirit. The Holy Ghost bears witness with my spirit that I am a child of God. I know it deep down in me. So it is the same way with the resurrection of our Lord Jesus from the dead. I was not there, but I know it deep down in me. The Bible says so and I believe it."

- Culled from "The Oil And The Mantle."





### CHOOSE TO BELIEVE

(Always Open Your Heart To Truth)

Wednesday,

#### TO THE BIBLE Romans 10:10 NASB

"...With the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

#### LET'S TALK

There's no doubt that Jesus' brothers would have heard from their mother about His miraculous birth and the amazing stories of His childhood. Also, their father Joseph must have told them about how he received angelic visitations several times concerning Jesus. Yet, at first, they didn't believe in Him.

In John 7:3-5 MSG, we read about His brothers' unbelief and opposition during the Feast of Tabernacles: "... Why don't you leave here and go up to the Feast so your disciples can get a good look at the works you do? No one who intends to be publicly known does everything behind the scenes. If you're serious about what you are doing, come out in the open and show the world." His brothers were pushing him like this because they didn't believe in him...."

This tells us something: believing is with the heart. You choose to believe, and you choose to harden your heart. Our opening verse says, "For with the heart a person believes..." (Romans 10:10 NASB). Open your heart to God's truths! So much is revealed to us in the Scriptures about the divinity of Jesus and the salvation in His Name; embrace these realities.

God's desire is for us to be filled with the knowledge of His will, to know His truth and walk accordingly. That's why we find a prayer of the Spirit by the Apostle Paul for God's children in Colossians 1:9 AMPC: "For this reason we also, from the day we heard of it, have not ceased to pray and make [special] request for you, [asking] that you may be filled with the full (deep and clear) knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom [in comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God] and in understanding and discernment of spiritual things." Hallelujah!



#### Go Deeper

1 Timothy 4:1-2 TLB; 2 Thessalonians 2:11-13; 1 John 2:20-21



#### Speak

From the beginning, God chose me for salvation through the sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. Therefore, it makes no difference how many antichrists, false preachers and false teachers are out there in the world, I can't be deceived, for my heart and mind are anointed to know the truth. I have insight into Kingdom mysteries and secrets. Glory to God!



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

Matthew 22:15-46, Exodus 22-23

Acts 14:8-18, Job 34-35



#### Act

Download the "Pastor Chris Digital Library" app to your mobile device today and listen to his various teachings on "The Human Spirit" and "Educating The Human Spirit."



### HE'S DONE WITH THE "LESSER" GLORY



(All God's Glory Resides Inside You) Thursday,

#### TO THE BIBLE 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 MSG

"You realize, don't you, that you are the temple of God, and God himself is present in you? No one will get by with vandalizing God's temple, you can be sure of that. God's temple is sacred—and you, remember, are the temple."

#### LET'S TALK

Lord, show me your glory just the way you showed Moses when you placed him in the cleft of the rock," Maxine prayed earnestly during one of her care group meetings. "Lord, please give us a sign and show up in your glory like you always did in the Old Testament."

Just like Maxine, some people talk about the glory of God that they hope to see, maybe in their meetings, times of fellowship, or in their personal lives. Yet, their expectations are mostly preempted by their lack of understanding of the Scriptures. When they make such statements as, "Lord, manifest yourself and let your glory envelop this gathering," they're expecting some physical manifestation of some kind, perhaps some supernatural cloud, lightning flashes in the room, or maybe some thunderous deep voice above their heads.

As one who's living in the New Testament, you don't live in the realm of the senses. Don't expect to somehow see the glory of God on the outside so you can say, "Wow, the Lord is in our midst today!" Why should you be looking for manifestations as they had in the Old Testament? As long as

you have that kind of mindset, you're going to live your life expecting something that God is done with and has termed "the lesser glory."

All of the glory that the Holy Spirit manifested in the Old Testament—the voice, the lights, the amazing sights, etc—are all inside you now! The glory is in you now! Colossians 1:27 says the mystery of Christianity and the glory thereof is Christ in you. The glory of God is resident in your spirit. You're a God-carrying vessel. Think that way. Your presence in a place means the glory of God has been manifested in that place. That's part of what it means to be the temple of the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament, the glory was in the temple; and you're that glorious temple today!



#### Go Deeper

Colossians 1:26-27; 2 Corinthians 3:18 AMPC



#### Pray

Dear Father, I thank you for your glory and righteousness that are fully resident in my spirit. I impact my world with your presence and spread your beauty, perfection and grace to everything and everyone around me. From the inner recesses of my spirit, I bring forth blessings to improve my world, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAR

TWO VEAR

Matthew 23, Exodus 24-25

Acts 14:19-28, Job 36-37



#### Act

Meditate on 2 Corinthians 4:7: "...We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us."





### YOUR LIFESTYLE OF PRAYER

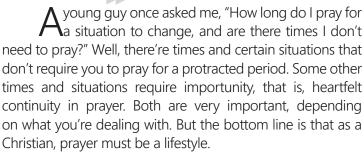
(Give Attention To Praying In The Spirit At All Times)

Friday,

#### TO THE BIBLE Ephesians 6:18 NIV

"...Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

#### LET'S TALK



The reason for prayer isn't to convince God that you're truly serious about your objective for praying. Rather, it's about spending time in fellowship with Him and what that does in your spirit. Give your best times and most productive moments to prayer. Try not to be in a hurry during your prayer times, because sometimes, even when you think you're done praying, the Holy Spirit might still want you to continue. He may bring words to you with which to pray. Remember, He has a ministry in our lives; He's the One who teaches us how to pray.

When we pray, we don't always know everything we're supposed to say about certain situations. But God, through the Holy Spirit, teaches us what to say and how to pray

correctly and effectively. That's why giving time and attention to praying in the Spirit is important. Give attention to praying in tongues; don't be distracted.

When it's time to pray, have the discipline to keep everything else aside. The more other things try to distract you, the more you should focus and keep praying. Let your spirit receive that discipline; then, you'll achieve the primary purpose of prayer, which is the conditioning of your spirit and mind until God's thoughts become your thoughts, and His words become your words. The specific, creative word on your lips that the Spirit brings to you at such moments of prayer produces the result.

Go Deeper  1 Corinthians 14:15; 1 John 5	::14-15; Jeremiah 29:12	-0	
Pray  Dear Father, thank you for the privilege of fellowship with you through the Spirit in prayer. Thank you for the privilege to side with you, enforce your will on the earth, and exercise dominion over circumstances, satan and his cohorts of darkness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.			
Daily Bible Reading  ONE YEAR	TWO YEAR		
Matthew 24:1-35, Exodus 26-27  Act	Acts 15:1-11, Job 38-39		
Condition your spirit today as you one hour.	pray in the spirit for at least		



### NO MORE DISPARITIES

(You've Got To Use The Power Of Your Mind) Saturday,

#### TO THE BIBLE Romans 12:2

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

#### LET'S TALK

When you were born again, you were imparted with the very life and nature of God, and it can't be improved upon. In addition, you were given the very righteousness of God, to which nothing more can be added. Also, you received the Holy Spirit in His full measure; nothing missing or left out. Furthermore, you're inside the Kingdom now as a bona fide heavenly citizen (Philippians 3:20 NIV). We've all received the same nature of God and the same Holy Spirit. We're born into the same Kingdom and have all been dealt the same measure of faith. So why is there a disparity in our lives? Why does it seem like our experiences differ from God's Word concerning us?

The reason for this rests in something aside from all the aforementioned. It's in the power and use of our individual minds! If you're going to change—if you're going to see a better you, a more influential, effective, powerful you—you must change your way of thinking. There must be a significant change in your mind. That you've become a Christian or received the Holy Spirit doesn't mean your reasoning will automatically change. That effort is your responsibility.

As read in our theme verse, God gave us the

responsibility to renew our minds with the Word of God. You have to literally submit yourself to the Word to change your mind and give you a new way of thinking. It doesn't matter that you can quote Scriptures; as long as those scriptures haven't affected your mind, you're not going to be different.

That's why I wrote the book, "The Power of Your Mind." The purpose of the book is in its title. Everything about your life, including your Christian growth, has a lot to do with the use of your mind. So, ingest God's Word into your mind; feed and meditate on the Word. The guaranteed impact will be a transformation in your whole being that'll result in the increased manifestation of the glory of God in your life! Success, excellence, victory, dominion and abundance will be the hallmark of your daily life. Hallelujah!



Go Deeper

Ephesians 4:22-24; Philippians 4:8; Romans 12:2 TPT



Speak

I'm constantly transformed by the renewing of my mind with the Word. As I give myself to the Word, my spirit is inundated with divine truths and my mind is elevated to think Kingdom thoughts. My new mindset results in an increased manifestation of the glory of God in my life! The Word has given me the mindset of success, excellence, victory, dominion and abundance. Hallelujah!



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAR

TWO YEAR

Matthew 24:36-51, Exodus 28

Acts 15:12-21, Job 40-41



Act

Grab a copy of the book, "The Power Of Your Mind" and read it thoroughly over and over, applying the principles contained therein.





### CALL THINGS INTO BEING

(Align Your Heart And Mind With The Scriptures)

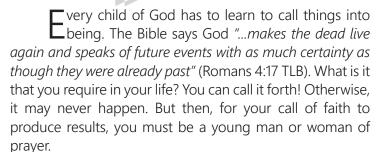
Sunday,

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#### TO THE BIBLE Luke 4:4

"...Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."""

#### LET'S TALK

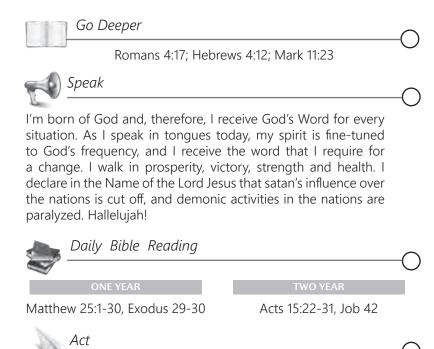


Prayer brings your spirit to a certain condition that makes your fellowship with God more real and synchronized. As we discussed in an earlier study, you become synchronized with His will and purpose such that His thoughts become your thoughts and His words become your words.

Some people wonder why they quote the Scriptures in the face of adversity and nothing happens. It's not just the quoting of scripture that produces results; it's aligning your mind and heart with that scripture you're quoting that makes it works; it makes what you say go beyond how far your voice can travel.

At the time of prayer, let your mind be open and alert

to God and to what He's going to say to you. What He'll say to you may not even be related to your requests, but whatever He says is what you need. Therefore, listen for His words in your spirit. It was His Word that created the whole world, and through His Word, you can change the world. With that word in your mouth, you can call things forth and change the circumstances of your life and your world. Glory to God!



Today, spend copious amounts of time in prayer and meditation on the Scriptures until your thoughts align completely with the Word of God. Then, you can give the Word and have what you say come to pass.





### CHRIST JESUS: THE FINAL ANSWER

(All God's Promises Have Been Fulfilled In Christ)

Monday,

#### TO THE BIBLE 2 Corinthians 1:20 NIV

"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God."

#### LET'S TALK



ey, Mike, why did you write that stuff on your wall about God fulfilling His Word in your life?" queried Jason.

"I don't know, Jason; I just need God to do all He has said in His Word."

"But Mike, He's done all that He's ever needed to do; that's why Jesus Christ came in the first place."

"Why is my life so messed up?" Mike retorted.

Reading Mike's complaint, you immediately understand that if a Christian has any wrong perception about God, he'll believe the wrong things, think the wrong thoughts, and say the wrong words. Inevitably, his way of life will be wrong.

Consider for a moment, Christians (like Mike) who don't understand that there's a huge difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament, and as a result, they're always calling on God to "fulfil" His promises! For such people, their expectations will be wrong, because such expectations are premised on the wrong understanding of the Scriptures.

"Holding on" to God's promises or "waiting on Him" to fulfil His promises is a pointless endeavour; it's a mistake! This is because all the promises of God have been fulfilled in Christ. Christ is the final answer! Whatever you think you need

is already yours in Christ (2 Peter 1:3 NIV).

Don't say you're waiting on God to fulfil His promise of healing you; rather, declare that you're in health because He gave you divine life. No sickness can thrive in your body because you're born of God. Hallelujah! No matter what you pray about today, God has no answer outside of Christ or aside turning you to the Word.

So, when you have a desire, God's response through the Holy Spirit is to guide you into the reality of what's already yours: "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God" (1 Corinthians 2:12). The thirteenth verse tells you what you're supposed to do once they've been revealed to you—call them forth: "These things we also speak...." Glory to God!



#### Go Deeper

1 Corinthians 3:21; 2 Peter 1:3-4; 2 Corinthians 1:20 AMPC



#### Speak

With my mouth, I shape my life and future to completely synchronize with God's divine provisions and destiny for me! I have an excellent, glorious and triumphant life, enjoying everything that the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ made available for me. Glory to God!



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

**TWO YEAR** 

Matthew 25:31-46, Exodus 31

Acts 15:32-41, Psalm 1-2



Act

Today, speak forth what God has given you freely in Christ Jesus.



### HONOURED, DIGNIFIED AND GLORIFIED



(Live The Excellent Life You've Been Called To)

Tuesday,

#### TO THE BIBLE Romans 8:30 AMPC

"...Those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into right standing with Himself). And those whom He justified, He also glorified [raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being]."

#### LET'S TALK

The Christian life is a call to glory and virtue; that means a call to a life of honour, dignity and excellence. You've been honoured, dignified and glorified, and the one who did it is God Almighty. Nothing can bring shame to you. Jesus took away every shame from your life. The Bible says, "Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2 AMPC).

You are the joy that was set before Him that made Him endure the Cross, despising the shame. Today, you're without reproach. Hallelujah! Colossians 1:21- 22 NASB says, "And although you were previously alienated and hostile in attitude, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His body of flesh through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach." Think about that!

2 Peter 1:3 says, "...His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue." In his previous letter in 1 Peter 1:11, he talked about the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. Give yourself no option but to live a life of glory, honour, and dignity, irrespective of hardships, injustice or persecutions; Christ in you, the hope of glory! Hallelujah!



#### Go Deeper

1 Peter 2:9 AMPC; 1 Peter 1:11



#### Pray

Dear Father, thank you for the grace to shine and reign gloriously in life through righteousness. I show forth your praises and manifest your glory in the earth. My life is that of glory and excellence, devoid of reproach, contempt, aversion, sin and its attendant effects, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAD

TWO VEAD

Matthew 26:1-30, Exodus 32-33

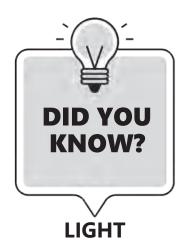
Acts 16:1-10, Psalm 3-4

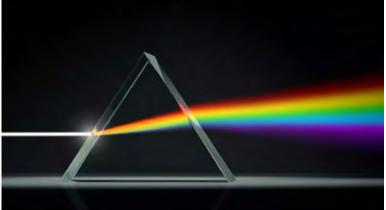


#### Act

Meditate on today's opening scripture throughout today and also declare that you live an excellent life of honour, dignity, and glory in Christ Jesus.







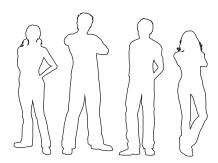
Have you ever wondered how light came to be? Genesis 1:1-3 gives some insight into the formation of light: "...God said, "Let there be light," and there was light" (Genesis 1:3). God simply spoke light into being, so let's delve further into some interesting facts about light.

- 1. Light is made up of energy and it travels in a straight line. Objects in its path cause light to bend or refract.
- 2. Light sources can be natural or humanly constructed. For example, the sun is a light source but so is a light bulb.
- 3. Light is made up of all the colours mixed together. White light can be split up to reveal red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. A prism is an object that can break up white light to show the different colours that it's made up of.
- 4. Things appear a certain colour because it's the only colour that is reflected. For example, a red car is red because it absorbs all

other colours except red. Black objects absorb all colours and white objects reflect all colours.

- 5. The speed of light is exactly 299,792 km per second. This is the speed at which light is travelling in a vacuum and not obstructed by the atmosphere. Travelling at this speed of light, you could go around Earth 7.5 times in a second.
- 6. There are different types of light and each one has its own wavelength. Some animals that can see ultraviolet light (like reindeer, dogs, cats, birds, and pigs) can see wavelengths that humans cannot see. Goldfish can see infrared light.
- 7. Sunlight can be seen 80 meters underwater.
- 8. Plants are green because they reflect green light while absorbing other colours. The other colours that they absorb are used in photosynthesis to create food.
- 9. A double rainbow occurs when light is reflected twice within each water droplet.
- 10. LED lights are made up entirely of visible (to humans) light. This is why they appear that much brighter.
- 11. Light from the sun takes over 8 minutes to reach earth.
- 12. LED lights produce much less heat than iridescent lights.
- 13. The study of light is called Optics and is a very important physics subject in science.
- 14. Thomas Edison was an American scientist who invented the lightbulb.
- 15. The Moon reflects light from the Sun, which is why we can see it at night.

Jesus Christ—the Word of God—is known as the Light of the World (John 8:12) and just like Him, you are the light of your world today (Matthew 5:14). So, take your place and shine brightly to your world!





### "LORD, WHAT'S EXPECTED OF ME?"

(The Lord Wants You Faithful With What He's Given You)

Wednesday,

#### TO THE BIBLE 1 Corinthians 7:7 NIV

"I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that."

#### LET'S TALK



n Matthew 25, Jesus talked about three servants who were entrusted with gifts or talents. One was entrusted with five talents, another with two talents, and the third, one talent (talent being a weight-measuring standard, usually of money, e.g. talents of gold). The talents were given to them based on their abilities. So, what their master was looking out for was their faithfulness.

The one who got five talents came back with 100% success (Matthew 25:20). The one that was given two talents gained two more, which was also 100% (Matthew 25:22). But the servant that was given one talent was a disappointment to his master. He said, "Master, I knew you to be a harsh and hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you had not winnowed [the grain]. So I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is your own" (Matthew 25:24-25 AMPC). He did nothing with it!

Evidently, he was a bellyacher. His life was never productive. He had only the ability to manage one talent, and he still ruined his chances. His master called him wicked and unprofitable, because he desired him to be faithful. It's the same with the Lord. As read in our opening verse, we're all so uniquely graced and gifted by God, and He wants faithfulness

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and expects results.

You may wonder, "How do I know what's expected of me?" It's simple: You know what's expected of you by what you've been told. The ability of God is given through His Word to you. What did He expose you to? What information did He give you? When you analyse what He's told you, you'll understand His expectation of you.

Whatever the Lord has taught you or is teaching you, whatever He's exposed you to and helped you to know is all for the furtherance of the Gospel. Therefore, find the opportunity to use them to advance His righteousness and the reign of His Kingdom on earth. Remember, He tests your faithfulness. If you're faced with certain challenges or difficulties in carrying out what He's asked you to do, your only option should be to win! Don't have excuses; be fully committed to the furtherance of the Gospel.



#### Go Deeper

Romans 12:6-8 GNB; 1 Timothy 1:12 TPT; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2



Speak

The Lord has blessed me with abundant grace in Christ for the furtherance of the Gospel, and I'll be faithful. My life is for His glory and the expansion of His glorious Kingdom and the spread of His righteousness on the earth. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

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**TWO YEAR** 

Matthew 26:31-56, Exodus 34-35

Acts 16:11-18, Psalm 5-6



Act

Memorise and meditate on Matthew 25:21 and let these words of the Master inspire you to do all He expects of you.



# CAST OUT DEMONS IN JESUS' NAME! (They Have To Answer

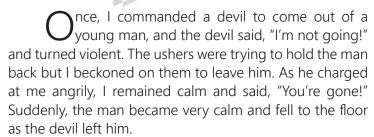


Thursday,



"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons..."

#### LET'S TALK



One of the officials with me later asked me, "Pastor, I don't understand exactly what happened. You asked the devil to go, but he didn't go. Then you said, 'You're gone, and then he went out." My response was to explain that every word of God is a name and what He says is what becomes.

We find a very inspiring, similar scenario with Jesus in Mark 7:25-30. A Syrophenician woman had come to Jesus and implored Him to cast the devil out of her daughter. Jesus said to her, "...Go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter" (Mark 7:29). That devil had to answer the name that Jesus just called him—"Gone out."

The Bible says the woman got home and found the devil was gone from her daughter. Sometimes, you need to know how to address demons when you cast them out.

There're times you're led by the Spirit to say to that devil, "Come out and return no more!"

Even in praying against their activities in the nations, it's important to say the right things: cut off their influence on your nation and tell them, "You're gone from this nation! Your influence has been broken; your dominion has been stopped!" Hallelujah!

Someone rightly referred to the activities of satan around the world today as mere kicks of a dying horse. However, we're full of power and have dominion over him. He's frustrated and paralyzed; his works have been brought to nothing, but we remain triumphant and victorious. We're reigning through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit over satan and his cohorts of darkness. Hallelujah!



#### Go Deeper

Mark 7:25-30; Luke 10:19



#### Pray

Dear Father, thank you for the authority granted us in Christ with which we exercise dominion over Satan and his demons. Their influence is cut off from the nations! We put an end to their rampage. The Church is triumphant, reigning through Christ on the earth by the power of the Holy Spirit, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

**TWO YEAR** 

Matthew 26:57-75, Exodus 36-37

Acts 16:19-28, Psalm 7-8



#### Act

Speak in other tongues right now and then declare the demons in your city, community and nation "Gone!" in the Name of Jesus.





## THE DIVINE ONENESS

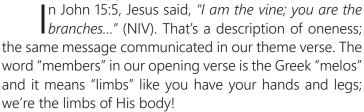
(You And The Lord Make One Inseparable Being)

Friday, 10

#### TO THE BIBLE Ephesians 5:30

"For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones."

#### LET'S TALK



1 Corinthians 6:15 NIV breaks it down even further. It says, "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself?..." This is referring to the Church; it means your very legs are Jesus' legs! Your hands are His hands; your body is the physical extension of Christ in the world. An understanding of this will give you a new mindset about who you really are. You couldn't be one with Him and be sickly. You couldn't be one with Him and have failed organs. His life in you perfects you through and through.

The same message is detailed in 1 Corinthians 12:27 NIV: "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." That means you're a definite, describable member, and you occupy a recognizable place in the body of Christ. This is extraordinary!

Moreover, he says, "...He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him" (1 Corinthians 6:17). This means

that Christ has a right over your body and you have a right to His body. But since His body is in heaven, Paul says if you're joined to the Lord, you're one spirit, because through the Spirit, you can make available to your body the glories of His resurrected body. Hallelujah! Now you can better understand when the Bible says, "...Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27). Live every day with the consciousness of your oneness with Jesus Christ.



#### Go Deeper

John 14:16-17; John 14:20; John 17:20-21



#### Speak

I'm a member of His body, of His flesh and of His bones! I walk in the consciousness that I'm in divine oneness with Jesus Christ. And through the spirit, I make available to my body the glories of His resurrected body. No sickness, disease or infirmity can thrive in my body, because I'm joined to the Lord and one spirit with Him. Divinity is at work in me. Glory to God!



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAR

TWO VEAR

Matthew 27:1-26, Exodus 38-39

Acts 16:29-40, Psalm 9-10



#### Act

Study and personalise Ephesians 5:30: "... We are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones."



### DON'T BE DECEIVED BY SATAN'S WILES



(Know And Walk In God's Light)

Saturday,

#### TO THE BIBLE Ephesians 6:11

"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

#### LET'S TALK



The word "wiles" in our opening verse is translated from the Greek "methodeia," which refers to trickery. Trickery is primarily defined as a verbal misrepresentation. It's when something is said with the intention to mislead and take advantage of someone for some purpose—like we sometimes see happening in the news media. We know who's behind this trickery; it's none other than the devil, whom the Bible calls the slanderer and traducer (Ephesians 6:11).

A better expression than trickery, however, is "lying in wait." We find this expression used in Ephesians 4:14 KJV: "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." This is "methodeia": lying in wait for deception.

Satan's modus operandi is based on deception with misrepresentations. The biggest strategy with which he enforces this agenda is misinformation through the news media. As a Christian, you shouldn't be ignorant of this. Ephesians 5:6 RSV says, "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for it is because of these things that the wrath of God

comes upon the sons of disobedience."

This is why you ought to know and walk in God's truth—His light. Jesus said, "...I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life" (John 8:12). In other words, when you walk in His light, you'll never be deceived. Give yourself to the study of God's Word. His Word illuminates your path and enlightens your heart and mind such that you're never deceived or in the dark. Hallelujah!



#### Go Deeper

1 Peter 5:8-9; Psalm 119:15



#### Pray

Dear Father, thank you for the instructions in your Word. I'm firmly rooted and grounded in your Word and guided by your truth in Christ Jesus. I live over and above satan and his deceptions and manipulations, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAR

TWO YEAR

Matthew 27:27-44, Exodus 40

Acts 17:1-9, Psalm 11-13



#### Act

Read about the whole armour of God in Ephesians 6:10-18 and learn what its different parts indicate.





### THE STRENGTH EXCHANGE

(Your Weakness Is Exchanged For God's Strength)

Sunday, 12

#### TO THE BIBLE 2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV

"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

#### LET'S TALK



"Dan, why are you looking so exhausted? What happened?" inquired Pastor Fred.

"Earlier this morning, I was out winning souls and it was tough, Pastor. I had to do a lot of convincing and cajoling, but eventually, I led three people to Christ" Dan replied,

"Wow, that's wonderful, Dan! But leading people to Christ doesn't have to be stressful. Perhaps you relied too much on your own smarts and eloquence as you shared the gospel, because the Lord never allows you to wear out as you serve Him. He renews your strength always."

Isaiah 40:30-31 TLB puts this beautifully: "...The youths shall be exhausted, and the young men will all give up. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." The Hebrew word translated "renew" above literally means "to bring back to life." The picture is of a felled tree that's expected to die but suddenly revives. It's a kind of transformation where "death" is replaced with new life; weakness is replaced with strength. Hallelujah!

One of its synonyms is "substitute" or "exchange." Thus, your weakness is exchanged for His strength. No wonder Paul said in Colossians 1:29 TLB, "This is my work, and I can do it only because Christ's mighty energy is at work within me." So, it's about God's divine strength at work in you. This is God's plan; Isaiah 40:29 shows He gives power and strength to the weak. With Him, you never run out of might and inspiration.

It brings to mind the words of Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:16: "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day." As you work for and with the Lord, there's a renewal of your strength. You're constantly refreshed and rejuvenated by the Spirit of God to be afire, inspired and full of joy as you serve Him. Be conscious of this.



#### Go Deeper

Isaiah 40:29; Psalm 103:1-5; Ephesians 3:16



#### Speak

I'm constantly refreshed and rejuvenated by the Spirit of God; inspired and full of joy to serve the Lord. I'm strong in the grace of Jesus Christ, competent and ready for every good work. He is the strength of my life. Hallelujah!



#### Daily Bible Reading

TWO YEAR

Matthew 27:45-66, Leviticus 1-3

Acts 17:10-21, Psalm 14-16



#### Act

Take the next few minutes to speak fervidly in tongues. As you do, you'll experience renewed strength and freshness in your spirit.





### HE REIGNS FROM WITHIN

(Jesus Set Up The Kingdom Of God Inside You)

Monday,

#### TO THE BIBLE Mark 1:14 AMPC

"Now after John was arrested and put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the good news (the Gospel) of the kingdom of God."

#### LET'S TALK

After a Church meeting, Clara asked her Group Leader, "Sally, I keep hearing you talk about the Kingdom of God. What is this Kingdom of God? And where is it?"

Sally replied, "The Kingdom of God isn't a place; it's the reign of God, where He rules as Lord and expresses Himself—His glory and His goodness—in you."

"So when does it start working in me?"

"The Kingdom of God is already within you, it started the moment you were born again!" Sally said, smiling.

The Gospel today is that God's Kingdom can be set up in the heart of every man, woman, boy and girl; it has arrived! Jesus said, "...If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him" (John 14:23). This never happened in the days of Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Elisha, David, Solomon and the patriarchs of old; but it did in our day, glory to God!

Mark 1:15 teaches that Jesus came to the earth preaching the Gospel of this Kingdom of God, saying the time for its fulfilment had come. Luke 17:20-21 AMPC also showed that the kingdom of God did "...not come with signs to be observed or with visible display, nor will people say,

Look! Here [it is]! or, See, [it is] there! For behold, the kingdom of God is within you [in your hearts]...."

When the Lord was brought before Pilate in John 18, He was asked some questions to which He responded, "...My kingdom is not of this world..." (John 18:36). God's Kingdom isn't a physical structure; yet Jesus said in Luke 17:20-21, "It has come!" Indeed, it has, because it's in our hearts.

Jesus brought the Kingdom in Him. Now that we've received Him, we've got the Kingdom in us. The glory, grace and the life of God—all of divinity—have been set up in your heart! God is at home in you now. You've become, not just a citizen of the Kingdom, but also the carrier of the Kingdom and all its divine verities. Hallelujah!



#### Go Deeper

Colossians 1:27; 2 Corinthians 4:6-7; Luke 17:21



#### Pray

Dear Father, I thank you for your Kingdom that's in my heart. Thank you for your glory and righteousness that are in and revealed through me. Your Kingdom reigns and it's established in the hearts of every man, woman, boy, and girl to whom the Gospel is proclaimed around the world today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAD

TWO VEAD

Matthew 28:1-20, Leviticus 4-5

Acts 17:22-34, Psalm 17-18



#### Act

Today, gather at least ten people and share today's message with them. Lead those who aren't saved in the Prayer of Salvation and get the Kingdom of God set up in their hearts today.





### WHAT'S YOUR MOTIVE?

(Align With God's Vision To Win The World)

Tuesday,

#### TO THE BIBLE 2 Corinthians 5:18 CEV

"God has done it all! He sent Christ to make peace between himself and us, and he has given us the work of making peace between himself and others."

#### LET'S TALK

"I rnest, I saw the quotes you posted on your social media page, and I think some of them were rather toxic. Why not post some inspiring thoughts shared by our Pastor?" Mildred asked her neighbour.

"Aw, come on! Must everything with you be about church? My dream is to be a famous social media influencer someday, and not a pastor," Ernest retorted.

"Okay, but have you asked yourself if your dream lines up with God's dream for you?"

"Hmmm...I never really gave much thought to that...."

Some people, like Ernest, pursue self-seeking interests, oblivious of God's dream and vision for their lives. What is God's vision? It's that everyone comes to the knowledge of the truth of the Gospel (1 Timothy 2:4). Therefore, your dreams should connect to His dream and your motives ought to be purified with His love.

Soul winning should be the compelling and propelling motive in your life. For example, your number one motivation for being a student in your school should be so you could win souls there. Likewise, your career choice ought to be influenced by your burning desire to preach the Gospel. You're first a Christian before you're an entrepreneur, programmer,

tech specialist, social media influencer, etc.; therefore, fulfil your calling in the Gospel. Let the expansion of God's Kingdom be your number one passion. There's a depth in God, a realm of joy and fulfilment, you'll never know until you make your life count in soul winning.

Jesus' instructions in Matthew 24:14 and Mark 16:15 to take the message of salvation to the ends of the earth wasn't just to pastors and evangelists, but to every Christian. Therefore, you're a minister of the New Testament (2 Corinthians 3:6) and a bearer of the good news of salvation, commissioned to reach out with the light of salvation to those living in darkness.

You're a light in a dark world; therefore, be aglow with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Beam it with steady radiance to others so they can become lights as well.



#### Go Deeper

Habakkuk 2:14; Acts 26:16-18



#### Pray

Dear Father, thank you for the grace for salvation that's at work all around the world even now, as your children proclaim the Gospel. Many are turned from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, as they hear and receive the Gospel today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

**TWO YEAR** 

Mark 1:1-20, Leviticus 6-7

Acts 18:1-11, Psalm 19-20



#### Act

Preach the Gospel to everyone around you today. After this, lead them to Christ and gift them a copy of the book, "Now That You're **Born Again,"** and invite them to church this coming Sunday.





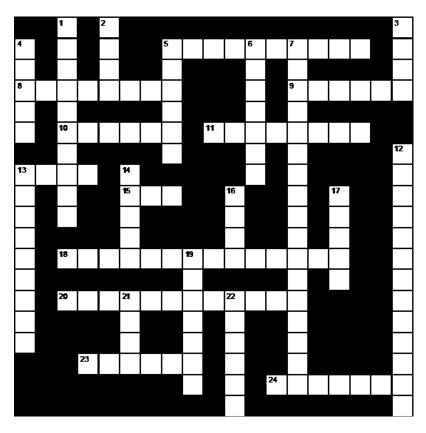
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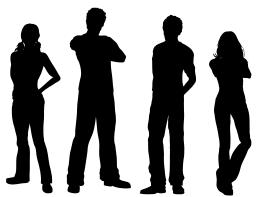
#### **Across**

- 5 New Testament Book where Jesus said, "I and my Father are one" (4,2,4).
- 8 The 13th apostle to replace Judas Iscariot (8).
- 9 Apostle Paul called the Christians at Corinth \_\_\_\_ in his greeting to them [Hint: 1 Corinthians 1:2] (6).
- 10 Paul also called the body of every Christian the \_\_\_\_\_ for the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians 6:19 (6).
- 11 The Jerusalem priest who put Jesus on trial (8).
- 13 Number of days Lazarus was dead before Jesus came to wake him. (4)
- 15 When the Rapture takes place, those who are saved will meet him in the \_\_\_\_\_ [Hint: 1 Thessalonians 4:17] (3).
- 18 He baptized Jesus in River Jordan (4,3,7).
- 20 City mentioned in the Book of Revelation and name of an American city (12).
- 23 After Jesus fed 5,000 people, the number of baskets of food left was \_\_\_\_\_\_ (6).
- 24 The Israelites were taken into exile here [Hint: 1 Chronicles 9:1] (7).

#### Down

- 1 Another name for the first five books of the Old Testament (10).
- 2 The name of Adam's third son (4).
- 3 With this, Judas revealed Jesus's identity to the Roman officials (4).
- 4 David's daughter [Hint: 1 Chronicles 3:9] (5).
- 5 Paul escaped in this to make his way out of Damascus (6).
- 6 The shortest book in the Old Testament (7).
- 7 After Jesus was crucified, this man buried His body in a tomb (6,2,9).
- 12 The name of the woman who washed Jesus' feet (4,9).
- 13 Before becoming an apostle, Simon Peter was a \_\_\_\_\_ (9).
- 14 The first bird that Noah let out of the ark (5).
- 16 Here Jesus turned water into wine (4).
- 17 Apostle Paul was shipwrecked on this island (5).
- 19 We come across the valley of dry bones in this prophetic book (7).
- 21 This Gospel was written by a doctor (4).
- 22 The longest book in the Old Testament (6).







### JUDGEMENT-PROOF!

(You've Been Separated From All Judgement)

Wednesday,

#### TO THE BIBLE John 3:16-17 NIV

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

#### LET'S TALK

There's a word of judgement and condemnation that's already operating in the world, and anyone who's born into this world naturally inherits this judgement. That's why, for many, their story is "from the womb to the tomb." However, the moment you're born again, a new life begins with divine acquittal: "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

Romans 8:1 declares: "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (NIV). This matches the words of Jesus in our opening verse; anyone who believes in Him is separated from judgement. You're not numbered among them that perish; there's a divine decree to that effect. All the negativities in the world—darkness, diseases, sicknesses, infirmities, poverty, defeat and failure—are a result of the curse and judgement that's at work in the world. But you're not of this world (John 17:16); you're from the heavenly kingdom that is from above.

Keep yourself separated from, and in dominion over, all the negative influences and elements of this world

through your faith-filled words. 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 says "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak...." Keep declaring the Word of victory over your life.

Every so often, affirm that you live above this world and have overcome its failing systems! Your life is for the glory of God, for the expression of His righteousness, dominion and excellence. No sickness, disease or infirmity should be allowed to thrive in your body, because the Spirit of Him that raised Christ from the dead lives in you and perambulates your body! He's invigorated your whole being with the divine life. Have this consciousness and make these affirmations today and always.



#### Go Deeper

Galatians 3:13 AMPC; Romans 8:1 AMPC



#### Speak

My life is the expression of God's righteousness, dominion and excellence. No sickness, disease or infirmity can thrive in my body, because the Spirit of Him that raised Christ from the dead, lives and perambulates in me. I'm far removed from the destruction or judgement that works in this present world of darkness because I belong to and live in the Kingdom of God's dear Son. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

Mark 1:21-45, Leviticus 8

Acts 18:12-23, Psalm 21-22



#### Act

Worship the Lord and thank Him profusely right now for the life He's given you in Christ Jesus.





# A SUPERIOR CULTURE

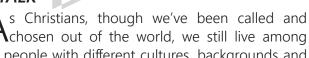
(Our Culture Is In Christ)

Thursday,

#### TO THE BIBLE Colossians 3:2 AMPC

"And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth."

#### LET'S TALK



different people with different cultures, backgrounds and mindsets. Sometimes, some Christians find themselves caught in a conflict between their faith and what obtains in an earthly culture. First, it's important to understand that being born again, your primary culture is in Christ Jesus. You must imbibe the culture of the Word of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; you don't have another nature, or belong to another culture; the Word of God is what guides your way of life and principles. Culture is often simply defined as the way of life of a people, and for us, Christ is our life (Colossians 3:4) and faith in the Word is our lifestyle (Hebrews 10:38, 2 Corinthians 5:7).

Some people like to identify with or participate in "cultural" ceremonies in their countries, cities, or towns of natural birth. However, such "sub-cultures" or cultural events must not negate or be contrary to the Word of God, and your faith in Christ Jesus.

The culture of the Word is superior; when you're cultured by the Word, your outlook on life changes. The Word will choose your new norms and become your reference for and in everything. You'll only embrace and celebrate Christ-values; those things the Kingdom stands for—what you have, who you are—your heritage in Christ. Hallelujah!



#### Go Deeper

Romans 12:2; Galatians 3:27-28



#### Pray

Righteous Father, I rejoice at the transformation your Word brings to my spirit always; your Word has given me a culture and the mindset of success and greatness. I celebrate my great heritage in Christ—who I am and all the blessings of the heavenly Kingdom to which I belong, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

**TWO YEAR** 

Mark 2:1-22, Leviticus 9-10

Acts 18:24-19:1-7, Psalm 23-24



#### Act

Get and listen meditatively to the message, "Cultured By The Word" on the Pastor Chris Digital Library (PCDL) today to learn more about today's message.



# YOU'VE GOT THE HIGH GROUND!



(March The Devils Out)

Friday, 17

#### TO THE BIBLE Psalm 149: 5-9

"Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,...to execute on them the written judgment—This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!"

#### LET'S TALK

A young prince marched to war with an army behind him. In his father's absence, it had fallen to him to protect the territory from invasion and he vowed to stop the advancement of the invaders. When asked what his confidence was, he replied, "We have the higher ground." He subsequently drove the invaders from his land and enjoyed a period of peace and prosperity.

The Bible lets us know that the Lord Jesus occupies the most exalted position there is. He's seated at the right hand of the Father, far above all principality, power, might, dominion, and every name that is named (Ephesians 1:19-21). But the more exciting part is that you're in Him. You're seated with Him in glory, with dominion over satan and the princes of darkness (Ephesians 2:6). You've got the higher ground!

But then it gets even more exciting: in Christianity, we don't fight the devil or negotiate with him; we cast him out! We exercise dominion and execute judgment over Satan and the principalities of darkness. They've been judged, and we're the ones authorized to execute the judgment; it's part of our heritage in Christ: "To execute on

them the written judgment—This honor have all His saints. *Praise the LORD!*" (Psalm 149:9).

In John 16:11, Jesus said, "...the prince of this world is judged"; it's your responsibility to keep him under your feet. That's why the Bible says to cast him out! You don't struggle or negotiate with satan. The resurrection of Jesus made a champion of you. You operate from a higher realm where your words are backed by Deity.

You're the one in charge. Use your authority in the Name of Jesus to frustrate and overturn his activities. Jesus gave you all authority in heaven and the earth (Matthew 28:18-19); use it every day against satan and the demons of darkness. Glory to God!



#### Go Deeper

Ephesians 2:4-6; Matthew 28:18-19; John 12:31 AMPC



#### Speak

I walk in dominion over satan and the princes of darkness, because I'm seated with Christ in glory, dominion and power. I reign and rule over circumstances and elements of this world, today and always, because I live in and by the Name of Jesus. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

Mark 2:23-3:1-12, Leviticus 11-12

Acts 19:8-20, Psalm 25-26



#### Act

Right now, address satan with words of power and break his influence over your town, city, country, home or environment.





# GO "WILD" FOR GOD!

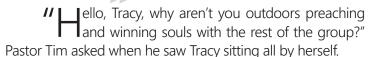
(Invest Your Time And Resources In World Evangelism)

Saturday,

#### TO THE BIBLE Mark 16:20 MSG

"Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it."

#### LET'S TALK



"Yeah, Pastor. I've got some reservations about today's evangelism; I'm concerned I might not be able to demonstrate the power of God like Jesus and the apostles did," she replied.

"Tracy, these are the last days, and you've got to take the limits off yourself and preach His Gospel everywhere! When you stand up for the Lord publicly, He'd show up and demonstrate His power through you."

How right Pastor Tim was! Matthew 10:32 says, "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven." That means If you're passionate for the Master, He'll be passionate for you; He'll stand up for you if you'd stand up for Him!

Preach the Gospel with passion, and as you do, the Lord will confirm His Word with signs following. You have something to give to the world; it's the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. He has given you both the power and authority to do mighty works in His Name and demonstrate the character of the Holy Spirit to our world.

Therefore, take your place in the ministry of the Gospel.

Never lose focus of the Master's calling on your life. Serve Him selflessly, with an undying passion. The Lord is with you, strong and mighty; and with the faith of God in your spirit, take your partnership in the Gospel to a higher level. In these last days, go "wild" for God! Invest your time and resources in world evangelism. Keep winning souls and let nothing quench your love for the Lord.



#### Go Deeper

Philippians 4:15-17 CEV; Matthew 6:33; Acts 20:18-24



#### Speak

I'm passionate about God's Kingdom and its expansion on the earth, for the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only saving power for the world, and I'm its herald! I'm aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAD

#### TWO VEAD

Mark 3:13-35, Leviticus 13-14

Acts 19:21-29, Psalm 27-28



#### Act

Pray specially for the unsaved all around the world, and declare that they're receiving salvation today to the glory of the Father. Also, ensure you win a soul today.





### **HIGHLY FAVOURED**

(You're Specially Favoured By The Lord!)

Sunday, 19

#### TO THE BIBLE John 1:16

"And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace."

#### LET'S TALK

When the angel of the Lord appeared before Mary in Luke 1:28, he greeted her in a very special way. He said, "Rejoice, highly favored one..." This same expression is used in Ephesians 1:6, but wrongly translated as "accepted." The Greek is "charitoo" and it means "to grace or be imbued with special honour," or "to make accepted or be highly favoured." Rendered correctly, Ephesians 1:6 will read, "... by which He has made us highly favoured in the Beloved." Hallelujah!

As a child of God, you're divinely favoured, and it's important that you recognize it. When we talk about being divinely favoured, it means that God's grace has been lavished upon you in Christ Jesus. John 1:17 tells us, "For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ"

Romans 5:17 says, "For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)." That's what we received: abundance of grace! Our theme verse calls it "grace upon grace." Hallelujah! Every so often, you should declare, "I'm walking and functioning in divine favour."

You've got to take advantage of the grace of Jesus Christ at work in you. With that grace, everything works: the earth responds to you, the heavens respond to you, life is glorious, and whatever you lay your hands to do prospers. Hallelujah!





# HONOUR THE NAME OF JESUS

(Serve The Lord With Reverence)

Monday, 20

#### TO THE BIBLE Philippians 2:9-10 KJV

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth."

#### LET'S TALK

Jesus is the Head over all things; He's the head of all principality and power. His Name has power in heaven, in the earth, and under the earth. Everything responds to His Name. Demons bow to His Name and scamper in terror; contrary circumstances are changed at the mention of His Name.

You have to learn to honour His Name for its power to work for you, in you, and through you. How much the Name of Jesus works for you is to the extent that you honour it. Honour, primarily, means to show respect to, towards or for. Honouring the Name of Jesus means giving recognition to Him, and serving Him as Lord. His Name only works for those who honour Him as Lord.

For instance, there're sinners who agree that the Name of Jesus is the greatest Name, but they don't serve Him; they aren't following Him. As a result, the Name isn't working for them. In the same way, as a Christian, you have to be subject to the Lord Jesus. Honour Him in your life for His Name to work for you. God said in 1 Samuel

2:30, "...them that honour me I will honour...." and the Lord Jesus said, "...If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor" (John 12:26).



#### Go Deeper

Philippians 2:9-11 MSG; Acts 3:16; Matthew 10:32-33



#### Pray

What a privilege to use the holy, majestic, awesome Name of the Lord Jesus, the One that's greater than all, and to whom everything in heaven, in the earth, and under the earth bows. Today, and always, I adore and uphold the glory of your Name, and with reverence, I declare that you're the living God, holy, gracious, and true. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

Mark 4:21-41, Leviticus 16-18

Acts 20:1-12, Psalm 31-33



#### Act

Lift your hands and worship the Lord. Make confessions of His Word in reverential honour to His Name.





## THE DAY OF SALVATION

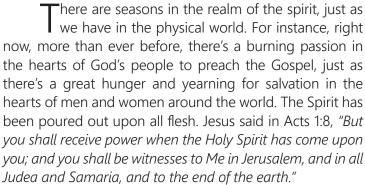
(Now's The Right Time To Win Souls)

Tuesday,
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#### TO THE BIBLE 2 Corinthians 6:2

"For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

#### LET'S TALK



That's the season we are in now! We've been endued with the power to be effective in soul winning. The message is available to everyone, and everyone can give their hearts to Christ because this is the acceptable time! In Luke 4:19, Jesus called it "...the acceptable year of the Lord." And it's aptly corroborated in our theme verse: "...now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." This is the day of salvation. Glory to God!

However, the acceptable time would wind up and judgement would begin; for just as Jesus brought in the acceptable time, He'll also come back for the day of

vengeance. But at the moment, we're workers together with God in the acceptable time, bringing people everywhere into salvation (2 Corinthians 6:1).

Help those around you receive salvation through the power of God at work in you in this hour of His grace. Take the Gospel to the lost, hopeless, hurting and downtrodden in your world and in the regions beyond. Remember, the time is short; therefore, glorify God by being fervent and effective in leading souls to Christ.



#### Go Deeper

Isaiah 49:7-9 TLB; Hebrews 3:7-8



#### Speak

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. Thank you dear Lord for counting me worthy to be a co-labourer with you in saving souls, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

Mark 5:1-20, Leviticus 19-21

Acts 20:13-24, Psalm 33-34



#### Act

Write out five names of people in your sphere of contact you intend to reach with the Gospel. Lay your hand on the list, pray in the Spirit for at least an hour, and then reach out to them.





### "PHOTIZO"

"The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple" (Psalm 119:130).

Interestingly, in this verse, the Greek Septuagint uses the word "Photizo," which means to illuminate, to flood with light, or to turn on the light in your heart. Therefore, the verse should read, "The entrance of your words floods with light...." It's akin to the Spirit's prayer through the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 1:17-18 which says "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened...."

The Greek word translated as "enlightened" is "photizo," which means He prays that the eyes of your spirit will be flooded with light and that the light in your heart will be turned on. As you allow God's Word into your heart through diligent study and constant meditation, your heart is flooded with light.

Even now, as you're studying God's Word in this devotional, something is happening in your spirit. Your spiritual eyes are being flooded with light; they're being enlightened to see and apprehend the realities of our heavenly Kingdom.



### i-testify!

"Every time I read the TeeVo in class, my classmates would laugh at, criticize, and call me all kinds of names. I got discouraged and started thinking of not reading TeeVo anymore in my class. I was very disturbed about this till the day I decided to pray concerning this situation and spoke words filled with power.

The next week at school, the first thing I did was to take the TeeVo from my bag and begin to minister from it. Wow, my classmates—the same teenagers who had been criticizing me—received the impartation of the Holy Spirit, and my English teacher also asked for a copy of the TeeVo. My classmates are now always asking for TeeVo. It's in high demand at my school. Praise the Lord."

Stella, United Kingdom.



# LIVE A GUILT-FREE LIFE

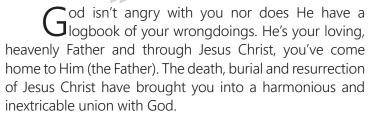
(You're Justified And At Peace With God)

Wednesday, **22** 

#### TO THE BIBLE Romans 5:1 CEV

"By faith we have been made acceptable to God. And now, because of our Lord Jesus Christ, we live at peace with God."

#### LET'S TALK



It's like migrating to a new country; you'd be granted access into such a country and regarded as a legal immigrant only after you've acquired the right visa. Ephesians 2:13 NIV says, "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ." Following Christ's substitutionary work, you've been granted access to God to relate with Him as your Father, without fear!

Don't be afraid that one day God may remember all the wrong things you've done and punish you as a result. You've come home to Him; you're at rest in Christ Jesus. In Christ, you're in God's divine presence, at peace and in fellowship with the Father. This should be your consciousness when you worship the Lord in prayer. You have been justified and are now at peace with the Father



#### Go Deeper

Romans 5:15-17; 1 John 1:3



#### Pray

Dear Father, I thank you for bringing me into a life of peace and fellowship through Jesus Christ! Now I live in your presence forever, justified, holy and righteous before you in love. Thank you for an everlasting life of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



### Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

#### **TWO YEAR**

Mark 5:21-43, Leviticus 22-23

Acts 20:25-38, Psalm 35-36



#### Act

Share today's article with at least five of your social media contacts, and invite them to pray the prayer of salvation at the end of this devotional (on page 76).





### HE DWELLS IN YOU

(Christ Is At Home In You)

Thursday, 23

#### TO THE BIBLE Colossians 1:26-28 NIV

"the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

#### LET'S TALK

When we say "Christ is in you," we're referring to all that's in the character, personality, potency of the glory and graces of Christ embodied in you, made possible by the Holy Spirit. Before His death, burial, resurrection and ascension to heaven, Jesus said in John 14:23, "...If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him"

He made good on His promise, and on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came and indwelt the disciples. Today, being born again, we've become His living temple; He's set up His abode in us. This was a mystery in the Old Testament; the prophets and even the angels wondered how it would be possible for God to make His home in men's hearts.

However, it was always God's desire to do so; He said in Proverbs 8:31, "...my delight was with the sons of men." Paul, by the Spirit, eventually writes and unveils this mystery as read in our opening scripture. So, when we say, "Christ in you," we're looking at all of the character, beauty, glory,

power, and righteousness of God encapsulated in a man.

Ephesians 3:17 says, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...." The word "dwell" here means "settle." So, you're one in whom Christ has settled. He has made His home in your heart by faith; there's a mingling, a oneness of spirit. His very life, the very quality of His personality and the characteristics of His glory are all in you today. Glory to His Name forever!



#### Go Deeper

1 Corinthians 6:19; John 14:16-17 AMPC; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17



#### Speak

Blessed Lord, thank you for setting up your abode in the quarters of my heart. You sanctified me, and made me your living tabernacle, with your very life—the very quality of your personality and the characteristics of your glory—resident in, and expressed through me. What a blessed reality; for this, I'm forever grateful.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAR

TWO YEAR

Mark 6:1-29, Leviticus 24

Acts 21:1-9, Psalm 37



#### Act

Spend some time to fellowship with the Holy Spirit today. Talk to Him about your plans and goals for the next month, and get ready to write down His response to you.





# FAITH ALWAYS WORKS!

(Have Faith In The Word Of God)

Friday, **24** 

#### TO THE BIBLE Matthew 17:20 NIV

"...Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

#### LET'S TALK



"I ve prayed; I've confessed the Word; I've even fasted! Yet, my condition hasn't improved," Monica complained to Jane, her youth group leader.

"Quit complaining, Monica," Jane gently admonished her new convert. "What you need is to learn how to use your faith."

"How do I do that?" Monica asked curiously.

"I recommend you study this book "How To Make Your Faith Work," Jane said, gifting her a copy of the book.

Oftentimes, people agonise like this as they struggle with their faith. This is because, for the most part, they haven't learnt how to use their faith. Until you discover how to make your faith work, you'll keep struggling.

There may be a time of struggling in any area of your life, where you find a difference between what the Word says and your personal experience. At such times, look beyond the disparity and meditate more on the Word. Don't focus your mind on what's happening, but on the Word, on what you believe. Soon enough, the Word will grow mightily in you, and over that situation, and prevail. That's the guaranteed outcome!

Faith always works. If it didn't work, then it was never faith. Jesus said, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you can achieve anything; nothing shall be impossible to you (Matthew 17:20). There's a guarantee that your faith will work if you'd act on the Word. So, cheer up; the victory is yours already. Hallelujah!



#### Go Deeper

Mark 11:22-23; Romans 4:18-21



#### Speak

The Word of God is in my heart and in my mouth, prevailing as I speak it forth! I live above satan and the elements of this world because I'm an associate of the God-kind! By my faith in the Word, I live triumphantly always; I can change what I want to change, and achieve what I want to achieve by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in me. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAR

TWO VEAR

Mark 6:30-56, Leviticus 25

Acts 21:10-17, Psalm 38-39



#### Act

Study the book "How To Make Your Faith Work" to learn more on the subject of faith. You can also gift this book to someone else as well. Copies of this book can be purchased from the LoveWorld Books Online Store (https://loveworldbooks.org/store/shop/) or the Rhapsody of Realities Mobile App store (which you can download from the LoveWorld Appstore, https://lwappstore.com/).





# **EVERYTHING IS BLESSED!**

(God Has Blessed Everything Connected to You)

Saturday, **25** 

#### TO THE BIBLE Acts 5:14-15 NIV

"Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by."

#### LET'S TALK

hen God blesses you, He blesses everything that's connected to you, be it your money, clothes, books, etc.; they become items, channels, and conduits of blessings. Think about that! We read how handkerchiefs and aprons taken from Paul's body healed the sick: "God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them" (Acts 19:11-12 NIV). God's power was on the handkerchiefs and aprons because they had touched Paul's body!

This first happened with the Lord Jesus. Luke 8:43-48 tells the story of the woman with the issue of blood who pushed her way through a teeming crowd to touch the hem of His garment and was healed that very moment. Jesus said power went out from Him. Also, in Luke 6, large crowds of people from all over Judea, Jerusalem and the coastal cities of Tyre and Sidon came to listen to Jesus and to be healed of their diseases, including those who were troubled by evil spirits.

Luke, by the Spirit, specifically wrote, "And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and

healed them all" (Luke 6:19 RSV). This means the blessing—the healing power—got on His clothes and was emitted to others, resulting in healing miracles. This is remarkable!

It's one of the reasons you should take good care of the things God gives you, because His power flows through them. Whether they're your clothes, shoes, schoolbag, or even your mobile phone—everything that's connected to you is an item of blessings. It's got the power to attract more.

Start thinking this way if you aren't already. Everything that's connected to you is connected to the Kingdom and blessed as a result. When you understand and are conscious of this, your life will take on a whole new meaning; the way you think, talk and walk will change. Not only that, the blessings in your life will continue to grow and impact others.



#### Go Deeper

Acts 5:15; Matthew 14:35--36; Luke 8:43-48



#### Speak

Everything that's connected to me grows and multiplies. Nothing that comes from me loses value, because I'm continually filled with the Spirit. I'm a dispenser of God's goodness to my world, an extension and manifestation of His manifold graces to all those I come in contact with today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAD

TWO YEAR

Mark 7:1-23, Leviticus 26-27

Acts 21:18-26, Psalm 40-41



Act

Speak in tongues fervidly today and disperse the power of God into everything connected to you and in your possession.





# BUILD YOUR LIFE WITH THE WORD

(Your Life Is A "House" To Be Built By The Word) Sunday, **26** 

#### TO THE BIBLE Acts 20:32 NASB

"And now I entrust you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

#### LET'S TALK



ad, why did some houses collapse during the storm that swept through our neighbourhood last week while ours didn't even shake?" Alec asked his Dad.

"Well Alec, I built this house myself; and I used the right materials to make sure it was solid, from the foundation up. Perhaps the builders of those houses cut some corners and used inferior materials, not taking into account the storms that often come through this area," his dad replied.

Your life, according to the scriptures, is like a house to be built, and that's why Jesus said anyone who hears, does, and lives His Word is like a man who built his house on a rock. He said, "And the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock" (Matthew 7:25).

However, the one who doesn't give heed to the Word is likened to a man who built his house on sand and when the storms of life beat against the house, it came to a ruinous end: "...great was its fall" (Matthew 7:27). Sometimes, there're those who say, "I want to build my life

financially, "or" I want to build my life spiritually...." It makes no difference in which area you desire to build your life; what you need is God's Word.

That's the only material given to us to build our lives with. God's Word will build you up spiritually, mentally, physically, financially, emotionally, etc. Build your life on the Word. It makes no difference what crises or adversities come against it; it'll remain standing, and it'll be a great edifice! Praise God!



#### Go Deeper

James 1:22-25; Matthew 7:24-27



#### Speak

Oh, the transforming and translational power of God's Word! I'll forever stand strong and tall, even in the midst of the harshest of storms, because my life is built on the Word. The Word infuses boldness, excellence and dominion into my spirit. It keeps me in health, strength and victory, causing me to experience unprecedented progress, peace and prosperity in my life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

**TWO YEAR** 

Mark 7:24-8:1-13, Numbers 1-2

Acts 21:27-39, Psalm 42-43



Act

Read and meditate on the opening scripture again and again.





### LOADED WITH BLESSINGS

(You're The Custodian Of God's Blessings)

Monday, **27** 

#### TO THE BIBLE Deuteronomy 28:12

"The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow."

#### LET'S TALK



love the Contemporary English Version of our opening scripture that's rendered beautifully thus: "...He will make you successful in everything you do. You will have plenty of money to lend to other nations, but you won't need to borrow any yourself." Let this truth dawn on your spirit, and your mentality will change. You're loaded with blessings for your generation. You're a custodian of God's manifold blessings.

Therefore, everywhere you are, dispense blessings; dispense God's grace, love and compassion to those you come in contact with. This is your calling! Be a giver because of who you are and where you come from: you're Abraham's seed. The Lord said to Abraham, "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice" (Genesis 22:18). Hallelujah!

The Lord Jesus did all that He did on the Cross that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles, and it has (Galatians 3:14). Glory to God! Now, we've received the promise of the Spirit. Galatians 3:29 says, "And if you are

Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." The world belongs to you. Be conscious of this truth.



#### Go Deeper

Galatians 3:8-9; Galatians 4:28 AMPC; 1 Peter 3:9



#### Pray

Dear heavenly Father, what an honour to be an heir of the Abrahamic blessing, a conveyor of your goodness and a dispenser of eternal verities. As the seed of Abraham, I walk in righteousness, victory, health and dominion today, conscious that I'm blessed to be a blessing. I usher in and distribute God's goodness to the advantage of many, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE VEAR

TWO YEAR

Mark 8:14-26, Numbers 3-4

Acts 21:40-22:1-10, Psalm 44-45



#### Act

As you go about your day, intentionally speak words of blessing to those in your family, neighbourhood, and sphere of contact today.





## KEEP YOUR ARMOUR ON

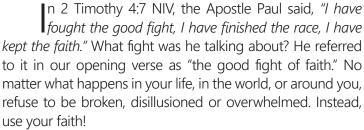
(Your Victory For Each Fight Is Guaranteed)

Tuesday, 28

#### TO THE BIBLE 1 Timothy 6:12 NIV

"Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

#### LET'S TALK



Your faith is the victory that overcomes the world and its failures, corruption, darkness, wickedness and decadence. Every adversity you face is your opportunity for a testimony, as you use a formidable weapon in your arsenal—the shield of faith! That's the one you're counselled to take up to cover all others: "Lift up over all the [covering] shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one]" (Ephesians 6:16 AMPC).

With your faith, you're able to extinguish, neutralize, and make of no effect, ALL the fiery darts of the wicked. Never think there's a challenge you can't surmount. No trouble is too much for you to overcome. With the shield of faith, you're invincible. It doesn't matter how Satan throws the darts at you; remain strong in faith!

It may seem like all hell has broken loose in your body; you feel terrible pains and discomfort. Refuse to accede to sickness and disease; use your faith and declare faith-filled words about your body and your health. Remember "...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word (the Rhema) of God" (Ephesians 6:17). That's the Word of God spoken forth from your lips.

It doesn't matter how excruciating the pain is; keep affirming your healing and health. Soon enough, your faith will prevail and you'd be able to say like Paul, "I have fought a good fight...I have kept the faith." Hebrews 10:35 says, "...Do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded" (NIV). Don't say, "Lord, it became too hard; I had to give in." No, fight! The fight of faith is your personal fight, and it's a good fight because you always win. Keep at it, for your victory is guaranteed!



#### Go Deeper

Ephesians 6:10-13; Romans 4:19-20; 1 John 4:4



#### Speak

It makes no difference the troubles in the world or what I see, hear or feel; my victory is guaranteed! I am what God says I am, I have what He says I have, and I can do what He says I can do! I refuse to accept sickness, poverty, defeat or give in to anything contrary to my divine heritage in Christ. I maintain my confession of the Word, strong in faith, giving glory to God because the greater One lives in me! Hallelujah!



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

**TWO YEAR** 

Mark 8:27-38-9:1-13. Numbers 5-6

Acts 22:11-30, Psalm 46-49



Act

Read and learn more about "the shield of faith" in Chapter 7 of "The Power of Your Mind."





- 1. Jesus' brothers didn't believe in Him at first, even when they must have heard about His miraculous birth and the angelic visitations concerning Him.
  - A. True
  - B. False

(Hint: Read the message on 1 February 2023).

- 2. Complete this statement: "As one who's living in the New Testament, you don't live in ."
  - A. The realm of the senses.
  - B The Old Testament
  - C. The Law of Moses.
  - D. All of the above.

(Hint: Read the message on 2 February 2023).

- 3. This happens to Christians with the wrong perception of God.
  - A. They will believe the wrong things.
  - B. They will think the wrong thoughts.
  - C. They will say the wrong things.
  - D. All of the above.

(Hint: Read the message on 6 February 2023).

- 4. The ability of God is given through \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Prayer.
  - B. Physical exercise.
  - C. God's Word to you.
  - D. Eating physical food.

(Hint: Read the message on 8 February 2023).

- 5. Who made this statement "... Every word of God is a name and what He says is what becomes" and to whom?
  - A. Paul to Timothy.
  - B. Jesus Christ to Simon Peter.
  - C. Elijah to Elisha.
  - D. Pastor Chris to a church official.

(Hint: Read the message on 9 February 2023).

### 6. According to the message "What's Your Motive?", what is God's vision?

A. It's that the expansion of God's kingdom becomes your second passion and aspiration in every respect.

B. It's that everyone comes to the knowledge of the truth of the Gospel.

C. A and B.

D. None of the above.

(Hint: Read the message on 14 February 2023).

#### 7. For the Christian, Christ is our life, and faith in the Word is our

- A. Currency.
- B. Lifestyle.
- C. Daily exercise.
- D B and C

(Hint: Read the message on 16 February 2023).

### 8. Fill in the missing words, "In Christianity, we don't \_\_\_\_ the devil or \_\_\_\_ with him."

- A. Fight, negotiate.
- B. Think about, discuss.
- C. Beg, plead.
- D. Defend, side in.

(Hint: Read the message on 17 February 2023).

#### 9. The Greek word "charitoo" means all of these except

- A. To be graced.
- B. To be imbued with special honour
- C. To do works of charity
- D. Be highly favoured.

(Hint: Read the message on 19 February 2023).

#### 10. God has a logbook of everyone's wrongdoings.

A. True

B. False

(Hint: Read the message on 22 February 2023).

### **Prayer of Salvation**

We trust you've been blessed by this devotional. We invite you to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life by praying thus:

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

Congratulations! You're now a child of God. To receive more information on how you can grow as a Christian, please get in touch with us through any of the contacts below:

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# **ANSWERS**



ACROSS: 5 Book of John, 8 Matthias, 9 Saints, 10 Temple, 11 Caiaphas, 13 Four, 15 Air, 18 John the Baptist, 20 Philadelphia, 23 Twelve, 24 Babylon.

DOWN: 1 Pentateuch, 2 Seth, 3 Kiss,
4 Tamar, 5 Basket, 6 Obadiah,
7 Joseph of Arimathea,
12 Mary Magdalene, 13 Fisherman,
14 Raven, 16 Cana, 17 Malta,
19 Ezekiel, 21 Luke, 22 Psalms.



1. A 2. A 3. D 4. C 5. D

6. B 7. B 8. A 9. C 10. B



