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**DAILY DEVOTIONAL** 

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# Introduction

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# Rhapsody of Realities ... A DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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SATURDAY 1

# THE GRACE ADVANTAGE



Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord (2 Peter 1:2).

o matter how intelligent you are or how hard you work, there's a dimension to real success and achievement that transcends natural abilities and efforts. It's called grace. Grace arranges and orchestrates life's circumstances in your favour.

Grace coordinates how things unfold for you, who comes in and out of your world, when they arrive, and for what purpose. It determines how things connect and align; the people, resources, opportunities etc. When you understand this, you become truly humble, realizing that the race isn't to the swift, nor is the battle to the strong. Wealth is not to one who's brilliant, neither is favour to the learned, but time and chance happen to them all (Ecclesiastes 9:11 NIV).

The apostles understood this. That's why Paul, John, and Peter often talked about grace. Read their respective epistles; they often began by saying, "Grace be to you..." (2 Corinthians 1:2). 2 John 1:3, "Grace be with you,

mercy, and peace, from God the Father...." Also, "... Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied" (1 Peter 1:2). They knew what grace could accomplish.

Be conscious of the grace of God. Learn to function by grace and multiply the grace of God in your life. How does grace multiply? Peter tells us that it's through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord (2 Peter 1:2). You can multiply and increase the dimensions and workings of God's grace in your life by meditating on the Word and putting it to work in your life. Hallelujah!

# **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the abundance of grace that's available to me in Christ Jesus. I walk in increased grace, favour and peace, as I grow in the knowledge of your Word. Your grace is actively working in my life, producing supernatural results and aligning all things in my favour. I walk in excellence, fruitfulness and divine success, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

# **FURTHER STUDY:**

James 4:6; Romans 5:17; 2 Corinthians 9:8

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 1 & Jeremiah 34-35

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 9:1-7 & 1 Chronicles 1



SUNDAY 2

# **CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE SPIRITUAL**



For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace (Romans 8:6).

n our soul-winning efforts, a vital requirement is the strengthening and development of your human spirit, the inward man. That's the real "you" that was born again. When we speak of salvation in Christ, we're referring to the salvation of the spirit. And for that salvation to express itself, you must become conscious of spiritual things.

Spiritual consciousness is essential for spiritual growth. When you're spiritually minded, you interpret life from the perspective of the Word. You understand that you're not of this world. You're a spirit being, called by God to function from the spirit-realm. Everything about the Christian life starts from this awareness.

Take soul-winning, for example; the expression itself, "soul winning", is spiritually precise. It doesn't say "people winning"; you're reaching for the inner man of that person—the soul, the spirit. That means you must be conscious that those you're ministering to are spirit beings too. This



consciousness shapes how you see others and how you handle life's issues; you evaluate everything from the spiritual.

This was what made the ministry of the Lord Jesus so different from the religious leaders of His day. He brought a spiritual ministry. And thanks be unto God; we're born of the Spirit and called to live in the Spirit. As a soul winner, this is your arena. No book in the world reveals the realities and life of the human spirit like the Bible. So study the Scriptures voraciously; the Word is your guide to living victoriously every day in every situation.

# **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for enlightening my spirit through your Word. I function from the inward man and interpret life through the Spirit. I walk in the consciousness of who I am in Christ, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

# **FURTHER STUDY:**

Romans 8:5-6; 1 Peter 3:3-4 NKJV; 1 Corinthians 2:14-15

# 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 2 & Jeremiah 36-37

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 9:8-17 & 1 Chronicles 2



MONDAY 3

# THE BEAUTY OF SERVING WITH THE SPIRIT



For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers (Romans 1:9).

One of the most striking thoughts from Romans chapter 1 is the Apostle Paul's revelation on serving through the Spirit as read in our opening scripture. It emphasises the consciousness of the spiritual in our Christian service.

Paul didn't say he served God with his mind or body, but with his spirit. This is so important because Christianity is a spiritual walk, a spiritual ministry, and our service must be offered through the Spirit to be acceptable to God. Paul wasn't speaking metaphorically; rather, he was showing us how to carry out our divine assignments.

Serving God with your spirit is about serving from the inward man, engaging spiritual truths, and ministering from a place of depth in the Holy Spirit. This is not head knowledge or mechanical duty; it's priestly service from the inner man. Then, in the latter part of the opening scripture, he says, "...without ceasing I make mention



of you always in my prayers" (Romans 1:9). This was also from his spirit. He was making intercession with the intensity of one who is fully conscious of spiritual realities.

He didn't stop there; in verse 12, he adds, "...that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me." Recall that he had expressed his desire to see the saints in Rome in verse 11, saying, "For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established." The impartation wasn't one-sided; it required their mutual faith.

He was coming to strengthen them, but they were also going to be a source of encouragement to him by their own faith and response. This is the beauty of fellowship with the Spirit, when we serve God with our spirits, we give and receive of His grace and knowledge. Hallelujah!

# **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the privilege of serving you with my spirit in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. I'm conscious of the operations of the Spirit in my life, His wisdom, guidance and grace, to impart others with the blessings of the Gospel. I walk in the power of your Spirit today, producing fruits and works of righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

# **FURTHER STUDY:**

Romans 1:9-12 NKJV; Romans 12:11; Philippians 3:3

# 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 3 & Jeremiah 38-40

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 9:18-27 & 1 Chronicles 3



TUESDAY 4

# LIVE VICTORIOUSLY FROM INSIDE OUT



For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day (2 Corinthians 4:16).

n 2 Corinthians 4:16, the Apostle Paul draws a sharp contrast between the outward man and the inward man. He says, "...though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." He was referring to the physical challenges and persecutions he and his companions faced in ministry: the bruises, beatings and hardship. Yet, in all of it, he affirmed the continual strengthening of the inward man.

He went on to describe these trials as "light affliction" (verse 17). It wasn't that the afflictions were naturally light, but compared to the glory that was to be revealed, they were insignificant. He said, "...our light affliction... worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." This is a spiritual perspective, one only possible when you view life through the eyes of the Spirit.

Paul shows us the principle behind such confidence: "While we look not at the things which are seen, but

at the things which are not seen..." (verse 18). That's profound. You can only look at unseen things through the eyes of your spirit. And Paul tells us why this matters: "... the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (verse 18). Spiritual things are real and permanent; they're the things that matter.

Peter echoes this truth in 1 Peter 3:4, where he speaks of "the hidden man of the heart," another name for the inward man. He describes this man as possessing "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." Though hidden, God wants this inward man to shine outwardly, to dominate your visible life.

Let the recreated human spirit gain the ascendancy. Let the beauty, discipline and strength of the inward man become the ornament of your life. That's how to live victoriously from the inside out.

# **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the strengthening and renewal of my inward man. I fix my gaze on eternal realities and live daily from the spirit. The qualities of my recreated spirit dominate my outward life, bringing glory to your Name, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 AMPC; 1 Peter 3:4; Matthew 12:35

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 4:1-13 & Jeremiah 41-43

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 9:28-41 & 1 Chronicles 4



WEDNESDAY 5

# **SOUL DEVELOPMENT**



And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever (Daniel 12:3).

recall someone asking me many years ago, "What job do you do?" Very quickly, I answered, "I'm into soul development." He was startled and didn't know what that meant. But that term, "soul development", is exactly what we do. As a Christian, especially a soul winner, don't ever let anyone talk you down or suggest you're without a job.

You're doing the greatest, most important work in the world: turning men from darkness to light and training them in righteousness. That's the true meaning of soul development. The Bible says, "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever" (Daniel 12:3). Why? Because those you win become trees of righteousness, which the Bible calls "...the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified" (Isaiah 61:3).

There are all kinds of trees, but when you win souls to Christ, you raise trees of righteousness. This is why our

work is so glorious. It's divine! There's no higher calling. God's number one job is soul winning. That's why He sent the Lord Jesus. The Bible says, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son..."* (John 3:16). He gave His best to win the whole world.

Always think and strategize with the Spirit on what more you can do with regard to soul winning. Your daily passion and pursuit should be about how else you can reach more souls. Everything you do, your excellence, ideas and innovations should revolve around this one thing: soul development. This is your calling, your purpose, and your ministry. Praise God!

# **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the extraordinary blessing of making me a soul winner. I carry myself with dignity and excellence, representing Christ in every place. Your wisdom flows through me, and your glory radiates from my life as I minister the Gospel and lead sinners out of darkness into the glorious liberty of the sons of God, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

# **FURTHER STUDY:**

Mark 16:15; 2 Corinthians 5:19-20; Daniel 12:3 NLT

# 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 4:14-5:1-10 & Jeremiah 44-47

# 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 10:1-10 & 1 Chronicles 5



THURSDAY 6

# **BE SPIRITUALLY ALERT ALWAYS**



While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee (Acts 10:19).

As a Christian, you must always be spiritually alert. Otherwise, you may not recognise divine promptings, and you may struggle to discern the voice of the Spirit. A vital part of soul winning is being led by the Holy Spirit, and for that, your spirit must be sensitive.

In Acts 10, we see a beautiful example with Peter. He had gone upstairs to pray, and while praying, he fell into a trance and saw a vision from heaven: a great sheet lowered with all kinds of unclean animals. Then, a voice said to him, "...Peter, kill and eat" (Acts 10:13 AMPC). This happened three times.

Clearly, the Lord was trying to get Peter's attention for the salvation of Cornelius, a Roman Centurion, who at the time had already sent three of his servants to fetch Peter. Then the Bible says in verses 17-20, "Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius...stood before the gate, and called....While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them."

The Holy Spirit gave clear direction and instructions to Peter such that he didn't need to second-guess. But notice that Peter was in prayer while this happened. As a result, Cornelius, a Roman centurion, and his entire household received salvation and the infilling of the Holy Spirit. What if Peter hadn't responded? What if he had hesitated?

When your spirit is sensitive and active through prayer, meditation on the Word, and walking in fellowship with the Holy Spirit, it's easier to recognise and respond to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

# **CONFESSION**

Dear Father, I thank you for the inspiration through your Word and the Spirit. I'm spiritually alert and responsive to your guidance. I function beyond the senses. I recognise your voice and follow your instructions without doubt or delay. I'm a soul winner, led by your Spirit always, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

# **FURTHER STUDY:**

Romans 8:14; Proverbs 20:27; Acts 13:2; Acts 11:7-12

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 5:11-6:1-20 & Jeremiah 48-49

# 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 10:11-21 & 1 Chronicles 6



FRIDAY 7

# TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SOUL-WINNING OPPORTUNITIES



Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot (Acts 8:29).

Always, the Holy Spirit, who is the Master Strategist, guides us in our soul-winning efforts. He leads you from within and makes your witnessing effective, guiding you on the right words to say and actions to take. He opens the door and expects you to recognise and seize the moment.

Consider, for example, how He guided Philip in Acts 8 to minister to the Ethiopian eunuch. Philip had already received direction from an angel to go to a certain location, but when he arrived there, the Holy Spirit spoke to him and gave him clear instructions on what to do: "Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot" (Acts 8:29).

Notice how precise the Spirit's instruction was: "Go near, and join thyself to this chariot." With that, Philip understood what was required because he was evangelism-conscious. He didn't ask, "What next?" or hesitate; rather, upon getting to the chariot, he immediately began expounding the Scriptures to the Ethiopian Eunuch (Read Acts 8:30-39). That's how soul winners operate.



When you're attuned to the Spirit, He doesn't have to give you a full script. You recognise the moment, and you know what to say. The Holy Spirit simply opens the door and you walk in, equipped and ready. That's how Philip led the Ethiopian eunuch to Christ. You must be that kind of Christian: one who takes full advantage of soul-winning opportunities.

Many times, I've had such moments. Even before the conversation begins, I'm already speaking in tongues under my breath, preparing "the soil." I don't waste time. I go straight to the point: "Have you received the Holy Spirit?" or "Are you born again?"

I don't want to leave the conversation without talking about Jesus. What if that's the only chance I'll ever get? What if it's their only opportunity to hear the Gospel? So, when the Holy Spirit nudges you, seize the moment. Speak boldly. Recognise the open door and walk through it.

# **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the Holy Spirit who lives in me and guides me in all things. I'm sensitive to His leading and alert to the opportunities He presents. I walk through every open door with boldness and wisdom, fulfilling your call to win souls, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Acts 8:29-35; John 4:4-14; 2 Timothy 4:2

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 7 & Jeremiah 50-51

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 10:22-32 & 1 Chronicles 7

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SATURDAY 8

# YOUR VOCATION—A PLATFORM TO REACH OTHERS



And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ (Acts 18:5).

n Acts chapter 18, Luke, by the Spirit, gives us insight into the soul-winning strategy of the Apostle Paul. He arrived in Corinth and met Aquila and Priscilla, Jews who had just relocated from Italy. The Bible says they were tentmakers, and because Paul was of the same trade, he joined them and worked alongside them.

This wasn't a mere coincidence; it was a divine strategy. Paul used his trade as a connection point—he found common ground with them. During the week, he worked. But every Sabbath, he went into the synagogue to reason with the Jews and the Greeks, persuading them concerning Christ. His tent-making served as a bridge into the lives of others, and from there, he introduced them to the Gospel.

Then something significant happened. When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was stirred, pressed in the spirit, and immediately began testifying boldly that Jesus was the Christ. The atmosphere had changed. The presence of fellow labourers brought fresh fire and inspiration. The time for reasoning was over.



This shows us the power of spiritual companionship. When you're around others who are fervent in soul winning, it propels you to greater boldness. In the company of soul winners, the Spirit moves you. You receive strength and courage to proclaim the Gospel without fear.

Even Aquila and Priscilla, who initially received Paul as a tentmaker, were so impacted that later, they ministered to Apollos and helped him receive the Holy Ghost. What started as a business relationship became a platform for transformation and ministry.

Recognise that God strategically places you in certain environments for the sake of the Gospel. Be spiritually conscious of this truth and seize every opportunity to testify that Jesus is Lord. Let the excellence of your spirit shine through. You're not just a lawyer, banker, politician, medical doctor, marketer, or athlete; you're a soul winner, sent from God! Your vocation is a platform for you to impact and transform the lives of those in your same line of work.

# **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for strategically positioning me in my world to impact others with the Gospel. I'm led by the Spirit to recognise and seize opportunities to transform lives, reshape destinies, and reveal your righteousness. The boldness of the Spirit is at work in me today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

# **FURTHER STUDY:**

Proverbs 11:30; 2 Corinthians 5:19-20 NKJV; Acts 18:1-6

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 8 & Jeremiah 52

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 10:33-42 & 1 Chronicles 8



SUNDAY 9

# YOU CAN COUNT ON HIM



Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city (Acts 18:9-10).

As a soul winner, the Lord Himself is your defence. You can count on Him to protect and keep you from harm or evil as you go about witnessing to others about Jesus Christ. Be confident in His ever-present guidance and protection. You're not alone in this divine assignment. He who sent you is with you, and He speaks to you and through you.

Think about Paul, in Acts 18, after he faced strong opposition from the Jews for preaching that Jesus is Lord, he turned to the Gentiles. The Lord guided Him and he led Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, his entire household, and many of the Corinthians to believe and receive salvation (Acts 18:7-8). Then the Bible says, "One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God" (Acts 18:9-11 NIV).

The Lord didn't leave Paul hamstrung or in uncertainty. He spoke to him and assured him of His ever-present guidance and protection. This happened in Corinth, a city so significant that Paul later wrote two epistles to the church there. In fact, from Bible study, we understand he even wrote a third letter that isn't in the canon of Scripture.

But at that crucial moment in Corinth, Paul needed reassurance, and the Lord gave it to him. Emboldened by the Word of the Lord, Paul remained there for a year and six months, teaching the Word of God with boldness and power, raising disciples. And thanks be unto God, the same Spirit is working in, with and through you as you disciple others.

Be conscious of His ministry with, in and through you. He said, "...surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20 NIV). With Him, you'll navigate oppositions and accomplish your divine assignment gloriously.

# **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for your ever-abiding presence and the assurance that I'm never alone. I'm guided by your Spirit, and strengthened to be effective, bold and courageous in soul winning. Thank you for those you've appointed and prepared to receive salvation today, as your truth is proclaimed all around the world, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

# **FURTHER STUDY:**

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Acts 18:9-11 TLB

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 9:1-10 & Lamentations 1-2

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 11:1-13 & 1 Chronicles 9



MONDAY 10

# STRENGTHENED AND ESTABLISHED



For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established (Romans 1:11).

The word "established" in the scripture above is translated from the Greek "stērizō," which means to be made strong or strengthened again. Paul longed to see the Christians in Rome so he could minister to them to be strengthened, spiritually fortified, and grounded.

This same word appears in Acts 15:41, where it says, "And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches." Here, it's translated as "confirming," but it's the same Greek word, "stērizō." You'd also find it in Acts 16:5 translated as "established": "And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily."

When the churches were strengthened, they grew. Establishment in the Word and in the Spirit results in spiritual maturity and church growth. This spiritual strengthening isn't just about an increase in the number of people in the church; it's about the spiritual depth and

stability of the members. Paul's impartation was to make them strong, to give them a spiritual advantage.

That's the real "confirmation"; it's not achieved through religious rituals or recitations, but by the power of the Holy Spirit, through the Word and oftentimes, the laying on of hands. Sometimes, for you to operate at a new and higher level of ministry requires more grace, this kind of strengthening; and you must be positioned to receive it.

James 4:6 says, "But he giveth more grace...." When there's a new challenge, a new assignment, or an expanded vision, what you need is more grace. So, receive it even now, and function at a new and higher level; established, strong and courageous for the work of the Kingdom. Amen.

# **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the impartation of spiritual gifts and the abundance of grace at work in my life. My spirit is strengthened and established by your Word. I receive more grace for every new level, new responsibility, and greater vision. I walk in the fullness of your divine enablement and fulfil my calling gloriously, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

# **FURTHER STUDY:**

2 Timothy 1:6; Acts 14:21-23; James 4:6; Ephesians 3:14-16

# 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 9:11-28 & Lamentations 3-5

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 11:14-23 & 1 Chronicles 10



TUESDAY 11

# MINISTERING BY THE SPIRIT



And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened (Mark 7:33-34).

Consider how the Lord ministered healing to the deaf-mute in our opening scripture. When you study the Gospels, you'll notice that He ministered to people in different ways. In Matthew 12:13, when He healed a man with a withered hand, He said to him, "... Stretch forth your hand..." and when the man obeyed, his withered hand was restored. The Master didn't need to physically touch the man; He only spoke to him.

In some other instances, He used more personal and physical methods to bring healing to people. For example, in Luke 18:42, He told a blind man, "Receive your sight," and his sight was restored. Similarly, in John 9:6-7, the Lord spat on the ground, made clay with the spittle, anointed a man's eyes with it and instructed him to go wash in the Pool of Siloam. Consequently, his sight was restored.

Even though the Lord didn't always minister in the same way to everyone, one thing was constant: He ministered to them by and through the Spirit, despite their



unique conditions or cases. It's the same today. He sent us to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils and raise the dead, and we do these by the Spirit.

We know by the Spirit when all we're to do is merely speak words, lay hands, or do something unique or specific as prompted by the same Spirit. In the Healing School, for example, that's what happens. When I step up to minister to someone, oftentimes, I see by the Spirit, a quick vision of what I'm to do, either before I approach the person or right when I'm standing before him or her. This is through the gifts of the Spirit.

It's different from ministering solely through faith. In that case, you may have to preach a message and act your faith together with the individual, and that'd produce healing through your mutual faith. But the key is being in the Spirit; being full of the Spirit: "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18).

# **CONFESSION**

Thank you, Father, for the ministry of the Holy Spirit in my life; I function by the Spirit. I walk in His visions, promptings and blessings. My spirit is sensitive, and my faith is active. I minister in your Name with boldness and divine direction, bringing healing to the sick and blessings to my world, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Zechariah 4:6; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; Romans 8:14; John 6:63

# 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 10:1-18 & Ezekiel 1-2

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 11:24-34 & 1 Chronicles 11



WEDNESDAY 12

# THE POWER OF "EPIGNOSIS"



Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord (2 Peter 1:2).

The Apostle Peter addresses those who have obtained like precious faith through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Then he declares, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord" (2 Peter 1:2).

But he's not referring to just any kind of knowledge. The Greek word used for knowledge here is "Epignósis," a specialized knowledge. It refers to the knowledge that comes through relationship and experience. It's knowledge that relates with that object of knowledge or that which is known. You may know something intellectually, but that doesn't mean you relate with it.

"Epignósis" is full, deep, exact knowledge. Think of it like footballers: some of them can control the ball with astonishing mastery. It's as though they've become one with the ball. They've made friends with it. To them, it's no longer just a piece of leather but something that has gained



a personality to them.

Contrast that with someone who has general knowledge about the round leather ball. He or she might know the material, size, or structure of the ball. He may even be able to tell you the science behind its design, but he can't control it. He has no mastery of the ball.

Mastery comes by relationship, and "Epignósis" is the knowledge that makes us masters. It unites the knower with that which is known. It comes through meditation on the Word—when the Word becomes personal to you and moves from theory to relationship. This establishes you and causes grace and peace to be multiplied in your life. So, cultivate that relationship with the Word. Let it become more than information. Let it become a living reality; your life will blossom, and you'll be a wonder to your world.

# **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for bringing me into a deeper and more intimate knowledge of you through your Word. I walk in multiplied grace and peace today, functioning with the precise and full knowledge of your Word. My spirit is established, strengthened and aligned with your perfect will for my life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

# **FURTHER STUDY:**

Joshua 1:8 AMPC; Colossians 1:9-10; 2 Peter 3:18

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 10:19-39 & Ezekiel 3-4

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 11:35-46 & 1 Chronicles 12



THURSDAY 13

# THE CHARACTER OF YOUR INWARD MAN



For I delight in the law of God after the inward man (Romans 7:22).

n Romans 7:22, Paul the apostle uses a striking phrase: "the inward man." That's the real you. The outward man, clothed in beautiful apparel, is simply the house in which the real person lives. So, when Paul said, "I delight in the law of God after the inward man," he was showing us something deeply spiritual: your inner man is active, aware, and responsive to God.

Everything you are, outwardly, is a reflection of your inner person. In the spirit realm, you don't appear as someone else; no! You look like you. So when you see yourself in the spirit, there's no confusion or disconnect. You'll say, "Yes, that's me!" Your spirit carries your identity.

Someone might ask, "If I'm physically fat, for example, does that mean my spirit is fat?" No, this is not about body mass or the anatomy of the physical body. In the spirit, you don't see a fat or thin person; you simply see you. The real transformation, the one that truly matters, is your



inner man. That's why the emphasis is building your inner man; that's where the day-to-day renewal takes place: "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16).

If you want changes in your life, start from the inside. Many struggle with discipline, for instance, but discipline isn't achieved by external effort alone. It begins in the inward man. Train your spirit, feed it with the Word, and your outward life will align. That's why we say, "Change the inside first"; change the inner man, and the outward man will follow.

# **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for enlightening me through your Word to recognise my true self, the inward man. I grow in character and strength from within, and my outward life is shaped by the excellence of my spirit, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

# **FURTHER STUDY:**

2 Corinthians 4:16 AMPC; 1 Peter 3:4; Ephesians 3:16

# 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 11:1-16 & Ezekiel 5-7

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 11:47-57 & 1 Chronicles 13



# EMPOWERED TO CHANGE OUR WORLD



And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high (Luke 24:49).

The Lord Jesus spent about three years with His disciples before His death, burial and resurrection. During the period, they learnt from Him, walked with Him, watched His miracles, heard His message, and received direct impartations from Him. They had a message, they had the calling, and they had been trained.

Yet, before they could take a step into ministry, He gave them this vital instruction: "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). In other words, even though they were ready in every other sense, they needed one more thing: the promise of my Father.

That promise was the Holy Spirit, and without Him, their efforts wouldn't produce divine results. But with Him, they would be effective. And that's exactly what happened. Luke, in Acts 2:14-41, describes how the same Peter who had once denied Jesus (Luke 22:61-62) stood up boldly on the day of Pentecost and delivered a powerful message that transformed three thousand lives: "But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them..." (Acts 2:14).

He didn't stop there. In Acts 4:4, after he and John



healed a lame man, he preached boldly again and the Bible says, "...many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand." That's effectiveness. That's divine speed. Through the Holy Spirit, Peter's outreach expanded rapidly, resulting in thousands being saved within a very short time.

Today, we have the same Holy Spirit, and the results are the same. He's made us effective witnesses. We're not trying to get into that place of power; we've already been endued with power (Acts 1:8). We've been empowered to change our world as able ministers of the Gospel (2 Corinthians 3:5-6). We're making an impact, transforming lives all over the world. We're functioning exactly as God intended, with power, with dominion, and with undeniable results.

We're moving with the speed of the Spirit, for the Bible says, "A quick work will the Lord do, and cut it short in righteousness" (Romans 9:28). This is not by might, nor by human power, but by the Spirit of the living God. It's God's wisdom, God's speed, and God's ability at work in us. The Gospel is prevailing. The nations are open. The harvest is abundant. And this is all to His glory!

# **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the Holy Spirit who lives in me and has made me effective in life and ministry. I'm walking in power, wisdom and dominion, producing results that bring you glory, advancing your Kingdom with divine speed, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

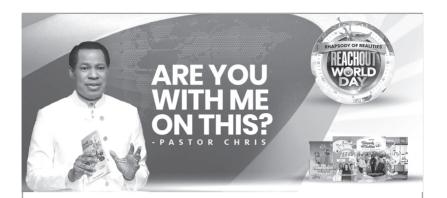
Acts 2:14-22, 37-41; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 3:5-6

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 11:17-40 & Ezekiel 8-10

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 12:1-11 & 1 Chronicles 14



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SATURDAY 15

#### **OUR MAGNUM OPUS**



Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work (John 4:34).

The divine assignment God has entrusted to us is to bring salvation to the nations, expand His kingdom, and complete the work that the Lord Jesus started. The Bible says, "...he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand" (Isaiah 53:10). In Mark 16:15, He said, "... Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." This is our magnum opus—the grandest work of all history.

Others before us began it, but we've been called to complete it. This generation has been chosen for the grand finale, and we will prevail. Hallelujah! We're the most equipped generation in the history of the Church. We've been blessed beyond measure. We've received knowledge, insight, platforms, resources, and divine connections. We've been given all the grace necessary. There are no excuses. We have the message. We have the mandate. And we have the means.

When you set long-term goals for career, travel, or personal success, make sure to consider setting your personal targets for the full preaching of the Gospel. The Master did. He said, "...My meat is to do the will of him



that sent me, and to finish his work" (John 4:34). His focus was on completing His divine mission.

The Lord gave us a clear vision; He said, "...this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14). And we're the ones to preach it. We've been graced and empowered to do it, and we will not falter. The Gospel is penetrating every nation, every city, and every community.

Give more of your time, energy and resources into the Gospel. Dedicate yourself wholeheartedly, knowing that your labour of love is yielding eternal harvest. Stay committed; intercede for sinners, persevere in love, and let your financial involvement continue to bear lasting fruits for the Kingdom. We're in the final stretch. Stay fervent. Stay yielded to the Spirit. The Gospel will cover the earth as the Lord has said. Hallelujah!

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for counting me faithful and making me a partner in the end-time mandate of completing the full preaching of the Gospel in the nations of the world. The Gospel prevails through me; and I thank you for your grace, wisdom and divine strategies being employed by the Church to finish the great work you started, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

John 4:34-37; Romans 15:18-19; Mark 16:15

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 12:1-13 & Ezekiel 11-12

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 12:12-19 & 1 Chronicles 15



SUNDAY 16

## THE KINGDOM, THE FIELD, AND THE SEED



Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field (Matthew 13:24).

The Lord Jesus, in His remarkable teachings about the Kingdom, used parables to unveil profound truths. One of such examples is the parable of the wheat and tares in Matthew 13. He said, "...the kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field" (Matthew 13:24). That "man" is the Lord Himself, while the "good seed" represents the children of the Kingdom. The "field," as He later explained, is the world.

This is extraordinary. The Lord sowed good seed, not in someone else's field, but in His own field. That tells you the world is His field and part of His Kingdom. It belongs to Him. No matter what we see in the world today, no matter how polluted it appears, the field still belongs to Jesus.

The Bible says while men slept, the enemy came and sowed tares in the field. Tares are the children of the wicked one. The Lord Jesus explained clearly that the enemy who sowed these tares is the devil. So we understand why both good and evil are seen operating side-by-side in the world and even in places associated with God's work.



In verse 30, while still explaining the same parable, the Master said, "Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." That harvest is the end of the world, and the reapers are the angels. At the appointed time, the tares will be gathered and burned, but the wheat, the righteous, will be gathered into His barn. Glory to God! This is so comforting.

We're the good seed, the children of the Kingdom, planted in the field of the world for a purpose. That's why we can stand boldly anywhere and declare, "We own the world," because it belongs to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and we're His heirs. We're in charge and in control; we're here to shine and bear fruits of righteousness. No matter what opposition or darkness there is, remember this: the field is His and He planted you in it. So, shine as a light, reign as a king, and bring in the harvest. Hallelujah!

#### **CONFESSION**

I shine as a light and bear fruits of righteousness. I dominate and prevail over the works of darkness because I'm the seed of Christ. Thank you, Lord, for making me a vessel of glory and impact in this generation, winning souls and bringing many into the Kingdom. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Matthew 13:24-30, 38-40; 1 Corinthians 10:26

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 12:14-29 & Ezekiel 13-15

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 12:20-29 & 1 Chronicles 16



MONDAY 17

#### THE IMMENSE VALUE OF A SOUL



Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it (Matthew 13:45-46).

The Lord Jesus likened the Kingdom of heaven to a merchant seeking precious pearls. And when he found one pearl of great price, he sold everything he had to purchase it. This shows us the immense value God places on a single soul. Every soul matters deeply to God, for they're worth the life of Jesus Christ.

You're not just reaching people to grow your church, fellowship or cell group; we're not merely adding numbers; we're going after treasures. That one person you prayed for, followed up, encouraged and refused to give up on, even when they seemed disinterested or resistant to the message, is seen by heaven as a pearl of great price.

Many years ago, I was just a young teenager, about 13 years old, curious, distracted, and unsure of many things. But there was a gentleman who wouldn't give up on me. He kept following me up, reaching out, helping me stay focused, serving the Lord. He was one person God used to help me get steady in the things of God. But for

his persistence, I might never have stepped into ministry.

That's what your intercession and follow-up can do for someone. That's what your consistent prayers of intercession can achieve. When you lead someone to Christ or help stabilize a new Christian, you may be impacting generations and rescuing a destiny. So, never underestimate the worth of one soul.

Recall the teaching of the Master when He talked about the lost sheep. He said there's exceeding joy in heaven over one sinner that repents than over ninety-nine just persons that need no repentance (Luke 15:7). That one person you're praying for, calling, visiting, and encouraging is not just another face, but heaven's delight; a pearl of inestimable value. And the Lord Jesus says it's worth giving everything to win that one.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the value you've placed on every soul. I see through your eyes and reach out to others with the same love and tenacity with which you reached out to the world. I recognise that every soul is a pearl of great price, and I'm inspired to go after them with passion and grace, and in the power of the Spirit. Thank you for making me a soul winner, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Luke 15:4-7; John 3:16-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-10

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Hebrews 13 & Ezekiel 16

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 12:30-41 & 1 Chronicles 17

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TUESDAY 18

## TRAVAILING DEEPLY IN PRAYER FOR SOULS



But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them (2 Corinthians 4:3-4).

One of the most powerful lessons I've learnt in soul winning is the value of persistence in prayer. When you're interceding for someone's salvation, you move into deep travail, wailing in the Spirit. You already said before entering your place of prayer, "Today's prayer is deep travail" because you know the worth of a soul.

When the Lord Jesus spoke of the man who found one pearl of great price, He said the man sold all he had to obtain it (Matthew 13:45-46). That's what a soul means to God, and that's what we understand as soul winners that make us groan in prayer and keep pressing until a soul is won and established in the Kingdom.

When you intercede like this, you continue in the Spirit until there's a release. The love of Christ compels you. You're not praying out of selfish interest. You're not crying in prayer over someone you want to marry or do business



with; it's strictly for their salvation. You're driven by love and the Spirit's burden for a life that must be transformed, a soul that must be won for Christ.

Read our opening scripture again; it lets you know that in the place of intercession, you pray passionately that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shines in the hearts of those who haven't yet known the Lord, prevailing over darkness, religion and deception.

You don't stop; you declare that every resistance in their hearts to the Gospel is broken, they're delivered from Satan's dominion, and as they hear the message, their hearts are open to receive it for their salvation. Hallelujah!

Remember, "...The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]" (James 5:16 AMPC). Your heartfelt intercessory prayers will make the required power available for their salvation.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for counting me faithful and committing to me the ministry of reconciliation. I'm stirred and compelled by your love to intercede for the lost, praying with passion and divine urgency. And as I do, they're delivered from darkness into light, and from the power of Satan unto God. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Colossians 4:12; Galatians 4:19; Ephesians 3:14-19

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

James 1 & Ezekiel 17-19

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 12:42-50 & 1 Chronicles 18



WEDNESDAY 19

#### STAND FIRM AND STEADFAST



Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ... (2 Peter 3:17-18).

The Spirit, through the Apostle Peter, gives a strong admonition in the scripture above. He wants you to remain steadfast and refuse to follow the error of the wicked. He wants you to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Spiritual growth is the antidote to deception and instability. It keeps you rooted, strong, and steadfast, unshaken by contrary doctrines or distractions. Don't be the one who constantly needs reminders to attend church, cell meetings, or participate in the things of the Spirit. Become strong and dependable, unwavering in your commitment to the Lord, His Word and His work.

The error of the wicked isn't always something that looks evil on the outside. For example, Ecclesiastes 8:10 says, "And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done:

this is also vanity." These were people who frequented the house of God; they came in and out of the holy place but never were believed. They died, were buried, and forgotten. Though they may have been praised while alive, their impact was empty, and their lives, vain.

The NIV renders it a bit clearer, "Then too, I saw the wicked buried-those who used to come and go from the holy place and receive praise in the city where they did this. This too is meaningless." What was their end? Psalm 9:17 tells us plainly, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." These are those who lived without acknowledging God in their decisions, careers, goals, etc. They forgot God.

Don't forget God. Don't follow the crowd that drifts in and out of His presence without purpose, without vision, without focus, without growth. Avoid the error of the wicked. Instead, grow in grace. Grow in the knowledge of Christ. Stand firm and steadfast. Let your life count for His glory.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for your Word that inspires growth, discipline and spiritual strength in me. I stand firm in the truth of your Word, steadfast, unshakable in my commitment to you. I increase in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus. I'm rooted, grounded, and fruitful, living a life that's pleasing to you, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

1 Corinthians 15:58; Psalm 1:1-3; Colossians 2:6-7

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

James 2-3:1-13 & Ezekiel 20-21

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 13:1-11 & 1 Chronicles 19



THURSDAY 20

#### THE ONLY ACCESS TO THE FATHER



Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (John 14:6).

The words of the Master that we just read are absolute. He didn't say He's "a way" but that He's the way. There's no ambiguity. He's the truth, and He's the life. He's the only access to the Father. Acts 4:12 declares, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

There's no other path to salvation besides the confession of the Lordship of Jesus. Salvation is found in no one else but Him. That's what the Bible says. And since that's the absolute truth, we can't be quiet. We must live each day, making it our life's priority to lead others to Christ.

He alone gives eternal life for He is eternal life: "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:28). 1 John 5:20, "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him

that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life." This is why we preach. This is why we reach out. This is why we organise outreaches, crusades, cell meetings, and distribute Rhapsody of Realities all over the world.

We're not just participating in religious activities; we're fulfilling God's highest calling. We're rescuing men and women from eternal separation and bringing them into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. The Lord Jesus is their only hope. We've been entrusted with the responsibility of telling the whole world. Let's keep at it, passionately, boldly, and with urgency until every man, woman, boy and girl has heard and received the Gospel.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the Name of Jesus by which all men are saved. I refuse to be silent. I proclaim the Gospel with boldness and power, turning many from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God. The message of salvation is spreading rapidly, and the Lord Jesus is glorified. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Romans 10:13-15; John 3:36; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

James 3:14-4:1-12 & Ezekiel 22-23

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 13:12-20 & 1 Chronicles 20



FRIDAY 21

### CRAVE THE WORD WITH PASSION AND INTENSITY



But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ... (2 Peter 3:18).

Peter 2:1-2 says, "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." This gives a remarkable insight as to how to grow spiritually and the kind of life you ought to be living. You're to put away every trace of wickedness, deceit, insincerity, pretence, envy, and slander.

The Living Bible renders it beautifully: "So get rid of your feelings of hatred. Don't just pretend to be good! Be done with dishonesty and jealousy and talking about others behind their backs" (1 Peter 2:1). Rather than continue in these things, God instructs, "...desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). He wants you to grow up in your salvation.

Now that you have received Christ, have a strong desire for the Word. Long to grow in the things of God. Crave the Word of God with intensity and delight. I've



met many people over the years who had such a deep desire to grow. They were hungry for the Lord. They asked questions, searched the Scriptures, attended church services regularly, and yearned to learn. It's always a beautiful thing to behold.

Have a heartfelt, continuous craving for the Word. Colossians 3:16 says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Let your appetite for the Word be insatiable. Like Job, esteem and desire the Word more than your necessary food (Job 23:12). Make it your delight, and as a result, whatsoever you do will prosper (Read Psalm 1:1-3). Hallelujah! That's the will of God for you.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for your Word that builds me up and establishes me in the faith. By your Word, I grow up into the fullness of my salvation, strong, unshakable and fruitful in every good work; prosperous and in health, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

1 Peter 2:1-2 AMPC; Hebrews 5:12-14; Colossians 3:16; Joshua 1:8

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

James 4:13-5:1-20 & Ezekiel 24-26

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John 13:21-30 & 1 Chronicles 21



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SATURDAY 22

#### **DON'T LOSE YOUR FIRE**



Never lag in zeal and in earnest endeavor; be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord (Romans 12:11 AMPC).

The tendency of fire is to burn out. So, for fire to be sustained, it must be fuelled. The same is true of your zeal and passion for the Lord and spiritual things. Read our opening scripture again; it says, "Never lag in zeal and in earnest endeavor; be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord."

In other words, be consistently ablaze for the Lord. It's your responsibility. Be a burning and a shining light. Some may criticize you for it; they may call you a "fanatic" or an extremist. Others may outrightly ridicule you and persecute you for your spirituality, but that doesn't matter. What matters is that you're doing the right thing, fulfilling your purpose in Christ.

It's the will of God for you to live in a continual state of spiritual incandescence, always radiating His presence. He wants you burning with the Spirit and manifesting His life and power every day and in every place. The secret is staying filled with the Spirit: "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus



Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" (Ephesians 5:18-21).

Constantly fellowship with the Holy Spirit and meditate on the Word. Pray often, especially for those in your world; your cell members, your leaders, your church family, your friends and loved ones, and those with whom you work or do business. Write their names down and continue to prevail in intercession for them.

There's something about prevailing prayer; it's one of the ways to sustain your holy glow, the fire of the Spirit that keeps you fervent and passionate about the things of God. It doesn't matter how much you've studied or how much you know. It doesn't matter what the Lord has told you; you must stay in fellowship with Him through prayer; otherwise, you could lose the spiritual fervour that should accompany your knowledge.

There's a passion, a divine glow that comes from consistent, earnest prayer, and without it, your spiritual energy could wane. So spend time in heartfelt intercession, and you'll always be lambent in the spirit.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, I thank you for igniting my heart with passion and zeal for the things of the Spirit. I remain steadfast and burning with the Holy Ghost, serving you with joy and power. I'm ever aglow, fervent in spirit, giving myself continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Romans 12:11 TPT; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Colossians 4:12; Luke 9:29

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Peter 1:1-21 & Ezekiel 27-28

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 13:31-38 & 1 Chronicles 22



#### **FORGIVENESS AND HEALING**



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 (James 5:16).

There's a divine principle revealed in the verse above that many often overlook, and it's the fact that healing can result, not only from prayer, but also from the rightness of our hearts, our humility and love toward one another in the body of Christ. For example, when you offend your fellow brother or sister in Christ, you should be quick to say, "I'm sorry; it was wrong of me to have spoken to you the way I did; I misjudged you. Forgive me."

That's what it means to confess your faults one to another. It means being humble enough to admit when you've spoken harshly, misjudged someone, or held on to an offense in your heart. Also, rather than condemn or criticize others, you pray for them. The Bible says that when you do this, it leads to healing. Read the opening scripture again.

It brings to mind a remarkable testimony told many years ago by R.W. Shambach about two women in a church he pastored. One had a goitre that wouldn't heal despite countless prayers. The other couldn't receive the Holy Spirit, no matter who laid hands on her. Unknown to many, the two women held a long grudge against each other.

One day, during a church service, the pastor observed their behaviour and was prompted to intervene. He boldly



confronted them and urged them to reconcile. As they tearfully forgave each other and embraced, a miracle happened instantly: the goitre vanished, and the other lady began speaking in tongues. No additional prayer was necessary. What a lesson this is!

Sometimes, what might be hindering some people's miracle isn't the lack of prayer but their attitude. Perhaps they're harbouring resentment, bitterness, or they're refusing to walk in love. God pays attention to how you treat your brothers and sisters in Christ. Be warm and loving to everyone. There should never be any person that you don't like.

Some people greet and relate with everyone else joyfully, but when it comes to a certain individual, their demeanour changes. That's not the way of Christ. He calls us to love one another, forgive freely, and live peaceably with all men. Refuse to harbour grudges. As the Bible says, be quick to forgive, and quicker to pray for those who hate you, persecute, or spitefully use you (Matthew 5:44). It's the way to a life of health, wholeness and unending blessings. Hallelujah!

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, I thank you for the humility and love that your Word and the Holy Spirit have produced in me. I walk in love toward all, quick to forgive and ready to intercede for others. I'm a channel of healing, restoration and peace, and my heart is full of your grace, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Colossians 3:12-13; Matthew 5:23-24; Ephesians 4:32

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Peter 1:22-2:1-25 & Ezekiel 29-30

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 14:1-9 & 1 Chronicles 23



MONDAY 24

#### NO ONE SHOULD BE LOST IN THE CROWD



Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it (Matthew 13:45-46).

Land must therefore be important to you. The Lord Jesus said, "...those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled" (John 17:12). Notice the underlined part; He retained all the souls that the Father gave Him, except the son of perdition who was destined for doom. The Lord is our example in soul winning and discipleship.

It doesn't matter how many people come to our churches, cell meetings, fellowships and outreach meetings; no one must get lost in the crowd. Many fellowships start with zeal and vision, but over time, precious individuals fall through the cracks. A group is formed, then another, and another, but what happened to the very first set of people that came? Where did they go? They were entrusted to us; therefore, we must be able to account for them at all times.

Don't carry out "ministry by replacement"; a scenario where every week, new converts and first-timers flood the church in their hundreds, yet there's no numerical growth;



the church venue is never packed out because new ones come in, and the old ones are not retained. That won't lead to church growth.

Every soul is precious and deserves to be nurtured and established in the house of God, the Church, which is the pillar and ground of truth. That's the purpose of the cell system, for example. If you're a pastor, get involved in the cell system not just as a participant but as the leader in the structure, strategy and supervision of the cells.

Know the locations of the cell meetings. Visit them. Follow up on their work. Show interest in the individual members. Don't see a crowd, see people. Always review the work of your cell leaders to help them improve. Find out how they handle their members. Be present, engaged, and attentive. Know your people, pray for them, follow up with them, and help them grow.

It's not enough to preach sermons or hold programs. You must connect, disciple, and preserve the precious souls that the Lord adds to the Church. Don't ignore the details and expect impact. Growth is intentional. Effectiveness is deliberate. And every soul is worth everything.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, I commit myself to the true growth of others through discipleship, follow-up and effective soul winning. Every soul entrusted to me is nurtured, established, and grows spiritually to become a wise and faithful labourer in your harvest, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

John 6:39; Acts 20:28; Luke 15:4-7; John 17:11-12

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Peter 3 & Ezekiel 31-32

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 14:10-21 & 1 Chronicles 24



TUESDAY 25

#### **GOD'S WORD IS GOD**



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (John 1:1).

God's Word is not merely what God says; it is God Himself. The Word of God is God in expression. When you hear God's Word, you're hearing God. When you receive His Word, you're receiving Him. He's in His Word, just as His Word is in Him.

This is a truth many don't fully grasp. They think God's Word is separate from Him, like someone saying something and then walking away from it. But that's not how it is with God. His Word carries His person. It expresses not just His thoughts but also His power, His presence, His glory, and His life.

How do we know someone's personality? It's through their words. Words reveal who a person is. In the same way, God reveals Himself in His Word. His Word transmits divinity. The life of God is in His Word. That's why when you receive the Word into your heart, you're not just getting mere information or instruction; you're receiving God



Himself. You're fellowshipping with the very essence of life.

His Word creates, heals, transforms and delivers. No wonder the Lord Jesus is called the Word made flesh (John 1:14). He said, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30). He is the living Word. "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made" (John 1:3).

Did you observe that the Word is referred to as "Him" and not "it"? That's because He's a person. Any time you hear and receive the Word of God into you, you're receiving more than doctrine or teaching; you're receiving God. Therefore, honour His Word, because to honour His Word is to honour Him.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, I thank you for your life, power and glory that's in your Word; the same power, presence and glory that I experience because your Word is in me, producing what it talks about. I live by your Word and experience continual transformation, progress and victory, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

John 1:1-3,14 NIV; Hebrews 4:12-13; 1 Thessalonians 2:13

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Peter 4 & Ezekiel 33-34

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 14:22-31 & 1 Chronicles 25



WEDNESDAY 26

#### PERMANENTLY ROOTED IN CHRIST



Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:67-68).

The Bible tells us that some of the Lord's disciples were offended after He preached a certain message, and they stopped following Him. These were not strangers. They had been with Him for some time. They had given of their substance, supported His ministry, and witnessed His miracles. But when the Master said, "... Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you" (John 6:53), they couldn't handle it. They walked out on Him.

As a result, the Lord turned to the twelve disciples and asked, "Will you also go away?" Peter's response was remarkable. He said, "...Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). That's commitment. That's permanence. This is the example to emulate.

Today, some people still act like those multitudes who were offended at the Master. They're unsettled, easily



shaken by correction, or even hearsay. There's no stability in their lives. The Pastor preaches on a subject, and they conclude he's talking about them. As a result, they get offended and withdraw from their commitment in church and their partnership in the Gospel. This attitude is carnal.

Choose stability. Be rooted and grounded in the Word, in the Faith and in the house of God. I love the way the NIV puts it in Colossians 2:6-7, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Be the kind of person who's permanently rooted in Christ, whose conviction is deep, strong, reliable and unwavering.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for your life in me, and the Holy Spirit who has brought stability to my life, making my faith effectual. My conviction is deep, strong and unwavering as I follow you with steadfastness, loyalty and focus, for you alone are God. I am rooted, grounded and established in Christ, now and always, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

John 6:66-69; Colossians 2:6-7 AMPC; Psalm 119:165

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Peter 5 & Ezekiel 35-36

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 15:1-10 & 1 Chronicles 26



THURSDAY 27

#### SATAN IS COMPLETELY DEFEATED



Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire (Ezekiel 28:14).

If anyone were to ask, "Why didn't God destroy Satan from the beginning?" The answer lies in one profound truth: Satan was anointed. The Bible calls him "...the anointed cherub...." And part of what the anointing does is that it protects. God gave Satan an unction that couldn't be destroyed or undone arbitrarily.

God doesn't fight Himself. His gifts and calling are without repentance (Romans 11:29). That's why Satan hasn't been outrightly destroyed. He had a divine unction that even rebellion didn't immediately cancel. Instead, God set in motion a redemptive plan. He brought in One who was anointed to defeat Satan on legal and spiritual grounds.

Consider the account in Jude 1:9 that says Michael the archangel contended with Satan over the body of Moses. The Bible says Michael didn't bring a railing accusation against Satan, but rather, he said, "...The Lord rebuke thee." That's because Satan had gained a legal position of authority.

When Adam fell through high treason, he handed over his God-given dominion to Satan. Satan, at that point,



gained something higher than being an anointed cherub; he gained Adamic authority, which elevated him to a higher rank than angels. Michael recognized this. Though he was a high-ranking archangel, he understood the legality of Satan's claim. So, he invoked a higher authority: the Lord's Name. And in that Name, we're superior to Satan and we rule over him.

So, the first reason God didn't destroy Satan was because of the anointing. The second was the authority Satan gained through Adam's fall. But God's plan wasn't thwarted. The Lord Jesus, the second Adam, came, born of the Spirit, anointed with the Holy Ghost and power, and defeated Satan legally, spiritually, and eternally. The most beautiful part is that we did it together, for we were in Him in His death, burial, resurrection, and ultimate victory over Satan, hell and the demons of darkness. Therefore, YOU have completely, permanently and eternally defeated Satan.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the wisdom and depth of your Word. I recognize your justice, your power and your unchanging commitment to righteousness. Thank you for sending the Lord Jesus, the anointed One, for the salvation of mankind, giving us dominion and authority over Satan and his cohorts. I walk in that victory today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Romans 5:17; Jude 1:9; Colossians 2:15 WNT; Mark 16:17

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Peter 1 & Ezekiel 37-38

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 15:11-19 & 1 Chronicles 27

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#### THE LARGE-SCALE CATCH



Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind (Matthew 13:47).

n soul winning, there's the ministry of personal evangelism, the one-on-one relentless pursuit of souls until they're fully won and established in the Faith. But there's also the "large-scale catch." The Lord Jesus, in our theme verse, likened the Kingdom of heaven to a net cast into the sea that gathered fish of every kind.

Picture a net thrown into the sea of humanity, drawing in people from every walk of life. That's what happens through our mass evangelism efforts, our crusades, campaigns, and outreach programs where we reach out and haul sinners en masse into the Kingdom.

That's what the Master describes in Matthew 13:47-48; our deliberate, organized effort to reach and bring in multitudes. It says, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away." That's salvation, calling people to Christ, bringing them into the Church. That's the drawing in of the harvest.



So, as a cell or fellowship group, as a church, zone or ministry, when are you casting the net? It's good to encourage individual witnessing, people going out daily to tell others about the Lord Jesus. But there are times we must plan and act together to reach whole communities, cities, towns and nations with a clear, strategic mission to bring them into the Kingdom.

It's time to organize and reach many en masse. Set a target where you plan to reach a hundred, a thousand, ten thousand, or a hundred thousand people at once and go for it. Perhaps your target is to reach a million people or more; go for it. The Lord will bring it to fruition. It's His work, and we're partners with Him. He'll give you the strategies to succeed. Anything born of Him prevails, multiplies and blossoms. That's the mindset you should have. He said the harvest is plenty, and we're His labourers for the large-scale catch. Hallelujah!

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for showing me the power of both personal and collective evangelism. I'm committed to the end-time, large-scale harvest to gather multitudes into the Kingdom. All around the world, the collective soulwinning efforts of your children are producing results mightily in the nations, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

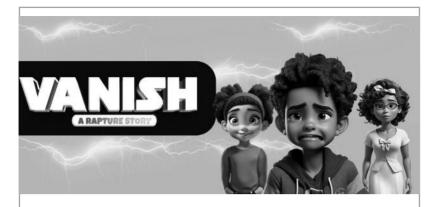
Proverbs 11:30; Luke 14:23; Mark 16:20

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Peter 2 & Ezekiel 39-40

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John 15:20-27 & 1 Chronicles 28



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SATURDAY 29

#### STRATEGIC SOUL WINNING



...he that winneth souls is wise (Proverbs 11:30).

n our previous study, part of what we learnt was the importance of the right strategies in soul winning. Don't continue with the same activities that yield no results. Adjust your approach from time to time, following the guidance of the Spirit. At times, the venue of the meetings could even be the problem. A simple shift in location or format of your meetings could make a significant difference. Also, evangelism may sometimes cost money, and that's okay. So plan your outreaches like they're important events.

Imagine you were planning a professional or business dinner or breakfast meeting; you'd likely not leave anything to chance. Likewise, ensure all the fine details are captured when planning your outreach programs. Dress well. Create a joyful atmosphere and make everything inspiring. And here's a vital key: invite the right people, people who are prospects for salvation and discipleship, not those who are already Christians and deeply committed in other churches.



Also, avoid reciprocal invitations that may likely pull you out of your place of worship. Just because someone attended your program doesn't mean you must attend theirs. It's best to stay rooted in your church and be committed. There's no glory in being unstable or hopping from place to place.

Soul winning is not just about the act; there's also the wisdom behind it. That's why the Bible says he that wins souls is wise (Proverbs 11:30). So, be discerning. Be led by the Spirit. And most importantly, be committed to your church family and its evangelistic missions.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the wisdom and divine strategies to reach the lost. I'm effective in soul winning, wise in my approach, and fruitful in results. I follow the guidance of the Spirit at all times. I'm committed, fervent and full of joy as I reach out with the Gospel, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Ecclesiastes 10:10; 1 Corinthians 9:21-23

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Peter 3 & Ezekiel 41-42

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 16:1-11 & 1 Chronicles 29



SUNDAY 30

#### **YIELD TO CORRECTION**



And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry... (1 Samuel 15:22-23).

The words of Samuel to King Saul reveal a powerful insight into the danger of disobedience. Saul had received clear instructions from God through the Prophet Samuel, but he chose his own course of action. Then Samuel reproved him, saying, "...to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (1 Samuel 15:22).

Notice that obedience takes precedence over sacrifice. God is more interested in your living out His Word, doing the Word, than in any religious gesture. Then he goes further to equate not doing what the Lord says to witchcraft, "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft...." That's a remarkable comparison. Disobedience produces rebellion.

He continues by saying "...and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry...." Rebellion, when sustained,



becomes stubbornness. And what is stubbornness? It's the refusal to accept correction. It's an insistence on one's own way in disregard of godly counsel and instructions. The Bible says this is equivalent to idolatry.

That's because in such a state, the individual exalts and sees himself as his own authority. He esteems his own opinions above God's Word. That is self-worship, and self-worship is idolatry. When someone disobeys and insists on their own way, they enter into rebellion. If they're corrected and still will not change, they're stubborn. And stubbornness, according to God's Word, is iniquity and idolatry. So, never take the corrections of the Spirit or the instructions from the Word lightly. To reject correction is to make an idol of yourself. But to humbly yield to the Word is wisdom

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Father, thank you for the clarity and power of your Word and the transformation it brings to my life. My heart is tender and yielded to your instructions and guidance always. I esteem your voice above every other opinion or preference, and I walk in submission to your will, and I live in the liberty and joy of righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **FURTHER STUDY:**

Proverbs 29:1 NIV; James 1:22; Hebrews 12:9-11; Proverbs 3:11

#### 1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 John 1-2:1-14 & Ezekiel 43-44

#### 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

John 16:12-22 & 2 Chronicles 1-2

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-A.K; Senegal

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