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*"Have not I written to thee excellent things
in counsels and knowledge, That I might
make thee know the certainty of the words
of truth; that thou mightest answer the
words of truth to them that send unto thee?"*
- Proverbs 22:20-21

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

The Works



The Lord Jesus said to His Father, “I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.”

This summed up His life. John tells us that Jesus’ last words on the cross were, “It is finished.”

Jesus knew the works that the Father gave Him and when these were accomplished. Do you know the works that Jesus gave you to do in your lifetime? Will you know when you have finished all the work?

Lets talk about this year. What works did the Father give you to finish before this year is over? You must know the scope of works given you, for this current year. Cry out to God until this revelation dawns on your spirit.

There is three months left in the year. You must finish the work given to you for 2025. So that you, like Jesus, before the end of this year, can survey the works of God given you for 2025 and exclaim, “It is finished!”

Take stock today. It is time for greater works.

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 17:4

I HAVE GLORIFIED THEE ON THE EARTH: I HAVE FINISHED THE WORK WHICH THOU GAVEST ME TO DO.



A Godly Life



A godly life will cost you. Some are deceived into believing that godliness in Christ comes without price: not so. Persecution is the price tag of a godly life. The Lord Jesus said that He came to bring a sword, not peace. Jesus' brothers harassed Him, as did David's brothers and also Joseph's siblings.

You cannot have a relationship with Jesus in His fullness and not suffer persecution from the unenlightened. Commitment to Jesus will come at a price. A price not many are willing to pay. An intimate relationship with God takes much investment of your time and affection. You may brag about the purpose and destiny you have in God but it will demand sacrifice. This was the case with every bible hero and will be the case for you and I. There is no escaping this.

Yet, what joy awaits us! "Oh" to hear those much longed for words: "Well done thou good and faithful servant. Enter the joy of your Lord." A life with Jesus is worth living. The Lord gives grace and glory. No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. May the inheritance of the upright be your portion.

Commit yourself today, to boldly live a godly life in Christ Jesus.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 TIMOTHY 3:12

YEA, AND ALL THAT WILL LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Take Your Stand with Him



One needs to practically understand, the powerful truth that you cannot outsmart God, no one can. As the scripture says, “There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord.”

Few realize this and many try this on a daily basis, even Christians. In this world, you will have much opportunity to cave into the pressure to side with the majority. Most often, it means taking a stand against the knowledge of Jesus.

This ought never be. Never should a Christian hold a position that contradicts that of their Lord. How often do people take counsel and make decisions that defy the wisdom of the scriptures?

At the end, the wisdom of God will speak and show, who was wise or who was foolish. Always find out God’s stand on a matter and take your stand with Him. God is an unmistakable performer of His own counsel.

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 21:30
THERE IS NO WISDOM NOR UNDERSTANDING NOR COUNSEL AGAINST THE LORD.



Remember God



For most people, the week can be very busy. Weekdays can leave people with little time for leisure or personal errands.

So Saturday's are errand or leisure days for many. That said many forget God on a Saturday. What they don't realize, Saturday's are the best "Selah" days. It is the day of the week to cleanse, still and prepare the soul for the Lord's day, Sunday.

Sunday is the first day of the week and sets the spiritual tone for the rest. You must give God your best on a Sunday. On that topic, it is our conviction that every Christian who works a job on a Sunday, should actively and earnestly be fasting and praying till that is no longer the case.

Back to Saturday: Use the day to thank God for the past week. Reevaluate whether you are moving in His will. Commit afresh to God. And pray the prayers that will govern the next week.

Do this today.

SCRIPTURE READING: ECCLESIASTES 5:1

KEEP THY FOOT WHEN THOU GOEST TO THE HOUSE OF GOD, AND BE MORE READY TO HEAR, THAN TO GIVE THE SACRIFICE OF FOOLS: FOR THEY CONSIDER NOT THAT THEY DO EVIL.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

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Already Attained



We said last year this time, “You must learn to distinguish between foundational revelation and outdated thinking.”

The new month is the opportunity to learn new things and grow at an even greater rate. Your appetite to grow and learn will determine how far you go this year. Letting go of the familiar is vital for effective journeying with God into the new.

That said, we have to hold true to the exhortation of the apostle Paul, in which he said, “Hold true to what we have already attain to and to walk and order our lives by that.”

Foundational revelation and victories should be built upon. For example, before we prayed with the spirit, we prayed in our native language. Once we started to pray in other tongues, we did not stop praying in our native tongue. We simply practiced the method of the apostle, “I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also...”

This month, learn anew to hold true whilst you are growing and learning rapidly.

SCRIPTURE READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:16

NEVERTHELESS, WHERE TO WE HAVE ALREADY ATTAINED, LET US WALK BY THE SAME RULE, LET US MIND THE SAME THING.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Working The Works



We have been created to work the works of God. Jesus said, “My meat is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish the work He gave Me.”

Before His departure, He said to the Father, “I have glorified You and I have finished the work which You gave Me.”

We are commanded to work the works of God and in that way cause our light to shine. How do we work the works of God? We start by stop speaking by ourselves and letting the Father be the source of our inspiration.

It is then that He, who dwells within us, will start doing His works through us. If He starts to speak through us, He will start to work through us. The power is in His words.

We can then demand in His name and it will be effected by Jesus Himself. But how is this possible? This is only possible by the Holy Spirit who is in us.

It is the working in you that causes the working that works through you. Power in motion!

SCRIPTURE READING: COLOSSIANS 1:29

WHEREUNTO I ALSO LABOUR, STRIVING ACCORDING TO HIS WORKING, WHICH WORKETH IN ME MIGHTILY



Flatter Not



Life demands courage. Friendship demands courage. Friends (true friends) are not for the faint hearted.

In life you will be tempted to flatter. Some will want you around them, so that you can flatter them. Never be tempted, The scripture says “a flattering mouth works ruin” Why would you ruin a friend?

And why would you demand of someone to ruin you? Flatter not. The bible is clear in saying, “faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.”

Choose wounds over kisses. The wounded heal. The deceived may end up destroyed. Value open rebuke. Jesus rebukes all whom He loves. Imitate Jesus, when required, rebuke your friend. A wise friend will love you for it.

The scripture rightly says “walk with the wise and you will be wise”. Foolish friends let everything slide.

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 103:20

BLESS THE LORD, YE HIS ANGELS, THAT EXCEL IN STRENGTH, THAT DO HIS COMMANDMENTS, HEARKENING UNTO THE VOICE OF HIS WORD.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Insight Into The Future



The Lord Jesus in describing the ministry of the Holy Spirit said, “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth...He will tell you things to come.”

God is the only one who has monopoly over the future, “declaring the end from the beginning.” In other words, He tells us today all about tomorrow.

The amazing thing is that His children have His Holy Spirit and have the same insight into the future that He has. Never should uncertainty about the future exist for any Christian. In the world people normally say, “We don’t know what the future holds.” For most this would be a true statement but if uttered by a Christian it would be a lie. At best, it would be a confession of a life that severely lacks fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

It is impossible to have a decent Christian walk without receiving supernatural insight into a future not yet manifested. For the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of prophecy.

Today, ask Him to tell you about your future, to show you, your tomorrows. This is a primary ministry of the Holy Spirit. You will receive an answer laden with realities not yet manifested in your today.

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 16:13

HOWBEIT WHEN HE, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, IS COME, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH: FOR HE SHALL NOT SPEAK OF HIMSELF; BUT WHATSOEVER HE SHALL HEAR, THAT SHALL HE SPEAK: AND HE WILL SHEW YOU THINGS TO COME.



With God



This is a simple yet profound truth: The Lord God can erase the “im-” from your impossible. Your impossibilities becoming possible as you “meet” with God.

When the angel Gabriel appeared unto Mary and foretold her future, she asked him how God would effect all this He has said.

The angel, in response, revealed to her the vital spiritual truth that God’s manifest presence, removes the “im-” from the word “impossible” whenever He enters your life.

Today, do not look at the circumstances that seem improbable or even impossible. Look to the Holy Spirit who is the manifest presence of Jesus in your life. When Jesus shows up, the battle is over.

The storm is calmed, the sickness removed, the lack resolved and the life transformed. This Jesus whom we worship is our Emmanuel.

You and Him: The Majority. And in this case the majority rules over impossibility!

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 1:37
FOR WITH GOD NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

The Essence of Spiritual Location and Navigation



The scripture testifies that a mouth that confesses what the heart believes, evidences the spirit of faith. Your heart is your spiritual connection to the invisible world. Your mouth is the relay between the invisible and visible - enabling that which is invisible substance to manifest within the physical world.

It is written, “For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” In other words, the heart is a spiritual locator (which locates God) whilst the mouth is a spiritual navigator (bringing God onto the scene).

A man or woman who always speaks what they believe in their heart will maintain an uninterrupted flow of the supernatural in their life.

This weekend, determine that you will be that man or woman. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and then always speak from that heart.

Flood the remainder of October with your faith, for it is yours.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13

WE HAVING THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH, ACCORDING AS IT IS WRITTEN, I BELIEVED, AND THEREFORE HAVE I SPOKEN; WE ALSO BELIEVE, AND THEREFORE SPEAK;



The Fire in The Gospel



There is a fire in the gospel: it's in the eyes and steps of Jesus, leaving an eternal mark wherever He goes. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the revelation of His person to the world and will leave an eternal mark wherever it is lived and proclaimed.

It is written, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.” Jesus Christ, the Son of God: manifested, crucified, buried, resurrected, ascended, enthroned at God’s right hand forever.

And now you are endowed with His indwelling Spirit and power to provide the evidence of this good news.

Live and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ!

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 1:16-17

FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST: FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH; TO THE JEW FIRST, AND ALSO TO THE GREEK. FOR THEREIN IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REVEALED FROM FAITH TO FAITH: AS IT IS WRITTEN, THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

Growing Exponentially



Two vital things are required for Christian growth.

The first is Grace. Grace is God's divine influence and ability. Grace is divine sufficiency.

Secondly, you will need Peace. The peace of God is the evidential presence of God.

To multiply in growth, you must therefore multiply in Grace and Peace. Exponential growth is then inevitable.

Grace will cause you to keep advancing and taking new ground. Peace will ensure that you keep what you took.

From today, set your heart on multiplying your internal resources and investment of Grace and Peace.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 PETER 1:2

ELECT ACCORDING TO THE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD THE FATHER, THROUGH SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT, UNTO OBEDIENCE AND SPRINKLING OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST: GRACE UNTO YOU, AND PEACE, BE MULTIPLIED.



Assignments



Assignments (i.e. divine assignments) are those tasks and/or works given you by God for specific time periods and purpose.

An assignment starts and ends. It is those things that the Lord entrusts you with in the process of fulfilling your purpose, stepping and walking in your calling and moving toward your destiny.

In your life you will have many assignments. You will be rewarded and promoted based upon your performance of these. Assignments are part of the Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) of the kingdom of God here on earth.

The secret is to focus on your assignments. Many with great callings, purposes and destinies fail because they lose focus of their assignments and fail to complete these. This is the most frequent mistake, I have seen young Christians make. Therefore not going through the process required to fulfilling their purpose and becoming all that the Father meant for them to be.

The story of Adam is a further illustration of the wisdom of assignments:

1. God calls and reveals destiny first, “And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion...”
2. Next He gives assignments, “And the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it.” Naming the animals was one of Adam’s assignments.

So you ask, “What is next for me?” Find your next assignment and you will be on your way to your destiny.

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 4:34

JESUS SAITH UNTO THEM, MY MEAT IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME, AND TO FINISH HIS WORK



Dance



David was the most powerful warrior recorded in the bible. He fought and won many battles, and through him the Lord brought peace to Israel. David's key was the secret place of God's presence and the key into that presence was praise. It was David who taught us to praise in the Psalms. David would sing and play the instruments unto the Lord. He knew how to reach the mountaintop of God's presence and abide there. Therefore he was invincible in battle and in life.

The bible tells us that David, when he brought back the ark of God's presence to the holy city, so celebrated the Lord's presence with exuberant dancing that he almost danced naked before Him. You see it was not the coordinated choreographed dances we see in our churches. David danced spontaneously and undignified before the Lord. God likes to be celebrated from the heart, pure and raw. David danced before Him in this way. No wonder the man could dance in battle this way and never lost a single battle even in hand-to-hand combat.

We once heard a man of God say that the Lord told him, "If you will be like a child in My Presence, I will make you a man in the presence of others." That man now has one of the most powerful ministries on this planet. God still responds to the praise of His people, there is still power in the dance.

He is waiting to see your moves. Your one Man audience is full of anticipation. Go ahead and dance before Him!

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 SAMUEL 6:14-16

AND DAVID DANCED BEFORE THE LORD WITH ALL HIS MIGHT; AND DAVID WAS GIRDED WITH A LINEN EPHOD. SO DAVID AND ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL BROUGHT UP THE ARK OF THE LORD WITH SHOUTING, AND WITH THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPET. AND AS THE ARK OF THE LORD CAME INTO THE CITY OF DAVID, MICHAL SAUL'S DAUGHTER LOOKED THROUGH A WINDOW, AND SAW KING DAVID LEAPING AND DANCING BEFORE THE LORD; AND SHE DESPISED HIM IN HER HEART.



Someone Is Watching You



Have you ever been alone in a room and felt that someone is there, watching you. You are right, someone is watching you! You are never alone. You are always being observed. After all, you are the subject of an eternal book being written.

The bible says that:

- God has eyes on you to respond to your prayers.
- The angels are watching you, recording your actions and words for the book of remembrance.
- The cloud of witnesses is watching you as a testimony to your faith walk here on earth.
- The wicked one is watching you, looking for ways to ensnare you, in order to slay you.

You have real reasons, to always be on your best behavior. Your behavior in secret has everlasting consequences.

Lastly, everyone else (human beings) are watching you to witness your example and it is an opportunity for you to be a good witness. There you have it. Someone, somewhere is watching you.

SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 12:1

WHEREFORE SEEING WE ALSO ARE COMPASSED ABOUT WITH SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, AND THE SIN WHICH DOETH SO EASILY BESET US, AND LET US RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Enter The Rest



The book of Hebrews tells us that there remains a rest to the people of God and that we should be diligent to enter that rest. In fact, we are commanded to make every effort to enter that rest.

Every promise and prophecy of God has a rest. Our effort is not to capture the fulfillment of the promise but to enter the REST of the same. Once the promise is mixed with faith, rest is produced.

This rest is not inactivity, as many would think it to be. Often, if not always, there is a fight of faith on the way to this rest and a fight to remove you from it.

This rest is peace of mind and heart. Peace that you are on the right path towards fulfillment and peace that the Promise-Maker is indeed a Promise-Keeper.

Today, no matter where you find yourself, make sure that you make every effort to enter the zone of rest concerning His promises unto you.

SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 4:9-11

THERE REMAINETH THEREFORE A REST TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD. FOR HE THAT IS ENTERED INTO HIS REST, HE ALSO HATH CEASED FROM HIS OWN WORKS, AS GOD DID FROM HIS. LET US LABOUR THEREFORE TO ENTER INTO THAT REST, LEST ANY MAN FALL AFTER THE SAME EXAMPLE OF UNBELIEF.



Don't Stop



The great Jewish restorer, Nehemiah was leading rebuilding work and God was prospering him. One day he received a message from jealous people to come meet for “tea”. The bible indicates that they were planning mischief. Nehemiah perceived this and realize the invite as a scheme of

the enemy to distract him, and to delay the great project God had given him.

This is his account, “And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you? Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner.” He realized the devil’s device and refused to go meet them. They would not take no for an answer. And tried four more times to get him to meet with them. Nehemiah was even more persistent in focus and refused after the same manner.

Know that the devil will not relent in deterring you from a great God-commissioned task. Be more relentless and refuse to stop what God has given you, to spend time with distractors and detractors.

SCRIPTURE READING: NEHEMIAH 6:3-4

AND I SENT MESSENGERS UNTO THEM, SAYING, I AM DOING A GREAT WORK, SO THAT I CANNOT COME DOWN: WHY SHOULD THE WORK CEASE, WHILST I LEAVE IT, AND COME DOWN TO YOU? YET THEY SENT UNTO ME FOUR TIMES AFTER THIS SORT; AND I ANSWERED THEM AFTER THE SAME MANNER.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

The Undetected



Jesus, the Son of the living God, dwelt undetected until the day that He came to be baptized by the Prophet John. John then turns the spotlight on Jesus by saying, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Immediately at His baptism, God responds by opening heaven to shine the lightning on Jesus with the descending of the Holy Spirit on Him. The Father speaks from heaven and says that this is His Son in whom He is well pleased.

He was saying, “This is My Son and I am pleased that He remained undetected until I opened heaven and shone the spotlight on Him. After all I went to great lengths to keep Him undetected until now. I want the devil and man to be caught by surprise.”

God loves surprises. He is the God of the “suddenly”. He loves the suspense and then the drama and impact of “Behold!”

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 1:29

THE NEXT DAY JOHN SEETH JESUS COMING UNTO HIM, AND SAITH, BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD, WHICH TAKETH AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD.



Make The Shift



The apostle John shared how that he, Peter and some other disciples went fishing, after the resurrection of Jesus. They were at it all night but caught nothing. However, when the morning came, something happened: John relates the following, “But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.”

They were fishing without success. They were in the arena of abundance but were experience total lack. Jesus counseled them to change their position: they simply had to shift their activity to the right side of the ship. They did and just like that, there was an abundance! It was a small shift with big results. The voice of Jesus took them from the left side to the right side: from the wrong side to the right side.

The voice of God makes a difference. You need His intervention in the affairs of life. More than ever during this decade of rapid changes and unusual challenges. He wants to counsel you on how to shift into the right position.

The Holy Spirit wants to intimate a small shift with big results. Are you ready? Make a demand today.

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 21:6

AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, CAST THE NET ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE SHIP, AND YE SHALL FIND. THEY CAST THEREFORE, AND NOW THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO DRAW IT FOR THE MULTITUDE OF FISHES.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Always Heard



Jesus, standing before the tomb of Lazarus said, “Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always.” This is the awareness of the true “pray-er” and the prayer-hearer. The Father knows that He is always hearing you. In fact, He is continually searching the heart and responds to the true heartfelt requests of the heart.

Some think that prayers start when they officially say, “Lets pray...” Yet, God’s attention to prayer is never called by man. God is already searching the hearts, to encounter faith-filled prayer, emanating from the heart and immediately responds with the answer. God is the first “actor” in prayer. He moves first, by searching and listening out for your prayers. God’s ear is actively stretched out, right now, for your prayers.

You are the “reactor” in prayer. You react, to the knowing that He acted first, by offering up fervent faith-filled requests, with thanksgiving. Start by thanking Him first for always expecting and listening out for your prayers.

You are always heard because your prayers are always expected.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 PETER 3:12

FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE OVER THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ARE OPEN UNTO THEIR PRAYERS: BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THEM THAT DO EVIL.



Acknowledge It



The scripture indicates in Philemon 1:6 “That the fellowship of thy faith may become working in the full knowledge of every good thing that is in you toward Christ Jesus...” (YLT).

Our effectiveness in communicating our faith, thus really starts with us discovering, acknowledging and activating every good thing in us; which was transmitted to us in Christ Jesus or otherwise stated, by the indwelling Christ.

Once we carry knowledge of the good things in us, we can share these with others, causing them to partake of the same good things.

In other words, when you acknowledge the good thing in you, the good thing will manifest through you. What do you carry within you that can benefit your family, colleagues or organisation today?

It is time to recognise, acknowledge and release [it].

SCRIPTURE READING: PHILEMON 1:6

THAT THE COMMUNICATION OF THY FAITH MAY BECOME EFFECTUAL BY THE ACKNOWLEDGING OF EVERY GOOD THING WHICH IS IN YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

Great Doors



An opportunity is often referred to in the Christian church as a door. It is written, “For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.” This connotation denotes a gathering into a better world!

However, there may be obstacles to overcome or fears to conquer before we can successfully take an opportunity.

Know that every opportunity has a cost and every opportunity has a potential payout. Otherwise it would not be an opportunity but a threat.

Jesus told us to count the cost of every opportunity before venturing out to capture its payout. Another thing to consider is the potential for many adversaries linked to a great door. This was certainly the case for Paul. It requires faith, wisdom, courage and boldness to breakthrough the adversaries and into that great door.

Today, start knocking at great doors but be prepared for big adversaries when the door opens.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 16:9

FOR A GREAT DOOR AND EFFECTUAL IS OPENED UNTO ME, AND THERE ARE MANY ADVERSARIES.



What?



In the book of Jeremiah it is written, “For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you,” says the Lord, “plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” Those plans and thoughts of God concerning you are the “WHAT?” of your life. It tells you what your life will hold if you dwell in His perfect will. “WHAT?” is one of the pillar questions of your life. You need to know the “WHAT?” of your life.

God tells us in the epistle to the Corinthians that eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the “WHAT?” He has prepared for those who love Him. Furthermore that we have received the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the “WHAT?” that have been freely given to us by God.

Do not allow yourself to remain ignorant to any degree concerning the “WHAT?” of your life. Start asking the right question(s) and start getting answers to your “WHAT?” In Jeremiah we are told that we will discover the “WHAT?” of our lives if we seek God with all our hearts, for our “WHAT?” is hidden in Him.

With renewed energy seek Him today and receive the revelation of your “WHAT?”

SCRIPTURE READING: JEREMIAH 29:11-13

FOR I KNOW THE THOUGHTS THAT I THINK TOWARD YOU, SAITH THE LORD, THOUGHTS OF PEACE, AND NOT OF EVIL, TO GIVE YOU AN EXPECTED END. THEN SHALL YE CALL UPON ME, AND YE SHALL GO AND PRAY UNTO ME, AND I WILL HEARKEN UNTO YOU. AND YE SHALL SEEK ME, AND FIND ME, WHEN YE SHALL SEARCH FOR ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Be Wise, Foresee



Miscalculation of the future is one of the most common and damaging weaknesses of man. It is seen as a mistake but it is actually a weakness. Who can accurately predict the future and adequately prepare for it? No one but God, is the answer.

Yet Jesus called this inability of man, foolishness. Jesus expect us to accurately anticipate His future movements and prepare for Him. In fact, it is the only area where sharing is not caring.

Jesus told a parable of ten virgins. All ten went on the same mission and even went together. All got their mission statement right. However only half thought it through. Only five asked questions. One question was, "What if the bridegroom is delayed, would I have enough oil?"

They made the sums and realized they had to make provision for such eventually. The other five did not calculate. They had no foresight and therefore no insight.

Are you ready for the future? Don't be foolish. Prepare now.

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 25:3-4

THEY THAT WERE FOOLISH TOOK THEIR LAMPS, AND TOOK NO OIL WITH THEM: BUT THE WISE TOOK OIL IN THEIR VESSELS WITH THEIR LAMPS.



In Your Boat



What are you facing? What is your challenge? Have you ventured out and now find yourself on rough seas? Jesus Christ, who walks on water, still calms stormy seas. It is written, “And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was

a great calm.”

Is Jesus with you in your boat? If so, you then have no reason to panic. Trust Him today to calm every storm and stormy situation in your life.

Do not be overcome with terror: Jesus is in your boat. With that knowledge you can now rise up and command those winds and stormy sea to be still.

He has given you delegated authority in His name and manifested ability through His Spirit. You are now unsinkable provided that you now act in His name.

Surrender to Him now and give the command: see great calm and peace come.

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 4:39

AND HE AROSE, AND REBUKED THE WIND, AND SAID UNTO THE SEA, PEACE, BE STILL. AND THE WIND CEASED, AND THERE WAS A GREAT CALM.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

Sin Proof



A mighty man of God, once said, “Sin is optional.” Did you see that?

Sin is not compulsory. You don’t have to sin. Sin can be exhaled from your life. You are a partaker of the divine nature, which is the sinless nature. In fact, the New Testament says that “He that is born of God sinneth not.”

Jesus overcame sin on your behalf and you have overcome the same in Him, by being born of the incorruptible seed of the word of God. As it is written, “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”

The apostle John said that He wrote certain words unto the Christians that they sin not. There are certain words that can prevent you from sinning.

The psalmist wrote, “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” The Word in your heart makes you sin-proof.

You can opt out of sin. You are sin-proof.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 JOHN 2:1

MY LITTLE CHILDREN, THESE THINGS WRITE I UNTO YOU, THAT YE SIN NOT. AND IF ANY MAN SIN, WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE WITH THE FATHER, JESUS CHRIST THE RIGHTEOUS:



Sow In The Land



Many centuries ago there was a famine in the land where the patriarch Isaac dwelt. Isaac's father, Abraham, experienced a similar famine in his own days. Abraham, during the previous famine, temporarily went to Egypt and Isaac wanted to do same. However, God told Isaac to stay put.

Isaac obeyed God and stayed in the famine stricken land.

It is written, "Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him."

By faith, he sowed in that land and in the same year reaped an hundred fold. This in the midst of famine. Such was his dominion, that it is written of him that he became very great to the point that the other businessmen envied him.

Always sow in that land where God directs you to. The land He has given you. This is wisdom for spiritual and business investments alike.

SCRIPTURE READING: GENESIS 26:12-14

THEN ISAAC SOWED IN THAT LAND, AND RECEIVED IN THE SAME YEAR AN HUNDREDFOLD: AND THE LORD BLESSED HIM. AND THE MAN WAXED GREAT, AND WENT FORWARD, AND GREW UNTIL HE BECAME VERY GREAT: FOR HE HAD POSSESSION OF FLOCKS, AND POSSESSION OF HERDS, AND GREAT STORE OF SERVANTS: AND THE PHILISTINES ENVIED HIM.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Unlock It



The apostle Peter said, “Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:”

All things that you will ever need is already given you by the power of God. You need knowledge and understanding to unlock it. Jesus called knowledge a “key”

Paul’s prayer for the Ephesian Christians is a bold indicator of how we enter into the divine inheritance. We enter by knowledge and understanding. What knowledge? What understanding? That is the question.

Here the scripture answers clearly, “the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” There you have it! Knowledge of the Holy One, opens the understanding to enter and experience all the realms of God.

Desire to know the Holy. He will grant you the desires of your heart.

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 9:10

THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM: AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY IS UNDERSTANDING.



Set Your Eyes



Today set your eyes upon Jesus. Look upon the heavenly and everlasting realm. As it is written, “While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal” It is that realm which cannot

be seen by the optical eye. The eyes of the heart are the instruments by which you see that dimension.

Begin to see and live out your life through the spiritual realm. This is your true home country. Let there be no more dwelling, seeing and setting your eyes on that which is natural. Your natural eyes cannot be trusted in life’s vital decisions and judgments. They can deceive you.

The natural man live by what they see, hear, taste, feel and smell but you are not that man. You are a recreated spirit through that regeneration of His Holy Spirit. Your spirit man now lives in the Holy Spirit.

Your spiritual senses are more superior, reliable and potent than what you can imagine. Activate and elevate those spiritual senses today, through meditation on the Word and praying in the Spirit.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:18

WHILE WE LOOK NOT AT THE THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN, BUT AT THE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT SEEN: FOR THE THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN ARE TEMPORAL; BUT THE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT SEEN ARE ETERNAL.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Muzzle Not



A congruency between your heart and mouth is vital for spiritual life, as spiritual force is in speaking with your mouth, what your heart believes.

The bible says, “We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

A person whose heart is directly connected to their mouth will always wield spiritual power.

However, in this age of intellectualism and relativism men have trained their mouths to muzzle their hearts. Their true nature, which are the thoughts of their hearts, are often muted by the time it reaches the circumference of their lips. Nevertheless, the spiritual world will still only respond to the voice of the heart, whether good or bad.

Start speaking to your mountains, dreams and future, the true conviction of your heart. And soon you will see things happen in accordance with that utterance.

You will find that your heart and mouth together will prove to be an unstoppable force.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13

WE HAVING THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH, ACCORDING AS IT IS WRITTEN, I BELIEVED, AND THEREFORE HAVE I SPOKEN; WE ALSO BELIEVE, AND THEREFORE SPEAK;

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Don't Fear Battles



During these many years around the Christian church, we have learned that God grades His people differently to what they do themselves. Let us explain: man grades himself by his many achievements. e.g. The accolades in life, how many sick he healed, how many dead he raised, how many accurate prophecies he gave, how many demons he casted out, how many people follow him and we can go on and on. These are our generals. They glory in His scars.

On the other hand, there are another breed of men and women who are forged in the fires of life, by enduring contradiction and exercising faith in fighting and winning life's battles. Of these are mentioned under heaven's hall of fame in Hebrews 11. They consistently exercised faith in life and destiny threatening situations.

When the odds were incredibly stacked against them, their faith in God arose and proved the immutability of His character and word. These are God's generals. They live by His scars and can show you their own. Consider how the devil proved the Son of God by testing the steadfastness of His character and faith under duress (in the wilderness, life, garden and passion). As it is written, "Though he were a Son, yet learned He was in obedience by the things He suffered."

Be like Jesus! Never fear battles.

SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 5:7-8

WHO IN THE DAYS OF HIS FLESH, WHEN HE HAD OFFERED UP PRAYERS AND SUPPLICATIONS WITH STRONG CRYING AND TEARS UNTO HIM THAT WAS ABLE TO SAVE HIM FROM DEATH, AND WAS HEARD IN THAT HE FEARED; THOUGH HE WERE A SON, YET LEARNED HE OBEDIENCE BY THE THINGS WHICH HE SUFFERED;



Discern This Time



Sensitivity to spiritual timing is one of the most valuable spiritual aptitudes one can possess.

It is important that we are able to discern the spiritual season we are in and have the wisdom to respond appropriately.

Jesus blasted the Jews, “Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?” They were able to predict natural weather but could not discern the spiritual signs of the time. They thus missed the hour of their visitation.

Discerning the time and timing of spiritual things is something the Lord expects of us. Do you know the spiritual climate and time pertaining to things in your life? If not, how then can you position yourself correctly or act appropriately?

It is time to sharpen your spiritual senses and become sensitive to the spiritual climate and moving of the Spirit. In your prayer closet with the Holy Bible is a choice place to start.

Start today.

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 12:56

YE HYPOCRITES, YE CAN DISCERN THE FACE OF THE SKY AND OF THE EARTH; BUT HOW IS IT THAT YE DO NOT DISCERN THIS TIME?



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Worth It



When you awaken to destiny, you are willing to endure everything you have to for the sake of the prize that is ahead of you.

The Lord Jesus was motivated by the joy set before Him. Paul said that he intentionally forgot those things behind him so that he can lay a hold of that for which the Lord Jesus laid ahold of him.

Destiny in Christ is a pearl of great price. For this the apostles and believers in the ages before us laboured and endured many things for. When you awake to your destiny, you realise you are worth more than what you can ever pay.

Paul called it “this light affliction.” Shipwrecks, stoning, beatings, imprisonments, fed to lions, persecutions and eventually martyrdom he called “light.” The man knew the wealth which had been bestowed on him through his destiny and was able to pay any price to please the Lord.

What is your destiny and what is its value to you? It is worth everything you will have to pay for it. Begin to compete according to the rules.

SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 20:24

BUT NONE OF THESE THINGS MOVE ME, NEITHER COUNT I MY LIFE DEAR UNTO MYSELF, SO THAT I MIGHT FINISH MY COURSE WITH JOY, AND THE MINISTRY, WHICH I HAVE RECEIVED OF THE LORD JESUS, TO TESTIFY THE GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD..



Touch Not



Today's topic is a serious one but a deeply relevant matter - prophetically potent with eternal consequences. It is written, in Psalm 105: 14 -15, "He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their sakes; Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm."

The anointed, prophets and the Holy Spirit are profound and mysterious subjects in the bible. God did not allow any attempt to do wrong to His anointed and His prophets, to go unanswered. Any such attempt solicited a rebuke from God Himself. He plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues. He said to Abimelech, "You are a dead man" and then warned him that he and all that is his will die, unless he repents. Wow! God takes the anointing of His Spirit very seriously. As recorded in Genesis, man's life span was cut short because they strove against His Spirit. We see other examples in the old testament e.g. Uzzah tried to steady the ark and died. Korah led a large group in rebellion against the prophet Moses and the ground opened up and swallowed them all. Gehazi made little of the anointing and became a leper.

Let us who desire long life and multiplied grace and peace, flee any temptation to do such a terrible thing.

SCRIPTURE READING: GENESIS 20:7-8

NOW THEREFORE RESTORE THE MAN HIS WIFE; FOR HE IS A PROPHET, AND HE SHALL PRAY FOR THEE, AND THOU SHALT LIVE: AND IF THOU RESTORE HER NOT, KNOW THOU THAT THOU SHALT SURELY DIE, THOU, AND ALL THAT ARE THINE. THEREFORE ABIMELECH ROSE EARLY IN THE MORNING, AND CALLED ALL HIS SERVANTS, AND TOLD ALL THESE THINGS IN THEIR EARS: AND THE MEN WERE SORE AFRAID.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Understand Your Assignment



Understanding, appreciating and accepting our assignment is vital in living a fulfilled life. It is imperative that you discover God's assignment for your life – spare no cost.

One life for Jesus is all you have. Do not waste it, invest it.

And that assignment makes you are a carrier of the good news of Jesus Christ and His divine Presence. You through that assignment, have a special place within the plan and mission of God on the earth.

Through you, God's kingdom will be manifested to your generation.

All God-given assignments are noble, worthy and holy, albeit different. Lets rejoice in what God has given and run with it!

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 4:7
BUT UNTO EVERY ONE OF US IS GIVEN GRACE ACCORDING TO THE MEASURE OF THE GIFT OF CHRIST.



Hope Again



We want to talk about hope again. The scriptures testifies concerning the father of faith, Abraham, “who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, ‘So shall your descendants be.’” You should too believe in hope so that you

can become all that God has spoken concerning you and your life.

God says in His word, “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” You may say, “but I did hope but I was disappointed.” We say, “Hope again!” but not just any type of hope. The hope that works is the one that enters the very presence of God and sees that the blood of the New Testament already speaks for that hope. This kind of hope causes the heart to rest and faith to activate. It is a lively hope! That type of hope in God is written in the scriptures after this manner, “Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope.”

You see faith pleases God. Faith works miracles. Hope is the wings upon which faith rides. As it is written, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for...” Without hope, faith cannot exist. Never lose hope!

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 PETER 1:3-4

BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHICH ACCORDING TO HIS ABUNDANT MERCY HATH BEGOTTEN US AGAIN UNTO A LIVELY HOPE BY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD, TO AN INHERITANCE INCORRUPTIBLE, AND UNDEFILED, AND THAT FADETH NOT AWAY, RESERVED IN HEAVEN FOR YOU,



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Be Happy!



Let Happiness flow out of your heart today and thank God for what He has done in your life.

As the songs go, “If you happy and you know it your face will surely show it. If you happy and you know it clap your hands.” And again, “Smile awhile and give your face a rest, lift your hands to the One you love the best.”

When you happy within you will be happy without. A sure way to turn a sad face into a glad face is to fill yourself with the word of God.

Jesus gave everything for you and He is still working on you. It is so easy to forget but today begin to remember the things He has taken you out from and the person that you have become. Be thankful everyday.

You have something to be happy about! So cheer up!

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 15:13

A MERRY HEART MAKETH A CHEERFUL COUNTENANCE: BUT BY SORROW OF THE HEART THE SPIRIT IS BROKEN.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Study The Content



Never judge a book by its cover. Looks can be deceiving. We are reminded of Saul who became the first king of Israel. The bible records that he was taller than any of the people in Israel. The people hurried and made him their first king. They judged the book by its cover. It was a mistake. Saul ended

up being disloyal towards God. He was a rebellious and stubborn man.

The trust and confidence of those who selected him, proved to have been misplaced. He led Israel into defeat and died on the battlefield in shame. His replacement was a different story altogether. It is from his selection by God that we learn what God looks for. The Lord told His servant Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

God does not judge a book by its cover. He judges the book by its content. David was described as a man after God’s own heart. Loyal to His heart and faithful to His call. Through David He guided Israel to many victories, unified a nation and made it greater. In your dealings with men do not study the cover, study the content.

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 26:23-25

BURNING LIPS AND A WICKED HEART ARE LIKE A POTSDHERD COVERED WITH SILVER DROSS. HE THAT HATETH DISSEMBLETH WITH HIS LIPS, AND LAYETH UP DECEIT WITHIN HIM; WHEN HE SPEAKETH FAIR, BELIEVE HIM NOT: FOR THERE ARE SEVEN ABOMINATIONS IN HIS HEART.



Cast Your Eyes Long



We often tell mentees, “Don’t cast longing eyes. Cast your eyes long.” The mistake of the novice is to long for immediate gratification or instant elevation. Many look at what someone else has and want to possess that over night. They fail to find out the cost that person incurred in acquiring that position or possession.

Most are not even interested. Such an attitude is the breeding ground for envy and covetousness. Covetousness never leads to a happy ending. A rich young man came to Jesus enquiring about eternal life. The bible says, “Jesus looked at him and loved him.” “One thing you lack,” He said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me.” The young man was unwilling to do that because he had great wealth. He left sorrowful because it was too high a price in his estimation.

We want you to see some things here:

- Jesus did not lower the bar just because He loved him.
- The price for the young man was still the same as for others, everything.
- Fondness does not mean that you get a discount.
- You want to possess the full realm? Pay the full price.

This young man, seemingly longed to have what Jesus had. So he had longing eyes but he failed to cast his eyes long. He failed to look into the potential future. Cast your eyes long!

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 10:18-22

AND JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, WHY CALLEST THOU ME GOOD? THERE IS NONE GOOD BUT ONE, THAT IS, GOD. THOU KNOWEST THE COMMANDMENTS, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT KILL, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, DEFRAUD NOT, HONOUR THY FATHER AND MOTHER. AND HE ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO HIM, MASTER, ALL THESE HAVE I OBSERVED FROM MY YOUTH. THEN JESUS BEHOLDING HIM LOVED HIM, AND SAID UNTO HIM, ONE THING THOU LACKEST: GO THY WAY, SELL WHATSOEVER THOU HAST, AND GIVE TO THE POOR, AND THOU SHALT HAVE TREASURE IN HEAVEN: AND COME, TAKE UP THE CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME. AND HE WAS SAD AT THAT SAYING, AND WENT AWAY GRIEVED: FOR HE HAD GREAT POSSESSIONS. AND COME, TAKE UP THE CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME. AND HE WAS SAD AT THAT SAYING, AND WENT AWAY GRIEVED: FOR HE HAD GREAT POSSESSIONS.



Invest with Jesus



Yesterday, we looked at the story of the rich young ruler. One of the greatest eternal thrones was beckoning him. Jesus told his apostles that they will sit on twelve thrones and judge Israel in the world to come. This young man was being afforded that priceless opportunity but he failed to see the value of the opportunity being presented to him. All because he did not cast his eyes long and look deep into the future. Jesus was a sure investment. His great wealth was a bad one in comparison. He could not take his wealth with him into eternity.

I must add that Jesus, in response to a question Peter asked immediately afterwards, said that all who gave things up for His sake and for the gospel would receive it back one hundred fold in this life and in the life to come, eternal life. That young man who refused his moment of great destiny most definitely blew it!

- What priceless opportunities are being presented to you?
- Are you perhaps missing it?
- Are you casting your eyes long or are you casting longing eyes?

It boils down to a decision. Do not be like that young man and fail to cast your eyes long. Today, invest with Jesus and cast your eyes long.

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 19:21-24

JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, IF THOU WILT BE PERFECT, GO AND SELL THAT THOU HAST, AND GIVE TO THE POOR, AND THOU SHALT HAVE TREASURE IN HEAVEN: AND COME AND FOLLOW ME. BUT WHEN THE YOUNG MAN HEARD THAT SAYING, HE WENT AWAY SORROWFUL: FOR HE HAD GREAT POSSESSIONS. THEN SAID JESUS UNTO HIS DISCIPLES, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, THAT A RICH MAN SHALL HARDLY ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AND AGAIN I SAY UNTO YOU, IT IS EASIER FOR A CAMEL TO GO THROUGH THE EYE OF A NEEDLE, THAN FOR A RICH MAN TO ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Beware Of The Jealous



The scripture says that jealousy is cruel as the grave.

The grave is cruel. Have you ever been to a graveyard? It is a cruel place. No matter how you shout at the grave, how you threaten it, or how much you cry, it remains silent. It scoffs at men in cynical victory. It separates family and friends from one another. It produces the silence in the one party. And kills the fellowship and friendship.

Now the bible says jealousy is that cruel. A jealous family member can kill another because of jealousy. King Saul tried killing his son-in-law because of jealousy. He led armies to destroy his son-in-law. How cruel can one be?

Jesus was delivered up to be crucified because of envy against Him.

We have seen a friend become a secret enemy of her best friend because of jealousy. Eventually plotting the destruction of her friend's marriage and sleeping with her best friend's husband.

Jealousy is cruel . Beware.

SCRIPTURE READING: SONG OF SOLOMON 8:6

SET ME AS A SEAL UPON THINE HEART, AS A SEAL UPON THINE ARM: FOR LOVE IS STRONG AS DEATH; JEALOUSY IS CRUEL AS THE GRAVE: THE COALS THEREOF ARE COALS OF FIRE, WHICH HATH A MOST VEHEMENT FLAME.



Every Miracle



Miracles are supernatural interventions. They are beyond nature. Nature cannot produce miracles, God is the miracle creator. Jesus is the greatest example of miracle working. From the ministry of Jesus, one can see that every miracle starts with what you have.

God uses what you already have for the miracle. Jesus, when multiplying the loaves and fishes asked, “What do you have?” In His first miracle He used the water and the water pots that was already there and turned water into wine.

Elijah and Elisha the great miracle working prophets asked the same question, “What do you have?” Every miracle starts with you and is effected by action and instruction. You want a miracle? Look no further than what you have.

Little becomes much in the hands of God.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 KINGS 4:2

AND ELISHA SAID UNTO HER, WHAT SHALL I DO FOR THEE? TELL ME, WHAT HAST THOU IN THE HOUSE? AND SHE SAID, THINE HANDMAID HATH NOT ANY THING IN THE HOUSE, SAVE A POT OF OIL.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Seize Your Moment



The Lord through the prophet Isaiah implored, “Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near.” This is a spiritual principle very few understand, to their detriment. The most spiritual efficient Christians know and practice this truth.

Our God is a good God. Our God is also a moving God. “For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.” It states that the cursed will not recognise good when it comes. You see, good comes and good goes. A difference between the blessed and the cursed is that the blessed recognises when good comes and captures the moment. Remember how Abraham in Genesis 18, recognised the visitation of God and seized his moment. As a result Sarah fell pregnant and gave birth to Isaac.

Make an ultimate determination that you will never miss an opportunity for advancement in God. Despise whatever hinders you from seizing the moment: despise pride; despise fear; despise your past. Let nothing hinder you from capturing the moments God has for your life.

Discern and seize your moment.

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 32:6

FOR THIS SHALL EVERY ONE THAT IS GODLY PRAY UNTO THEE IN A TIME WHEN THOU MAYEST BE FOUND: SURELY IN THE FLOODS OF GREAT WATERS THEY SHALL NOT COME NIGH UNTO HIM.



Responding To Fire



The book of Hebrews tell us how to respond to the revelation that God is a consuming fire.

It is written, “Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire.”

The Holy Spirit counsels us to have grace whereby we may serve God in a way that He accepts with reverence and godly Fear.

God must be served acceptably and it requires:

- Reverence
- Godly fear, and
- Grace

Grace being the enabler of all of the above.

We pray for you that God grant you this grace today and insight into this kind of Grace.

SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 12:28-29

WHEREFORE WE RECEIVING A KINGDOM WHICH CANNOT BE MOVED, LET US HAVE GRACE, WHEREBY WE MAY SERVE GOD ACCEPTABLY WITH REVERENCE AND GODLY FEAR: FOR OUR GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Dwelling With Fire



God is a devouring fire. God is the real deal, of the fire -breathing kind! It is written, “Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil”

God, a devouring fire wants us to dwell with Him. For this we need grace. What type of grace? The grace of a pure or purified heart. Purified by that very eternal fire.

That grace that manifests in us as follows:

- Walking righteously
- Speaking uprightly
- Despising the benefit of oppression
- Refusing enticement
- Stops the ears from hearing evil
- Shutting the eyes from seeing evil

Such a person is as dangerous as the devouring fire with Whom he dwells. Devils tremble before such a one. Are you such a one? Receive the grace today.

SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 33:14-15

THE SINNERS IN ZION ARE AFRAID; FEARFULNESS HATH SURPRISED THE HYPOCRITES. WHO AMONG US SHALL DWELL WITH THE DEVOURING FIRE? WHO AMONG US SHALL DWELL WITH EVERLASTING BURNINGS? HE THAT WALKETH RIGHTEOUSLY, AND SPEAKETH UPRIGHTLY; HE THAT DESPISETH THE GAIN OF OPPRESSIONS, THAT SHAKETH HIS HANDS FROM HOLDING OF BRIBES, THAT STOPPETH HIS EARS FROM HEARING OF BLOOD, AND SHUTTETH HIS EYES FROM SEEING EVIL;



Remember God



For most people, the week can be very busy. Weekdays can leave people with little time for leisure or personal errands. So Saturday's are errand or leisure days for many. That said many forget God on a Saturday. What they don't realize, Saturday's are the best "Selah" days.

It is the day of the week to cleanse, still and prepare the soul for the Lord's day, Sunday.

Sunday is the first day of the week and sets the spiritual tone for the rest. You must give God your best on a Sunday. On that topic, it is our conviction that every Christian who works a job on a Sunday, should actively and earnestly be fasting and praying till that is no longer the case.

Back to Saturday: Use the day to thank God for the past week. Reevaluate whether you are moving in His will.

Commit afresh to God. And pray the prayers that will govern the next week.

Do this today.

SCRIPTURE READING: ECCLESIASTES 5:1

KEEP THY FOOT WHEN THOU GOEST TO THE HOUSE OF GOD, AND BE MORE READY TO HEAR, THAN TO GIVE THE SACRIFICE OF FOOLS: FOR THEY CONSIDER NOT THAT THEY DO EVIL.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Take Prayer Seriously, Very Seriously



Mary, Queen of Scots was reported as saying, “I fear the prayers of John Knox more than all the assembled armies of Europe.” What a statement given she was all her life surrounded by war and the violence of enemy armies! Mary’s own father, James V, died a few days after losing the war with England, due to effects of war. Mary was only six days old when her father died. She became Queen of Scotland at six days old and history testifies that she was, all her life, severely affected by wars and rumors of wars. Mary even married her husband’s murderer within days of his murder. This woman knew the power of physical weapons and apparatus to have men’s unjust will done.

Yet, she feared John Knox’s mighty spiritual weapon of prayer exceedingly more than the brutality and weaponry of enemy armies. Mary perceived that the prayers of John Knox could overrule and outrule her. It is written in James 5:16 (AMPC), “The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].”

As is the case with spiritual wisdom, the righteous man’s fervent prayer is more powerful than any weapon and physical intervention, combined. Think about that. Your prayers can shake and shape a world: Elijah with Ahab, Moses with Pharaoh and Daniel in Babylon.

What more can we say? It is time to be persuaded by your own prayers. Start today.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 6:2

FOR HE SAITH, I HAVE HEARD THEE IN A TIME ACCEPTED, AND IN THE DAY OF SALVATION HAVE I SUCCOURED THEE: BEHOLD, NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME; BEHOLD, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION.;

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Take Time To Wait



“Lets take time to wait upon the Lord. Lets take time to listen for His voice.” The lyrics of this old worship song are compelling, even now. We are reminded to take time out to wait upon the Lord.

The scripture says, “For since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him.” God acts for those who wait upon Him. Here is a secret of how to have the Lord to act for you: Wait for Him by waiting upon Him. Just take time to sit and wait for Him to speak to you.

The Lord Jesus withdrew often to a solitary place to pray. Those who wait for Him see the acts of God. It is so simple: just wait. So today, “Lets take time to wait upon the Lord. Lets take time to listen for His voice.”

SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 40:31

BUT THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES; THEY SHALL RUN, AND NOT BE WEARY; AND THEY SHALL WALK, AND NOT FAINT.

The Man Within



We are dealing with the man within man's spirit. The inner man is paramount. A man who neglects his spirit sabotages his eternal destiny. Without your spirit you cannot know or communicate with God. As it is written, "God is a spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth." God cannot be worshiped in the flesh nor pleased by the flesh. He is only contactable through the spirit of man. Know that. Settle that.

You therefore need your spirit man strong. Your spirit man is your spiritual residency in the realm of the Spirit. A strong spirit is required to survive, let alone thrive there.

Hence, the Apostle Paul prayed for the Christians to be made strong with power in the inner man, by God's Spirit. This strengthening produces a day by day renewing or invigorating of the inward man.

How do you allow the power to make your spirit strong? This is primarily done by praying exceedingly in an unknown tongue. This was Paul's wisdom to the Christians at Corinth.

Start today with making your inner man strong.

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 3:1

THAT HE WOULD GRANT YOU, ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY, TO BE STRENGTHENED WITH MIGHT BY HIS SPIRIT IN THE INNER MAN.



Always Heard



Jesus, standing before the tomb of Lazarus said, “Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always.”

This is the awareness of the true “prayer” and the prayer-hearer. The Father knows that He is always hearing you. In fact, He is continually searching the heart and responds to the true heartfelt requests of the heart.

Some think that prayers start when they officially say, “Lets pray...” Yet, God’s attention to prayer is never called by man. God is already searching the hearts, to encounter faith-filled prayer, emanating from the heart and immediately responds with the answer.

God is the first “actor” in prayer. He moves first, by searching and listening out for your prayers. God’s ear is actively stretched out, right now, for your prayers.

You are the “reactor” in prayer. You react, to the knowing that He acted first, by offering up fervent faith-filled requests, with thanksgiving. Start by thanking Him first for always expecting and listening out for your prayers.

You are always heard because your prayers are always expected.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 PETER 3:12

FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE OVER THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ARE OPEN UNTO THEIR PRAYERS: BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THEM THAT DO EVIL.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Seek Me



David said, “When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.” God is a rewarder of them who earnestly seek Him. The scripture says, “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” It is called faith: faith worthy of report. Jesus wondered if He would find this kind of faith on earth, when He returns.

God spoke through the prophet Jeremiah, “And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the Lord: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the Lord; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive”

Will you seek Him with all your heart? As it is written, “Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore.” Men should always pray and not faint - persistent and resistant. Nothing wavering. Nothing doubting.

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 105:4
SEEK THE LORD, AND HIS STRENGTH: SEEK HIS FACE EVERMORE.



Establish Your Purpose



Yesterday, we saw that purpose has a time under heaven. In other words, God's purposes for and through you will be executed at certain times.

You need to know the time in relation to each purpose. Purpose demands fulfillment. However, purpose cannot be fulfilled without counsel.

Counsel lights up the path to fulfillment.

Counsel is always related to spiritual movement.

Therefore the scripture refers to "walking in the counsel."

Once you have discovered your purpose, you should discover it's time and then you must, as a matter of urgency, get the Lord's counsel.

In fact, God's counsel can calibrate your heart to discern the right time for a purpose.

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 20:18
EVERY PURPOSE IS ESTABLISHED BY COUNSEL: AND WITH GOOD ADVICE MAKE WAR.



Body Rest



The scripture tells us that Jesus got tired and that He rested. As it is written, “Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well...”

Jesus even told His own to disciples to come aside and “rest a while.”

Rest is vital as a tool for rejuvenation, continuity and longevity.

In a previous issue, we talked about rhythm and its importance. Rest is a way to sustained rhythm and to re-rhythm.

The body can go a few days without water and a number of days without food. However, if deprived of rest, it will start to shut down and this can lead to eventual death.

In today’s world, men celebrate busyness. For many, rest has become a luxury rather than a necessity. Rest to be your best. Resting your body is a life necessity. Neglect not.

Use today to rest the weary body, so that you can serve God with it.

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 6:31-32

AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, COME YE YOURSELVES APART INTO A DESERT PLACE, AND REST A WHILE: FOR THERE WERE MANY COMING AND GOING, AND THEY HAD NO LEISURE SO MUCH AS TO EAT. AND THEY DEPARTED INTO A DESERT PLACE BY SHIP PRIVATELY.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

He Who Blinds



There is a spirit that blinds men so that they believe not. Unbelief is thus caused by a blinding spirit.

Every miracle performed by Jesus was in response to a heart full of belief. The Lord Jesus said, “If you can believe all things are possible to him that believes.”

In His own home town, He marvelled at their unbelief. Think of that, the Son of the Living God, amazed and surprised at the unbelief. He tried to do a great miracles amongst them but failed because of their unbelief.

Believing is the precondition for answered prayer and miracles. God is all powerful but is limited by man’s belief. Therefore it is written, “Believe in the Lord your God and you shall be established.”

The strategy of the god of this world is thus to produce an evil heart of unbelief within a person by blinding their minds. Refuse to have that happen to you. The god of this world should never be allowed to pull the wool over your mind.

May the veil be lifted from your mind and heart, today!

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:4

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.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Acknowledge It



The scripture indicates in Philemon 1:6 “That the fellowship of thy faith may become working in the full knowledge of every good thing that is in you toward Christ Jesus...” (YLT).

Our effectiveness in communicating our faith, thus really starts with us discovering, acknowledging and activating every good thing in us; which was transmitted to us in Christ Jesus or otherwise stated, by the indwelling Christ.

Once we carry knowledge of the good things in us, we can share these with others, causing them to partake of the same good things.

In other words, when you acknowledge the good thing in you, the good thing will manifest through you.

What do you carry within you that can benefit your family, colleagues or organisation today?

It is time to recognise, acknowledge and release [it].

SCRIPTURE READING: PHILEMON 1:6

THAT THE COMMUNICATION OF THY FAITH MAY BECOME EFFECTUAL BY THE ACKNOWLEDGING OF EVERY GOOD THING WHICH IS IN YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.



'For-word'



We once heard a man of God relate an experience. He said that a woman came up to him and said, “Man of God, prophesy to me. I need a word.” He said that he responded to her by the Spirit and answered, “What is wrong with ‘forward’?”

You see, many Christians when faced with opposition, run to and fro looking for a new word from God. Not realising that the word they should actually be looking at is ‘for-word.’ In every circumstance, God’s constant word to you and I, is “forward.”

He created all living things to move forward. It is natural to move forward. However, because of the fall of man, going forward in life comes with resistance. Progress became difficult.

It is the work of Satan to be your adversary: to stand in your way and prevent you from going forward. Therefore Jesus, when rebuking Satan said, “Get behind me Satan.”

You see Satan stood before him and tried to turn Jesus back from his mission. This would have prevented our redemption. However, Jesus did not need another word. He knew ‘for-word’ was enough.

SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 12:1-2

WHEREFORE SEEING WE ALSO ARE COMPASSED ABOUT WITH SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, AND THE SIN WHICH DOETH SO EASILY BESET US, AND LET US RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US, LOOKING UNTO JESUS THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH; WHO FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPISING THE SHAME, AND IS SET DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Of A Faithful Spirit



The scripture says, "...he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter." In the spirit there is something called "a faithful spirit". A faithful spirit exists in the spiritual realm and the bible says a man or woman can be of that "faithful spirit."

Who is that faithful spirit? The bible says that Jesus as The Word of God is called, "Faithful." As it is written, "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war."

Jesus is Faithful and all those that battle on His side are faithful. As it is written, "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful." There are callings and levels of warfare and overcoming only suitable for them of faithful spirit. There are secret stratagems of God which He will only share with them "of faithful spirit." They are very rare and are only found amongst them who fear the Lord. Of what kind of a spirit are you?

Many Christians fear and respect man. And therefore fall into a snare. They keep their secret covenants of evil which inevitably binds them openly. No dear brother and sister! You are fighting on the wrong side. You are lost. Be of a faithful spirit.

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 11:13

A TALEBEARER REVEALETH SECRETS: BUT HE THAT IS OF A FAITHFUL SPIRIT CONCEALETH THE MATTER.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Hold True



We previously saw in Genesis that the first problem that God solved was darkness. Darkness covered the face of the deep. God solved the problem with light. He commanded light out of darkness. Due to the subsequent fall of man, Isaiah said, “For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people...”

That same spiritual darkness that was there before, which was absorbed before the eyes of God, would be there again. We can see it is increasingly being manifested in our day: darkness on the earth and gross darkness on the people. People have on mass, entered a state of blissful ignorance. It is as though they have been enveloped by a thick cloud of darkness.

Yet in Christ, the context is set: as Isaiah proclaimed, “Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.” Your light has already come: Jesus and His treasure in you. Now all a Christian has to do, is arise. Your action to do something and say something, is your shining. Your good works and good news is your shining. Jesus said, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Don't hide your light. Say something. Do something. So that it may be said because of you, as was said because of Jesus, “The people who sat in darkness hath seen a great light” Your sayings and doings will attract them to Jesus. And they too will have the opportunity to shine.

SCRIPTURE READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:16

NEVERTHELESS, WHERETO WE HAVE ALREADY ATTAINED, LET US WALK BY THE SAME RULE, LET US MIND THE SAME THING..



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

The Strength Of Unity



The scripture tells us that there is “one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all.” Jesus, also said, “I and My father are one.” The spiritual reality is that all of the body of Christ are one. In the eyes of God, He only has one church. This is the truth and provision has only been made to manifest this reality on the earth, nothing to the contrary.

When our understanding opens to this reality, we will begin to access the true resources afforded the corporate body of Christ. Nations will begin to rock and reel under the power of God, flowing out of the church. In this light, Paul urged the church to keep the unity of the Spirit, and to keep it in the bond of peace. The global persecution and suppression the church is experiencing in our modern day, may just become the catalyst which activates the bond of peace, unto the unity of the Spirit.

When the church begins to speak with one anointed Voice, the stratagems of the suppressors will begin to fail and the fear of God will return to nations, as God’s signs, wonders and miracles will be unleashed on the nations. Make the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace your daily prayer and endeavor. The peoples of the earth are crying for this dimension of manifestation.

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 4:3-4

ENDEAVOURING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE. THERE IS ONE BODY, AND ONE SPIRIT, EVEN AS YE ARE CALLED IN ONE HOPE OF YOUR CALLING; ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL, WHO IS ABOVE ALL, AND THROUGH ALL, AND IN YOU ALL.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Joy Cometh In The Morning



David, the psalmist, said, “For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.”

David was talking about the Lord’s disciplines and its effects on His sons. God disciplines all His true children and that discipline is never pleasant for the moment. Yet it will result in joy.

As it is written, “Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”

The chastening may truly feel painful but genuine and informed children, refuse to be offended. They choose to be trained and matured thereby.

Our exhortation to you is to, never underestimate the benefits of correction in your life. Correction is the fast track to perfection.

The scripture is true in saying, “For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.”

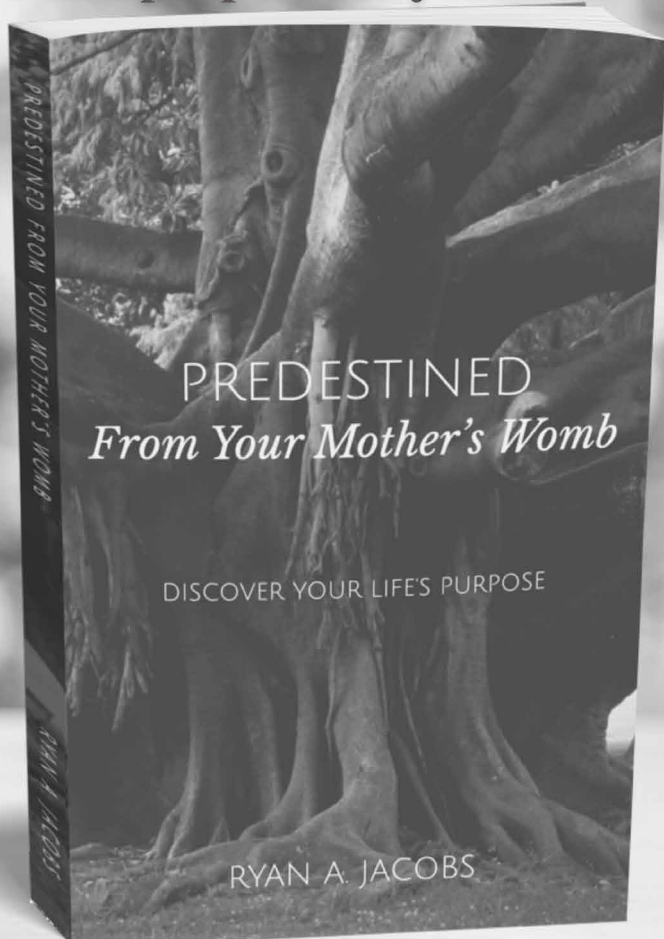
SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 30:4-5

SING UNTO THE LORD, O YE SAINTS OF HIS, AND GIVE THANKS AT THE REMEMBRANCE OF HIS HOLINESS. FOR HIS ANGER ENDURETH BUT A MOMENT; IN HIS FAVOUR IS LIFE: WEEPING MAY ENDURE FOR A NIGHT, BUT JOY COMETH IN THE MORNING.

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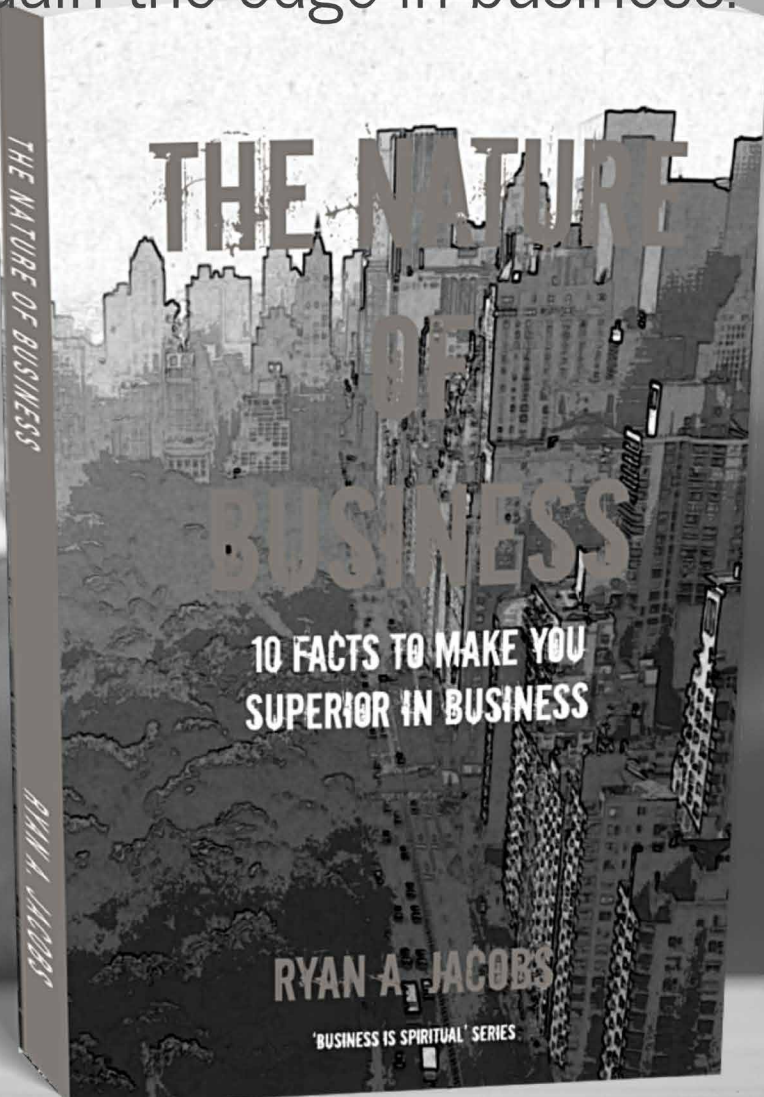


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MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

A Governing Word



Today, on the calendar, is a start of a new natural season.

December the 1st, officially marks the start of Summer 2025, in the southern hemisphere. New seasonal rules apply. Instead of the cold of winter and brown leaves on trees, people can expect warmer weather and especially the blooming of flowers.

Although man-made rules have largely disrupted how lives were lived this year, those rules could not suppress the changing of seasons and the accompanying weather patterns. Aren't you glad the flowers are still blooming?

Times and seasons on earth are governed by the words of God, released in the spiritual realm. The lights that govern the seasons were released by a "God said..."

The seasons of your life are also governed by a "said" word. Do you know what that "said" word is? Do you know that you have the Spirit of God on the inside of you and He longs to give utterance to a "said" word for and through you?

Now, take control of this season for you by releasing a "said" word!

SCRIPTURE READING: GENESIS 1:14

AND GOD SAID, LET THERE BE LIGHTS IN THE FIRMAMENT OF THE HEAVEN TO DIVIDE THE DAY FROM THE NIGHT; AND LET THEM BE FOR SIGNS, AND FOR SEASONS, AND FOR DAYS, AND YEARS:



Days Of Spiritual Meat



We will now speak about a powerful spiritual lever. He who has an ear let him hear. The gospel of Luke says of Jesus, “In those day He did eat nothing.” This was spoken referring to Jesus fast in the wilderness.

Many people miss the power of private fasting. You should not. Learn to have days in which you eat nothing. Jesus in the wilderness ate nothing until “spiritual vultures” came from heaven and fed him food. This was also the wilderness experience of the prophet Elijah.

Christian history is decorated with men and women who lived such lives and experienced such things. At one point in time those radicals, were coined, “desert fathers.” They lived to experience God and fed their generation fresh manna. O such is the mystery of the spiritual!

So with you, during days of eating nothing, “spiritual vultures“ from heaven will be readying themselves to come feed you spiritual meat (revelation) at the very command of the Holy Spirit. Learn to fast as the Holy Spirit leads. Maybe He will give you a spiritual meal and say, “Eat.”

SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 27:21-23

BUT AFTER LONG ABSTINENCE PAUL STOOD FORTH IN THE MIDST OF THEM, AND SAID, SIRRS, YE SHOULD HAVE HEARKENED UNTO ME, AND NOT HAVE LOOSED FROM CRETE, AND TO HAVE GAINED THIS HARM AND LOSS. AND NOW I EXHORT YOU TO BE OF GOOD CHEER: FOR THERE SHALL BE NO LOSS OF ANY MAN'S LIFE AMONG YOU, BUT OF THE SHIP. FOR THERE STOOD BY ME THIS NIGHT THE ANGEL OF GOD, WHOSE I AM, AND WHOM I SERVE,



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Time To Prostrate



The Psalmist said to bow before Him and to worship at His footstool. All the angels, elders and living creatures fall prostrate before Him. The Apostle John records, “And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and

worshipped God...”

There is such a life in the Spirit. A life of worship. A life of intimacy. It is your life to live. Will you live it? Are you willing to live it? Jesus said that God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

Those dedicated to lives of worship, know the power of the secret place. They become unbeatable and undeniable as Moses explained in Psalms 91. Moses lived the prostrate life. So must you. Moses knew the secret place. So must you. Moses knew Him face to face. So must you.

This next year you must live the prostrate life. Lay on your face this month and there will be no opportunity to lay on your back (in a coffin). The prostrate life is the prolonged life. Start living it today.

SCRIPTURE READING: REVELATION 7:11

AND ALL THE ANGELS STOOD ROUND ABOUT THE THRONE, AND ABOUT THE ELDERS AND THE FOUR BEASTS, AND FELL BEFORE THE THRONE ON THEIR FACES, AND WORSHIPPED GOD,



Decide To Obtain



The bible says “Hope deferred makes the spirit sick.” A sick spirit is a hopeless spirit which has lost the coordinates to its destination. Such a life is like an engine-less and anchorless ship being tossed at sea.

It is important to have your hope anchored into that which is certain i.e. a sure thing. Nothing, is as sure and certain as the promises of God are. All the promises of God are “Yea”. God watches over His word to perform it.

All the word of God demands is that you be persuaded by the promises of God, and that you possess actionable confidence in it and display such. This is called faith. To “muster” such faith you must decide to actually obtain the promise indeed. You must settle for nothing less. Many have settled on the idea of having a promise from God. This is not enough. You must act with God until you see the promise fulfilled. Elijah prayed seven times, acting each time until the rain came.

Decide today to be an obtainer of the promise not merely a recipient of one. Faith-filled action and perseverance will be required.

SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 6:15
AND SO, AFTER HE HAD PATIENTLY ENDURED, HE OBTAINED THE PROMISE.

Don't Try It



Paul tried his best not to sin but sinned. He said, “For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.” That off course was before he met Jesus.

The problem he had was a living law inside of him which he tried to overcome with a dead law of observation. He failed. He needed a deliverer. And cried, “O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” And in stepped the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus!

The living law of sin was overcome, bound and ousted forever. And Paul was set free. He wrote, “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”

Today, imitate Paul. Quit trying. Allow the perfect law of liberty, which is the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, to kill the law of sin and death. And make you free from sin and death. You will never sin again.

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 8:4-6

THAT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE LAW MIGHT BE FULFILLED IN US, WHO WALK NOT AFTER THE FLESH, BUT AFTER THE SPIRIT. FOR THEY THAT ARE AFTER THE FLESH DO MIND THE THINGS OF THE FLESH; BUT THEY THAT ARE AFTER THE SPIRIT THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT. FOR TO BE CARNALLY MINDED IS DEATH; BUT TO BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED IS LIFE AND PEACE.



My Soul Panteth



We previously talked about the blessed hunger and thirst of the soul. We recalled the words of our Lord Jesus, “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.” The word translated, ‘blessed’ there, is the Greek word, ‘makarios’ which means “supremely blest, happy, enviably fortunate and spiritually prosperous.”

David experienced such a thirst of soul. He cried, “O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.” David longed for God. His soul thirsted for God and his flesh longed for God: specifically to see His power and His glory. The power of God changes a life and the glory of God changes the person. Hence, his flesh longed to experience the power of God and his soul thirsted for the glory of God. For this hope he said, “early will I seek thee...”

Does your flesh long to experience the power of God? Does your soul thirst to encounter the glory of God? Out of this longing and thirst, is the pursuit of God born and driven. It seems these days, that few Christians pant to experience God tangibly. The psalmist was not so but scandalously craved for God: He said, “As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?” Encountering God leaves you, “supremely blest, happy, enviably fortunate and spiritually prosperous.” Are you ready to encounter? Moses cried, “Show me now Thy glory!” What is your cry?

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 63:1-2

O GOD, THOU ART MY GOD; EARLY WILL I SEEK THEE: MY SOUL THIRSTETH FOR THEE, MY FLESH LONGETH FOR THEE IN A DRY AND THIRSTY LAND, WHERE NO WATER IS; TO SEE THY POWER AND THY GLORY, SO AS I HAVE SEEN THEE IN THE SANCTUARY.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

A Call Worthy Of The Grace Gift



The epistle of Ephesians speaks about an inheritance. Included in that inheritance is the call of God on your life. The Christian is commanded in Ephesians 4 to “walk worthy of the vocation where with ye are called.”

How do you walk worthy of the calling? You prove and establish your worthiness by recognizing and yielding to the grace gift and its measure which accompanies your calling.

What is the grace gift? It is the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teachers given to you in order to help you and prepare you to fulfill the call of God on your life. That person would be a gift from Christ unto you and would also carry a certain “metron” of Christ expression and power.

This “metron” and grace is necessary to cause you to come unto the fullness of Christ. The fullness of Christ is the ultimate destination of every child of God’s calling.

Who is the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher given to you? You would have been given one of these in direct relation to the “metron” of your calling.

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 4:7-8

BUT UNTO EVERY ONE OF US IS GIVEN GRACE ACCORDING TO THE MEASURE OF THE GIFT OF CHRIST. WHEREFORE HE SAITH, WHEN HE ASCENDED UP ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVITY CAPTIVE, AND GAVE GIFTS UNTO MEN.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

Speak God's Language



There are many kinds of languages and many forms of communication. Every species has its own way to communicate. Lions seem to understand each other. They make a uniform kind of sound. When you hear that roar you know it is a lion's. Birds flock together. Have you ever observed a flock of birds in full flight, almost in perfect synchronization. One

then realizes that they must be communicating.

Perhaps it is a common vibration or movement. That being said, men do not speak "lion" or "bird". Man has studied animals, and how they communicate so that he can interact better with them. How about God? What language does God speak? God is a Spirit. Is He not? What language does a spirit speak. Every child born into this world is taught a human language to help it survive, even thrive. God did the same for the recreated spirit. The Holy Spirit's first task was to impart a spiritual language whereby we can talk to God and become eloquent and proficient at it. The Scriptures tell us that he who speaks in an unknown tongue speaks directly to God. When last did you speak directly to God as His Spirit gave you utterance? How proficient are you at it? What is your conversation with God filled with?

Speaking God's tongue stirs His Spirit and His Spirit floods us with His power. Your prayer time should be filled with power. Power comes when you speak in your (Heavenly) Father's tongue. Today, be inspired by the Spirit of your Father and speak as He gives you utterance. Speak fluently. Speak Abundantly.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 14:2

FOR HE THAT SPEAKETH IN AN UNKNOWN TONGUE SPEAKETH NOT UNTO MEN, BUT UNTO GOD: FOR NO MAN UNDERSTANDETH HIM; HOWBEIT IN THE SPIRIT HE SPEAKETH MYSTERIES.

Communicate with God



The first man Adam walked with the voice of God in the cool of the day. He had a direct and open relationship with his Creator. He gave up that communication line by choosing sin.

Since then man has struggled to regain that kind of communication with God.

Men who got close are far and few in between. Enoch walked with God until his very flesh got caught up into that communication line. Moses knew God face to face and spoke to Him as a man speaks to his friend. To this day Moses' body was still not found. We suspect that he went the way of Enoch.

Moses, Enoch and men like Abraham and David were rare individuals in achieving friendship with God. We exhort you to be counted amongst them. Imitate their faith. Jesus restored man's access to that kind of communication with God.

As a child of God you have His Spirit and can walk closer to Him and communicate clearer than Enoch, Moses, Abraham or David ever did. We urge you, today to lean into God and get fully connected to the communication line in the Holy Spirit.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 JOHN 1:3

THAT WHICH WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD DECLARE WE UNTO YOU, THAT YE ALSO MAY HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH US: AND TRULY OUR FELLOWSHIP IS WITH THE FATHER, AND WITH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.



The Spiritually Lost



We are told in the gospel of Matthew that Jesus “saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.” He then sent His twelve disciples to preach, to heal, to cleanse, to raise and to cast out. The gospel of

Mark then recounts that the twelve returned from their mission, tired and hungry. They gave feedback of all they did.

However, they found themselves teaching. Jesus did not tell them to teach. He told them to preach, heal, cleanse, raise and cast out. This tells us that the disciples found that the true salvation was not preaching but teaching. The people were ignorant and lost as a result. Jesus having received this feedback comes out to the people and the gospel of Mark Chapter 6 indicates that He again “saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and He began to teach them many things.”

Men are lost because they are ignorant. They were never taught the right thing. You will find your way, if you are taught the way. You need to be taught.

SCRIPTURE READING: JEREMIAH 50:6-7

MY PEOPLE HATH BEEN LOST SHEEP: THEIR SHEPHERDS HAVE CAUSED THEM TO GO ASTRAY, THEY HAVE TURNED THEM AWAY ON THE MOUNTAINS: THEY HAVE GONE FROM MOUNTAIN TO HILL, THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN THEIR RESTING PLACE. ALL THAT FOUND THEM HAVE DEVoured THEM: AND THEIR ADVERSARIES SAID, WE OFFEND NOT, BECAUSE THEY HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE LORD, THE HABITATION OF JUSTICE, EVEN THE LORD, THE HOPE OF THEIR FATHERS.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Escape The Snare



“The fear of man is a snare” as the Lord says.

A snare is a bondage. A snare is painful. Snares are set up to lure and capture an animal.

The victim never sees it coming. It is an unpleasant surprise and an almost inescapable prison.

Animals are trapped with different kinds of snares. Man gets snared by fear. Fear of another man.

Never comply because you fear man what they might say or do.

Do everything because you trust the Lord and wants to do the right thing in His eyes.

Always check your motives and lean on Him.

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 29:25

THE FEAR OF MAN BRINGETH A SNARE: BUT WHO SO PUTTETH HIS TRUST IN THE LORD SHALL BE SAFE.



Fresh Grace



The journey demands refreshed grace. David said, “But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.” Fresh oil comes with fresh grace. Fresh grace comes with renewed direction and new instructions. The season demands change. It demands repentance. Repentance will deliver access to fresh grace. As it is written, “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.”

Do you need God’s intervention, answer or salvation in any matter? Grace is needed. Just as it is written, “...by grace are ye saved...” Grace will bring elevation to your life. Do you want to go higher this month? Are you looking for a new beginning? Then approach the throne of grace with boldness today. Fresh grace will be released from the Holy Place. As it is boldly written, “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

Today is a day for fresh grace, fresh instructions and fresh directions. Are you ready to receive it? God is ready to release it. Hear His call right now, “Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.”

SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 4:16

LET US THEREFORE COME BOLDLY UNTO THE THRONE OF GRACE, THAT WE MAY OBTAIN MERCY, AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Do You Tremble?



Ask yourself this question: Do I tremble? Let us explain something concerning this kind of trembling. “Tremblers” have always been known to interact with the divine. These were men who had access to the heavenly realm. Consider a man like Daniel who stood trembling in the presence of God’s angel. Who amongst men can say that they stood before an angel sent to them directly by God. Daniel’s trembling was not a sign of a weak man. It spoke of a certain type of spiritual edge or advantage. An ear and a heart for a certain form of words.

The bible tells us of another such trembler. His name was Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ. His own testimony was “And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God”.

“Tremblers” demonstrate God’s world. They make kings shake and fall and cause our faith to stand in the power of God. As the prophet Isaiah rightly prophesied. These tremblers keep standing whilst others around are failing. After all, how can they fail? His power is perfected in their weakness (trembling).

SCRIPTURE READING :ISAIAH 66:5

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD, YE THAT TREMBLE AT HIS WORD; YOUR BRETHREN THAT HATED YOU, THAT CAST YOU OUT FOR MY NAME'S SAKE, SAID, LET THE LORD BE GLORIFIED: BUT HE SHALL APPEAR TO YOUR JOY, AND THEY SHALL BE ASHAMED.



The Power of the Scripture



Jesus said that the scripture cannot be broken. How powerful is that! The mountains, the stars, the planets can be broken. Yet, not the scriptures.

Many are ignorant of the scriptures power. The bible tells us that Apollos was powerful in scriptures. The scripture is powerful. Paul reminds his spiritual son of its power just before Paul was to go to heaven. Concerning the scripture he told Timothy:

- The Holy scriptures are able to make him wise unto salvation (healing, deliverance and supernatural interventions).
- All scripture is God-breathed.
- All scripture is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness.
- The scripture is able to perfect the man of God.
- The scripture supplies the man of God with the substance that miracles are made out of.

Get to know and understand the scripture. The scripture is rich and powerful. It is time to access its wealth and tap its power.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14

BUT CONTINUE THOU IN THE THINGS WHICH THOU HAST LEARNED AND HAST BEEN ASSURED OF, KNOWING OF WHOM THOU HAST LEARNED THEM;



MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

Satan Crushed



Paul told the church at Rome that the God of Peace will soon crush satan underneath their feet.

Satan cannot stand peace. The absence of peace is the presence of satan. When peace comes satan is cast out.

Satan comes to destroy, kill and steal. All these aforementioned removes peace from the mind and heart.

He comes to bring strife. Never let him. Never let him. War starts with strife.

When you lose your peace, you may panic. When you lose your peace you lose control.

Maintain control. Maintain a devil free environment in your life. Hold your peace.

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 16:20

AND THE GOD OF PEACE SHALL BRUISE SATAN UNDER YOUR FEET SHORTLY. THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU. AMEN.



Exercise Yourself



Doing spiritual exercise benefits you in this life and in the next. Spiritual exercise breaches time and dimensions. The scripture says “For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.”

When we think spiritual exercise we may think activity such as prayer but there is another type of spiritual exercise which enables answered prayer.

The apostle Paul explained that he exercises himself by always having a conscience void of offence towards God and man.

- A clear conscience is required for:
- A clear voice or witness from the Holy Spirit
- Fulfillment of your personal prophecies
- Answered prayer
- Serving God
- Communion with God

Today, keep your conscience free and have it cleansed by the Blood of Jesus, if it be defiled.

SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 24:16

AND HEREIN DO I EXERCISE MYSELF, TO HAVE ALWAYS A CONSCIENCE VOID TO OFFENCE TOWARD GOD, AND TOWARD MEN.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Sound Speech



We are told in the Epistle to Titus to show “sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of us.” This is especially of importance in the marketplace and in our communities.

A lack of sound speech on the part of the Christian is an opportunity for others to speak evil of us. What many Christians mistakenly call persecution in the work place, is merely a reaction to corrupt speech uttered by the Christian? Remember, someone is always listening to you. So always release sound speech through your mouth. Through this God is glorified and the hearer edified.

Just as Jesus taught us in the gospels, a sound heart always brings forth sound speech. We leave you with His words, “Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.”

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 5:16

LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.



Let Your Words Be On Time



Knowing the right moment to speak a word is crucial for success in the marketplace and in the affairs of life. The scripture says, “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.”

You must know what to say and meet the spiritual demand. Learn to wait daily on the Lord for His word to you. This is how you calibrate your heart for a word in season to flow out of it.

The prophet Isaiah shared his own experience, “The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.”

Isaiah knew how to speak words fitly. His words were in season and refreshed the weary.

If your spiritual ear can hear a right word for you, your mouth will know when to utter the right word through you. Your value to people will grow exponentially.

Start this day by uttering prayer and the scriptures.

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 25:11
A WORD FITLY SPOKEN IS LIKE APPLES OF GOLD IN PICTURES OF SILVER.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Money On What Matters



Money is an expression or reflector of value. We value what we put our money into. As Jesus indicated, where our treasure is, there our heart will be also.

The bible tells us that excellent things are written in counsels and knowledge. Certain kinds of counsels and knowledge will make known to us the certainty of the words of truth and enable us to always have a perfect answer to life's questions.

We have to invest our money in things that are certain. Money reflects where your value comes from. The bible tells us to buy the truth and never to sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding.

We followed this command and have not regretted it. Wisdom, understanding, instruction and truth pays huge dividends.

We are always shocked to see how little certain Christians value such investments. At the end they will have nothing to show for it.

Put your money where your heart is.

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 23:23
BUY THE TRUTH, AND SELL IT NOT; ALSO WISDOM, AND INSTRUCTION, AND UNDERSTANDING.



Established Thoughts



Often the will of God and His mandate for greater works, can become a heavy burden to some people. They may know the work that God gave them but where to start seems to elude them. Often they start by trying to guess where to begin. They then blindly launch out on their assignment, often with disappointing results. Some get so discouraged by their failed attempt, that they resolve that maybe it was not God's will. Action should never have been their first act.

Our counsel to those people is to commit the accomplishment of the works of God, to God. And then to start thinking. Think about this, if your mandate is from God, then He first thought about it. So it takes God-size thoughts to grasp and start executing His mandate.

The first reaction to God's mandate is to get into a thinking session with the Holy Spirit and just think (with Him). As you think, commit everything to Him, trusting He will supply the energy, wisdom and favor for completing His mandate. Jesus needed His spirit to complete the spiritual aspects of the redemption work, outside of the body. And therefore committed His spirit unto the Father.

You should commit your work unto the Lord and your thoughts will be done, in your work just as it is in your mind.

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS :16:3

COMMIT THY WORKS UNTO THE LORD, AND THY THOUGHTS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

A King's Folly



King Hezekiah was a man who knew how to entreat God. He once so persisted in the prayer of petition, that he provoked God to send an angel to deal with 185 000 of his enemies. The angel of the Lord killed them all! The body count was enormous.

Not only could Hezekiah persuade God to kill, he could also persuade God to heal. The man prayed a single potent prayer and 15 years was added to his life. This king knew how to pray!

Unfortunately, he did not know how to protect, and keep secret his treasure. He cast his pearls before swine. The bible tells us that he, in his overconfidence and joy, showed some people whom he considered friendly, all his treasure. They liked what they saw and later came to take it by force.

Never show all your treasure. Beware what you share. Some secrets are worth keeping. Do not sell your future and that of future generations short.

Guard the access to your treasures. Hezekiah like Samson did not treasure what God gave them.

SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 39:2
AND HEZEKIAH WAS GLAD OF THEM, AND SHEWED THEM THE HOUSE OF HIS PRECIOUS THINGS, THE SILVER, AND THE GOLD, AND THE SPICES, AND THE PRECIOUS OINTMENT, AND ALL THE HOUSE OF HIS ARMOUR, AND ALL THAT WAS FOUND IN HIS TREASURES: THERE WAS NOTHING IN HIS HOUSE, NOR IN ALL HIS DOMINION, THAT HEZEKIAH SHEWED THEM NOT. THEN CAME ISAIAH THE PROPHET UNTO KING HEZEKIAH, AND SAID UNTO HIM, WHAT SAID THESE MEN? AND FROM WHENCE CAME THEY UNTO THEE? AND HEZEKIAH SAID, THEY ARE COME FROM A FAR COUNTRY UNTO ME, EVEN FROM BABYLON. THEN SAID HE, WHAT HAVE THEY SEEN IN THINE HOUSE? AND HEZEKIAH ANSWERED, ALL THAT IS IN MINE HOUSE HAVE THEY SEEN: THERE IS NOTHING AMONG MY TREASURES THAT I HAVE NOT SHEWED THEM.



The Strength Of Unity



The scripture tells us that there is “one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all.” Jesus, also said, “I and My father are one.”

The spiritual reality is that all of the body of Christ are one. In the eyes of God, He only has one church. This is the truth and provision has only been made to manifest this reality on the earth, nothing to the contrary.

When our understanding opens to this reality, we will begin to access the true resources afforded the corporate body of Christ. Nations will begin to rock and reel under the power of God, flowing out of the church. In this light, Paul urged the church to keep the unity of the Spirit, and to keep it in the bond of peace. The global persecution and suppression the church is experiencing in our modern day, may just become the catalyst which activates the bond of peace, unto the unity of the Spirit.

When the church begins to speak with one anointed Voice, the stratagems of the suppressors will begin to fail and the fear of God will return to nations, as God’s signs, wonders and miracles will be unleashed on the nations. Make the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace your daily prayer and endeavor. The peoples of the earth are crying for this dimension of manifestation.

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 4:3-4

ENDEAVOURING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE. THERE IS ONE BODY, AND ONE SPIRIT, EVEN AS YE ARE CALLED IN ONE HOPE OF YOUR CALLING; ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL, WHO IS ABOVE ALL, AND THROUGH ALL, AND IN YOU ALL.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

The Reaper



The Lord Jesus mentioned that there are two primary roles involved in the harvest on the earth: He that sows and He that reaps. The sower sows but does not immediately see the fruits. He has to wait for the harvest season. Then there is the reaper whose domain is the harvest season and whose activity is reaping.

Jesus was sending His disciples into a field planted by the sowers. The fields were ready for harvesting and they were the appointed and commissioned reapers.

In your day it is like that. The sowers have been sowing prayers for many years in anticipation of your arrival. They prayed for an extraordinary generation to arise. They labored in the fields and in various industries, setting the tone for extraordinary works. They knew that God had greater things to be done by the hands of His children. They knew the light must shine brighter. Yet they retired without seeing the fruits of their labor. Why? They were the sowers: the foundation layers. All their work was setting the stage for you.

You are the reaper. Standing on shoulders of giants, you will accomplish great things, with great speed. You are a reaper. You are to be the branch that shoots out, that excels at the end of this age. Supernatural speed is yours. You are in the “now” season, the season of reaping.

Greater workers will you now do.

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 4:36-38

AND HE THAT REAPETH RECEIVETH WAGES, AND GATHERETH FRUIT UNTO LIFE ETERNAL: THAT BOTH HE THAT SOWETH AND HE THAT REAPETH MAY REJOICE TOGETHER. AND HEREIN IS THAT SAYING TRUE, ONE SOWETH, AND ANOTHER REAPETH. I SENT YOU TO REAP THAT WHEREON YE BESTOWED NO LABOUR: OTHER MEN LABOURED, AND YE ARE ENTERED INTO THEIR LABOURS.



Anxiety-free Zone



A great man of God, once said, “The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.”

Anxiety often rears its head when people are faced with uncertainty.

Maybe nothing is so uncertain than what the disciples faced when they one day got into a boat with Jesus “and a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.” The disciples threatened by this storm were filled with anxiety and it consumed their faith.

Jesus in the mean time was peacefully sleeping on the same boat. Even after they woke Him up, He stayed in a state of peace. And was thus able to transfer the same peace to the environment and circumstance.

Keep your heart an anxiety-free zone.

Stay in faith in Christ Jesus.

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 4:37-40

AND THERE AROSE A GREAT STORM OF WIND, AND THE WAVES BEAT INTO THE SHIP, SO THAT IT WAS NOW FULL. AND HE WAS IN THE HINDER PART OF THE SHIP, ASLEEP ON A PILLOW: AND THEY AWAKE HIM, AND SAY UNTO HIM, MASTER, CAREST THOU NOT THAT WE PERISH? AND HE AROSE, AND REBUKED THE WIND, AND SAID UNTO THE SEA, PEACE, BE STILL. AND THE WIND CEASED, AND THERE WAS A GREAT CALM. AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, WHY ARE YE SO FEARFUL? HOW IS IT THAT YE HAVE NO FAITH?



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

The Absolute



We believe that the word of God is The Absolute. It cannot be argued. It cannot be debated. It is the Word of God. God said it. We believe it and that settles it.

The word is settled in heaven. Settle the word in your heart. Sanctify the word in your heart. Do not reason about the word. Do not argue about the word. Do not think about the word. Think the word.

Too many people argue about the word and too many think about the word. That is why they never have what it says. It is time they start thinking, talking and acting the Word of God.

The problem with many of God's people is that they believe that His word is forever settled in heaven but they never settle it in their hearts. Thus they never sanctify God in their hearts and therefore He cannot move on their behalf.

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 119:89
FOR EVER, O LORD, THY WORD IS SETTLED IN HEAVEN.



Hard Sayings



Jesus asked His disciples, “Doth this offend you?” He said this after His disciples termed a deep revelation that He shared with them as “an hard saying.” That deep revelation was about His work of redemption through the cross. Yet, it was deemed by His own disciples as “an hard saying.” They even said, “Who can tolerate listening to such nonsense?”

They left His ministry as a result, forgoing their opportunity into a great eternal destiny. Why were they offended? Why did they term a simple revelation as “an hard saying?” Mark recounts Jesus’ words to His disciples on a different occasion, “Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened? Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?”

An hard heart causes you to perceive the utterances of the Holy Ghost as hard sayings. As it is written, “Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost...” It is not “an hard saying”, it is “an hard you.” Today, make a determination to have a soft heart, so that you always perceive the utterances of Holy Ghost, through His servants, as “deep sayings” rather than “hard sayings.”

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 6:60-61

MANY THEREFORE OF HIS DISCIPLES, WHEN THEY HAD HEARD THIS, SAID, THIS IS AN HARD SAYING; WHO CAN HEAR IT? WHEN JESUS KNEW IN HIMSELF THAT HIS DISCIPLES MURMURED AT IT, HE SAID UNTO THEM, DOTH THIS OFFEND YOU?



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

Be Happy!



Let happiness flow out of your heart today and thank God for what He has done in your life. It is written, “A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.”

As the songs go, “If you happy and you know it your face will surely show it. If you happy and you know it clap your hands.” And again, “Smile awhile and give your face a rest, lift your hands to the One you love the best.”

When you happy within you will be happy without. A sure way to turn a sad face into a glad face, is to fill yourself with the word of God.

Jesus gave everything for you and He is still working on you. It is so easy to forget but today begin to remember the things.

He has taken you out from and the person that you have become. Be thankful everyday. You have something to be happy about!

So cheer up!

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 15:13

A MERRY HEART MAKETH A CHEERFUL COUNTENANCE: BUT BY SORROW OF THE HEART THE SPIRIT IS BROKEN.



At This Time



Know the time you are living in and you will be effective in what God has called you. Knowing the time is vital.

Many have lost a sense of the time they are living in. They have forgotten that they are living in the last days.

They play games and trying methods, thinking these will do the job of glorifying Jesus. No, it will not. Only by the Holy Spirit can we get the job done as He would have it done.

God does not want His people to sleep. He wants you awake, alert and alive. Wake up today! Many will wake up too late.

He said “watch (stay awake) for you know not what hour your Lord will come”.

Get to work today. Start by getting the word in you and His Spirit on you. Then you will see His Spirit flowing through you to whosoever will receive.

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 24:32-33

NOW LEARN A PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE; WHEN HIS BRANCH IS YET TENDER, AND PUTTETH FORTH LEAVES, YE KNOW THAT SUMMER IS NIGH: SO LIKEWISE YE, WHEN YE SHALL SEE ALL THESE THINGS, KNOW THAT IT IS NEAR, EVEN AT THE DOORS.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

Definitely



Your life must become definite. Definite in expectation. Definite in intention. Definite in utterance. Definite in action. Paul said, "...this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." He knew exactly where he was going and what he was aiming for. Do you?

Paul went on to say that such a mentality belongs to the mature Christian, "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you."

Jesus lived a definite life. He said for this purpose came I into the world. He lived a clear, stated and decisive life. Never vague or doubtful. He is your example and you will live a definite 2026. Follow the Great Shepherd to higher ground this coming year. Begin today with your mindset and set your heart to stay the course. He is plotting one for you.

Are you willing and ready to wait on Him, until He unveils it? We answer, "definitely." How about you?

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 18:37

PILATE THEREFORE SAID UNTO HIM, ART THOU A KING THEN? JESUS ANSWERED, THOU SAYEST THAT I AM A KING. TO THIS END WAS I BORN, AND FOR THIS CAUSE CAME I INTO THE WORLD, THAT I SHOULD BEAR WITNESS UNTO THE TRUTH. EVERY ONE THAT IS OF THE TRUTH HEARETH MY VOICE.



Your Own Prophet



Death and life is in the power of your tongue. And so defeat and victory. A good year is thus dependent on your own tongue and not that of another. Our Lord Jesus said, “You will have what you say.”

Yes, God may on rare occasions, send a prophet into your life, with a sent word but He has actually permanently employed you, to be the prophet in your own life. You are in the full time ministry of prophet, to your own life. You can deliver some deep prophecies into your upcoming year, using the holy scriptures, which are already God-breathed.

Spend today, releasing God breathed words into next year. Send your emissaries with good news into your future. They will ensure that you are greeted with good things, in every season of the year. We have sent our own welcoming party in our new year: and we know that they are ready to greet us with great celebration.

Go ahead and start uttering prophecies. That will be your welcoming party, ready to meet you with answers galore!

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 18:20-21

A MAN'S BELLY SHALL BE SATISFIED WITH THE FRUIT OF HIS MOUTH; AND WITH THE INCREASE OF HIS LIPS SHALL HE BE FILLED. DEATH AND LIFE ARE IN THE POWER OF THE TONGUE: AND THEY THAT LOVE IT SHALL EAT THE FRUIT THEREOF.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Happy Ending



It is said that every new chapter is preceded by a clear ending. One of the most frustrating things is to watch an riveting episode of your favorite action television series. And for that episode to end with a “to be continued” notice, regulating you to another one-week wait. What a waste of emotional energy and time!

Even more frustrating and detrimental, is to end a current year without a clear sense of achievement and fulfillment. It is important not to conclude the year on a “to be continued” note. You need to enter the new year with a clear ending and more importantly a clear conscience.

Today, review your past year and settle every unsettled matter:

- *Have you offended anyone?* If there is opportunity to ask forgiveness, do so.
- *Have you sinned and disappointed God?* Confess and repent.
- *Are you still struggling with some secret issue?* Ask the Holy Spirit to help you unveil it and to heal it, in His bright light.
- *Do you have unfinished assignments from God?* Ask the Holy Spirit to give you fresh directives for their completion.
- *Are you attending church tonight?* Ask God to meet you, touch you and speak to you in a profound way.
- Then breathe out the breath of the old year and inhale the new.

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 4:23-27

KEEP THY HEART WITH ALL DILIGENCE; FOR OUT OF IT ARE THE ISSUES OF LIFE. PUT AWAY FROM THEE A FROWARD MOUTH, AND PERVERSE LIPS PUT FAR FROM THEE. LET THINE EYES LOOK RIGHT ON, AND LET THINE EYELIDS LOOK STRAIGHT BEFORE THEE. PONDER THE PATH OF THY FEET, AND LET ALL THY WAYS BE ESTABLISHED. TURN NOT TO THE RIGHT HAND NOR TO THE LEFT: REMOVE THY FOOT FROM EVIL.

DECIDE

Prayer of Salvation

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

“O Lord God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus Christ. Your Word says, “...whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:21).

I confess that I am a sinner, in need of Your forgiveness. I therefore renounce all forms of wickedness that I have been a part of and ask you to forgive me for all my sin. I ask Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to come into my life and to become Lord and Ruler of my life. I receive eternal life into my spirit. I am Yours forever. According to the bible in Romans 10:9, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved, “I declare that I am now saved; I am born again from above by God’s Spirit; I am a child of the Most High God! I now have Christ dwelling in me! I now walk in the consciousness of my new life in Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord!”

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