

BUILD UP DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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INTRODUCTION

Hallo all!!!! This is very first edition of our daily devotional, “The Build-Up Daily Devotional”. In this devotional are brief but educative and impactful articles based on God’s word. These articles have been carefully packaged to build your faith in the Lord Jesus. They are refreshing and enlightening sessions of articles that will seed your spiritual growth unto maturity. To get the maximum benefit from the devotional ensure that:

- You read through the article with rapt attention and prayerfully
- You read and study the further scriptures given
- Pray and read aloud the prayers and confessions respectively

Unless otherwise indicated, all scriptures are from the King James Version of the bible.

KEY FOR OTHER BIBLE VERSIONS

AMP - Amplified version
AMPC - Amplified Classic version
ASV - American Standard Version
CEV - Contemporary English version
CJB - Complete Jewish Bible
GNB - Good News Bible
ISV - International standard version
KJV - King James Version
MSG - The Message Translation
NASB - New American Standard Bible
NIV - New International Version
NKJV - New King James Version
NLT - New Living Translation
NRSV - New revised standard version
RSV - Revised standard Bible
TLB - The Living Bible
TPT - The Passion Translation

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WRITE THE VISION!!!

“And the LORD answered me, and said, write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it” - Habakkuk 2:2

It is paramount at the beginning of the year like this to have a clear vision. What do you want in the year? What strides would you want to make in the year? A vision shows you where you are going. Don't be a man or woman who is on a journey to nowhere. Without a vision the people perish or become undisciplined and such people can't have significant and impactful achievements. The vision will guide your strategy and actions towards its achievement. Every child of God is designed by God to be a remarkable achiever. Much more importantly you must be clear of God's purpose (vision) for your life and align accordingly through the years. Make sure the vision is clearly defined and written down. God bless you.

PRAYER

Oh Lord God, I am grateful that you knew me before I was born and have a purpose for my life. By your Spirit my heart is open to your purposes and align in mind and actions. I am empowered by your grace to stay focused on the vision and see it materialize in Jesus Name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Proverbs 29:18

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 1-2; Mat 1

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 1; Mat 1

HE WANTS YOU TO SEE IT FIRST

“See, I have given into thine hand Jericho” - Joshua 6:2

Sometimes in your journey to fulfill a set vision there are numerous challenges. You may even think of abandoning the vision along the way or even at inception. Jericho city was so fortified but God said to Joshua, **“See, I have given into thine hand Jericho”**. He wants you to see it first. You capture first within you, in your mind. Let your mind synthesize images where you own the land, where you have achieved the vision or milestone. This happens as you meditate. Don't see failure. Note that He says, “I have given” not He is about to do it, meaning it's done. God wants you to see that you have achieved. If you can't see first in heart and mind then your physical feet can't trample there. Through meditation on God's word you construct positive images. See that the land is given to you. See possibilities and refuse to give up.

CONFESSTION

My heart is set on God's word. I see possibilities of my vision achievement. I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

FURTHER STUDY

Genesis 13:14 & Deuteronomy 1:8

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 3-5; Mat 2

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 2

TAKE ACTION

“If you know these things, you are blessed [happy and favored by God] if you put them into practice [and faithfully do them]”.

- John 13:17 AMP

Knowledge without necessary corresponding actions will not yield for you the desired result. In support of the fulfillment of your vision or the vision the Lord gave you, you must learn to take corresponding actions. Sometimes visions hang for years because there is no corresponding action taken for their actualization. In our theme scripture the Lord Jesus emphasizes on action. This tells us that knowledge gained is a basis upon which actions should arise to get the desired results. Put actions upon your knowledge and see results. Take necessary actions upon the vision for its realization. Act from now and don't waste time.

CONFESSTION

I am empowered by God's grace and am taking necessary actions on my vision and purpose. I refuse to be lazy and complacent. I am making tremendous progress today forward, in Jesus name.

FURTHER STUDY

James 1:22

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 6-8; Mat 3

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 3-4

FEAR NOT

“Fear Not, be strong and very courageous”
Joshua 1:7 & Jos 1:9

Fear is one enemy that has made others abandon their visions and goals in life. These are visions whose realization would have transformed many lives. That is why the scriptures are replete with God's enjoining for us not to fear. Don't allow fear get into your heart. God told Joshua, ***“fear not, be strong and very courageous”***. He is speaking the same words to you today, "Fear not, and be strong and very courageous". God knew the challenges that lied in front of Joshua in leading the children of Israel into their promised land. He knows the challenges you are facing and you will face. That is why He has given us faith as a shield. Feed your faith always by God's word. That is the way to stay strong. It doesn't matter the threats you may face. Close your ears from feeders of fear and doubt, rather open your heart to words that seed faith and courage in your heart. The Lord is with you, therefore fear not and the vision will be achieved.

PRAYER

Dear Father I thank you for the shield of faith you have given to me through which I quench every fiery dart of the enemy. You are my fortress and confidence. You have made my forehead as tough as a stone. By your power I prevail over fear and I am making progress for the realization of your vision for my life and the goals I have set. In Jesus' name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

2 Timothy 1:7

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 9-11; Mat 4

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 5; Mat 2

THIS BOOK OF THE LAW

“This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good [a] success”.

Joshua 1:8 AMPC

In our theme scripture, the Lord instructs Joshua to meditate on His word continually for him to be successful in delivering the assignment He had given him to take the children of Israel into the Promised Land. This is the same with you today. You cannot fulfill God's purpose successfully without the empowerment of God's word. God's word is your campus through which you navigate your way for purpose fulfillment. Your walk with God is based on revelation. Without revelation of the word you become a victim of Satan's schemes in this world. It is the word of God that puts you above such schemes. The Word of God is your reservoir well from which you draw divine wisdom and encouragement. Take note that He says the word should not depart from your mouth. This means keep talking the word of God. Don't just memorize the word but also talk it. This is God's strategy for you to deal wisely in the affairs of life and have good success in the assignment of God on your life. Leaving out the word of God is jeopardizing the actualization of your purpose.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the gift of your word in my life. Your word is my wisdom guiding me through day by day as I pursue the fulfillment of your purpose for me. In Jesus Name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 119:105

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 12-14

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 6-7

GOD LOVES YOU UNCONDITIONALLY

“And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood” - Rev 1:5

The understanding of God's love is key in boosting your faith's effectiveness. It fuels you in your journey of purpose fulfillment. The pinnacle of the manifestation of this love is when Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. He didn't wait till we change our behaviors to love us. His love on you is so personal and unconditional. God is love. Don't spend time focusing on what you may call your weaknesses or even on past mistakes whose images seem to stick in your mind, rather focus on His love. That is where your strength is. In His love there is supply for all that you require in this journey. His love does not condemn you. His love is greater than your errors. There is Hope and healing in His love. In His love He channels His goodness towards you. Embrace His love in your life. The revelation of His love silences every voice of accusation.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for your amazing love for me. Your love is shed abroad in my heart by your spirit. I am so glad to know that you love me personally and unconditionally. Your love is my confidence every day. In Jesus Name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 5:8

1 -YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 15-17; Mat 5

1 -YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 8; Mat 3

DON'T BE DISTRACTED

“But Jesus told him, “Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is not fit for the Kingdom of God.”

- Luke 9:62 TLB

In the pursuit of vision fulfillment there are many things you face along the way and some of them are distractions. It is always important to detect which ones are distractions. It doesn't have to look bad or sinful to be a distraction. Sometimes good things can be distractions. It is not everything which is good which you are supposed to be involved in. A well-paying job could be a distraction to the fulfillment of God's call on your life. Don't make your decisions on the basis of your physical senses approval only. Proverbs 14:12 records, ***“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death”***. Be guided of the Lord always. Anything that takes you away or disturbs you from fulfilling your purpose is a distraction. Distractions diminish your focus on the goal. The Apostles in Acts 6:2-3 NLT said ***“We apostles should spend our time teaching the word of God, not running a food program. And so, brothers, select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will give them this responsibility”***. Running the food program was good but would have been a distraction to their core divine call and purpose. That is what the Lord Jesus was communicating in our theme verse. God wants you to stay focused on what He has called you do. To fulfill the vision you must have the discipline of focus. Don't allow things that will compromise your focus in your journey of purpose fulfillment.

PRAYER

Dear Holy and Righteous Father, I thank you for giving me the Holy Spirit who leads and guides me into all truth. My eyes are set on You Lord and Your purpose for my life. By your Spirit, I stay focused on you the author and finisher of my faith, in Jesus name. Amen



FURTHER STUDY

Proverbs 4:27

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 18-19

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 9-10

MADE TO SHINE

“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid” - Matthew 5:14

Do you know as a child of God you were specially designed and made to shine? You are God's lamp to light up your world. You are God's shining star in your world. You are destined to make an eternal impact in society. Those that are in darkness will see light through you. They will know Jesus Christ because of you. Others will know the right direction in life through you. That is your calling as light to your world. You are the advantage the world has. Your arrival in places end confusion. As God's light you are meant to be so successful and influence others to be successful as well. That is the ministry of light. Align with this truth in your mind and actions in this New Year 2026 and make impact in your world.

CONFESSTION

I am the Light of the world just like My Lord Jesus. I am shining by the power of the Holy Spirit. I am making positive and eternal impact in the lives of people in my world. Am God's shining star.

In Jesus' Name

FURTHER STUDY

Acts 13:47

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 20-22; Mat 6

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 11; Mat 4

GRACED TO SPREAD

“Jesus also used this illustration: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough.”

Matthew 13:33

Like yeast in the dough, child of God you are graced by God to expand and spread. You are not meant to remain small. This is true to any work of God's kingdom as given in our theme scripture. It may start small but with God power grows. This is one of the things that will happen significantly in our ministry in this year. This growth and expansion includes your spiritual growth, growth in service to the Lord and in your influence in the world. Whatever you are involved in has to grow, whether business or ministry. This is God's design for your life. The grace to spread and expand works with you and you shall not diminish. Hallelujah.

PRAYER

Dear Father for the grace of expansion that works with me. I am expanding and spreading on every side by the power of the Holy Spirit. My influence in the world is expanding. What I am involved in grows exceedingly. In Jesus Name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Jeremiah 30:19

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 23-24; Mat 7

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 12-13

CALLED TO MANIFEST HIS GLORY

“Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined”. Psalm 50:2

Do you know that you are called of God to manifest His glory? His glory is about His will and power. It is about His presence and its excellent attributes of power. The theme says, “out of Zion, the perfect of beauty, the Lord has shined”. He shines from Zion which presently refers to the Church (Hebrews 12:22). Your life is God's expression center. This is where God reveals Himself in this world. This a noble calling. Let your generation know God through you. He seeks to manifest His power and glory through you, at your work place, family, schools and in any place. This is an honor the Lord has conferred on you. You're the platform exhibit for God's beauty. See yourself this way. Hallelujah

CONFESSION

I live everyday manifesting the glory of God everywhere for I am now in the Kingdom of light. With God's light I radiate my world. His power and beauty are seen through me. In Jesus Name.

Amen Amen

FURTHER STUDY

1 Peter 2:9

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 25

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 14

IT IS BY GRACE YOU ARE SAVED

***"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God"* - Ephesians 2:8**

It is necessary to be reminded of the fundamentals of our salvation in Christ Jesus. When He says it is by grace we are saved, it means we didn't have to qualify in any way. Our salvation is not based on what we have done in good works. Even our best and commendable behaviors were not enough to secure our salvation. God in His kindness sent Jesus to die in our place. We didn't even ask for this. This is God's grace. Don't slide into trusting your works. Don't derive your assurance of salvation from your good works. It is by grace through faith you are saved. No any work you were supposed to do. At one time God instructed Moses to make a brazen serpent and raise it on a pole. If any man who had been bitten by the fiery snakes would look at the serpent, they got healed (Numbers 21:6-9). That's all they needed. That is what you did in Christ, only believed and confessed His Lordship on your life (Romans 10:9). If you are not born again, believe in Jesus and confess His Lordship as guided at the end of this book. ***Follow the prayer of salvation there.***

PRAYER

Dear righteous Father, I thank you for saving me by your grace. Am grateful that being justified freely by faith I have peace with you through our Lord Jesus Christ. In Jesus name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Titus 3:5

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 26-27; Mat 8

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 15-16; Mat 5

THE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

“For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ” - Romans 5:17

Amongst the amazing gifts God has given us is the gift of righteousness. Your understanding of this skyrockets your effectiveness as a Christian. This is not righteousness based on works but rather by faith in our Lord Jesus. You have been made righteous by His righteousness. This means that God has given you a right standing of His own in His presence. It is His qualification in His presence. Because of this gift we are reverentially bold without guilt and condemnation, standing in the presence of this mighty and majestic God. In this gift we are free to operate in His authority. In this gift we are bold every day and in every circumstance. In this gift we are infused with ability to do what is right in God’s eyes. Our theme scripture says those who receive this gift of righteousness reign as kings in life by our Lord Jesus. This shows you that this gift of righteousness helps you walk in dominion with Christ’s authority over all evil forces of darkness and worldly systems. This is what the wonderful gift of righteousness has brought you in Christ. Hallelujah

CONFESSION

I stand in God’s presence by His gift of righteousness. In His presence am reverentially bold and I am free to operate in His authority. Am reigning everyday over all forces of darkness and worldly systems in the Name of Jesus. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 5:1

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 28-29; Mat 9

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 17

IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE

***“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed”.* - 1 Cor 15:52**

Today I would like to show how the rapture of Church will happen. In case you don't know the rapture, it is the catching away of the Church by the Lord Himself. It is an event that we are waiting for. In this event the Lord will descend from heaven but will not touch the ground. By His power those believers who died will rise and those alive by then will be caught together with the resurrected ones to meet the Lord in the air. From that day onwards we shall be with the Lord in new glorified bodies. This appearance targets only His Church (all those who are born again). Our theme scripture shows us that it will happen in the twinkling of an eye. That means it will be so fast, meaning one will not have time for preparation there. What preparation would be offered in the twinkling of any eye? That is why this is the time to prepare and get others prepared through the Gospel. Preach the gospel and win souls without holding back in your world and look forward to meeting the Lord at this great catching away.

PRAYER

Dear Holy Father and Lord, you are True and Just. Your faithfulness extends to the heavens and spans through all generations. With great joy I look forward to your coming for the catching away of the Church. Meanwhile I live my life for you and help others know you by the power of your Spirit. In Jesus Name.

Amen

FURTHER STUDY

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 30-31

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 18

PEACE MAKERS

“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God” – Matthew 5:9

Peace makers are agents of reconciliation and promoters of peace. Two sides of this truth: Firstly He wants us to pursue and dispense peace. Our God is the God of peace (Romans 16:20). If there are differences with someone settle them quickly. Don't wait for the one who wronged you to apologize, take a bold step to make peace. Don't be the cause of people to hate each other. The second side of the theme scripture is about our ambassadorial roles in Christ through soul winning. In His redemptive work, Jesus brought peace between God and man. But this become a vital and experiential reality in man when He receives Jesus Christ. When you help people receive this salvation you are a peace maker. This peacemaking is a sign of Christian maturity. That is why our theme scripture says these peace makers will be called children of God. Children is translated from a Greek word huios which means matured sons. This means the quality of your relationship with others and the level of your involvement in soul winning and spiritual development of others reflects the level your growth spiritually. Colossians 1:19-20 and 2 Corinthians 5:19 attests to these two sides this peacemaking truth.

CONFESION

I am an agent and dispenser of peace in my world. I dispense peace in my relationships with others. I am God's light to the nations turning many into righteousness by God grace given to me. In Jesus Name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Hebrews 12:14 & Romans 12:18

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 32-33; Mat 10

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 19

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God”

1 John 4:7

It is pathetic sometimes to see brothers fighting in congregations of the Lord. The Lord Jesus said, through your love for one another, the world will know that you are His disciples. This shows you what our love for one another does. Our walk in love is one vital pillar that enhances our effectiveness in winning the world for Jesus Christ. Love is about value. We ought to value each other the way the Lord does. He wants us to love each other the way He loved us. He is the standard of this love. He loved us in a self-giving and sacrificial way. While being reviled He did not pay back but rather prayed for forgiveness. We must also forgive one another. Love creates an environment that is conducive for corporate growth of the believers in the body of Christ. This catalyzes the realization of our full potentials. In this environment we can have remarkable achievements. This love is not human but divine and it was shed abroad by the Holy Spirit in your hearts the day got born again (Romans 5:5). Recognize this divine love in you and abound in it as you practice it. Hallelujah

CONFESSTION

The Love of God is shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Spirit. I give out this love to others unconditionally and sacrificially. In Jesus Name.

FURTHER STUDY

1 John 4:11

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 34-35; Mat 11

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 20-21; Mat 6

PRAY ALWAYS

“Pray without ceasing”. - 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Prayer bears irreplaceable significance in our lives as children of God and that is why God enjoins us to pray unceasingly. Do not allow prayer be relegated in your life. God wants your life dominated with prayer. In prayer we gain a lot in our spirituality. The temptation to lose consistence in prayer will knock at your heart's door someday but you have to prevail. Prayer is not something you engage in because you feel like doing. In Luke 18:1 tells us, ***“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint”***. Prayer is one thing you carry with you in and through all stages of your spiritual development. The more you grow in the Lord the more you should pray. The more you achieve in life the more you should pray. Never entertain excuses for prayerlessness. Spiritual sensitivity is one key result of your prayerfulness. You become sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit all times and this helps you be found in His perfect will.

PRAYER

Dear righteous Father, You are holy and Kind. Thank you for capturing my heart by your Spirit. Your word is my delight and therein I meditate day and night. Thank you for bringing into the fellowship with your dear son Jesus. By the grace you have given, I stand steadfast in prayer at all times. In Jesus Name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Ephesians 6:18

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 36-37

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 22

PRAY A LOT IN THE SPIRIT

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints” - Eph 6:18

There are different kinds of prayers. For instances 1 Timothy 2:1 highlights, ***“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men”***. Listed in this verse are different kinds of prayers you must know and pray. Moved by the Spirit, Apostle Paul in our theme scripture lets us know that with all kinds of prayers, we have to pray in the Spirit. He says, ***“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints”***. This show that in whatever kind of prayer, you must prioritize praying in the spirit. Praying in the spirit here refers to praying in other tongues or strange tongues whose utterance is of the Spirit. This tells you the importance of praying in other tongues. This tells you that whether it is giving of thanks or intercessory prayer, there must be significant praying in tongues. In this way the prayer in your understanding (in the language you know) gets more perfectly aligned to God's will. You are able to get the right words of expression through your mind. In 1 Corinthians 14:15 the Spirit enlightens us through Paul, ***“What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also”***. He emphasizes that praying with the spirit should have preeminence over your understanding. Praying in the Spirit and with the spirit (the human spirit) is one and the same thing, though “praying in the Spirit or Holy Ghost” broadly means praying the Holy Spirit inspired and guided prayer.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I am thankful for the gift of the Holy Spirit who has imparted in me a supernatural language through which I express myself to you deeply and passionately. Thank you for your love and grace. In Jesus name. Amen



FURTHER STUDY

1 Corinthians 14:15

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 38-39; Mat 12

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 23

NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek”. - Romans 1:16

Our opening scripture encapsulate the passionate heart that Apostle Paul had as regards to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. Without such unapologetic commitment, the Gospel wouldn't have reached you today. That is the same attitude God wants you to have. Apostle Paul run his race, now it is your time and turn. If you have the understanding that Paul had concerning the Gospel, you can have remarkable results as he achieved, because God is no respecter of people. He understood that the Gospel is God's power for the salvation of every person who believes. He knew something that would save man and he refused to be silent on it. The Gospel is the only way through which man gets saved. The Lord declared about Himself in John14:6, ***“I am the way, truth and life. No man comes to the Father except by me”***. This was an absolute communication. Man can't have fellowship with God except through Jesus Christ. The Gospel is about Jesus Christ and what He came to do in the earth and what has resulted from that work. Jesus knew that He held the key to man's salvation and He was willing to face that shameful death of a criminal in our place. He despised shame. You too, never be ashamed of that which will save people. Witness about the Lord Jesus without fear. He gave us the Holy Spirit to help us and strengthen us so that we don't do His work with human energy and ability. Be unashamed and bold to identify with Him that died for the whole world.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for entrusting me with the priceless Gospel. Today I stand in the power of the Holy Spirit proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ in my world. I go in the boldness of the Spirit with unwavering commitment heralding the good news to those in my world today and always. In Jesus name. Amen



FURTHER STUDY

2 Timothy 1:8

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 40-41

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 24; Mat 7

SPEAK WHAT YOU BELIEVE

“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” - 2 Corinthians 4:13

In our walk of faith talking is very significant. Of course talking is not the only important thing we have in Christianity. However it is very important. Think about how you were saved. Romans 10:19 lets us know about the confession of the Lordship of Jesus with your mouth to be saved. The Lord Jesus in teaching about faith in Mark 11:23 said you shall have what you say. Faith is demonstrated through words and actions. Our theme scripture elucidates about the spirit of faith which speaks upon believing. God is teaching you to speak what you have believed. What you believe should be the substance of the Word of God. Don't speak what you feel or what is seen with your optical eyes. The question is what have you believed? It is vital for you to get truth from God. You may have facts from several angles but get truth from the word of God. Don't say you are poor because what you can see money in your bank account. Don't say that you are sick because you feel so. This is a spiritual principle. Say what you have believed as given to you by the Lord. That is truth. Live by truth and not facts and walk in God's glory all that days of your life. Align your communication with the truth of God. Hallelujah

CONFESION

I am born of the Spirit. I am a new creation in Christ. My life bears fruits of righteousness always. I am led by God's wisdom and am excellent in all I do. I am full of health and wealth. In Jesus name.

Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 4:17 & Joel 3:10

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 42-43

GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY AND SPIRIT

“For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

1 Corinthians 6:20

Every child of God is called to glorify the Lord. When His will is manifested in your life, the Lord is glorified. Sometimes there are those who say glorifying God is all about what is in my heart or spirit. But our theme scriptures informs us that God’s will is that we glorify Him in our body and spirits. The way you live your life also has to glorify the Lord. How you behave and relate with others, even how you dress should bear testimony of the Lord. You are the manifestation of His will. When you honor Him in spirit He notices and He is honored. And when you glorify Him in body others see His glory in you and the Lord is also glorified. This is what is called perfecting holiness in the fear of God as indicated in 2 Corinthians 7:1, ***“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God”***. Let your heart be void of wrongs and direct your body to do those things which are pleasing to the Lord. That is the way to glorify Him in your life fully.

PRAYER

Dear Father I am so thankful for your love and grace in my life. You are the one at work in me both to will and to do of your good pleasure. You are in me by Your Spirit having made me your living temple. Not that I am sufficient in myself, but my sufficiency is from you. Your life will be manifested in my spirit and body. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Ephesians 3:21

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 44-45; Mat 13

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 25

THE GRACE OF GOD EMPOWERS US TO LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world”

Titus 2:11-12

There are those who think that the grace of God is synonymous to the acceptance of indiscipline. This is a terrible error. God doesn't like sin and will never like it. While God doesn't count men's sin against them because of Jesus' vicarious sacrifice, He has also included the dimension of discipline in His grace. In this facet, the grace of God presents to the one who is born again God's ability to live righteously. Read again our theme scripture, ***“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world”***. So grace empowers the believer in Christ to live righteously, soberly and godly as you deny ungodliness and worldly lusts. This has to do with your everyday living, behaviors and attitudes. God's grace will never make you like sin but rather it empowers you to live above it. And there are those who think it is not possible to live righteously here on earth. Look at the theme verse again, it says ***“...in this present world”*** and not in heaven. God's grace empowers you to live right in this world. Hallelujah

PRAYER

Dear Holy Father, I thank you for your grace in my life. Your grace has empowered me to live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. In you, I manifest the fragrance of Christ every day. In Jesus Name. Amen



FURTHER STUDY

Titus 2:11-12 & Romans 6:1-2

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 46-47

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 26; Mat 8

WE WAR NOT IN THE FLESH

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh"
- 2 Corinthians 10:3

Every child of God must understand that we are in a spiritual warfare. You have an enemy, Satan who of course was already defeated by Jesus Christ. Colossians 2:15 tells us of the victory of Christ over Satan and all his cohorts, ***"And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."*** His victory is our victory because He did it on our behalf. Satan may cause men to stir up trouble against you but he is the source. Our fight in this warfare is not natural, and therefore we don't use human means. The bible lets us know that we have weapons which are spiritual and mighty through God. Don't fight people, they are not the real enemy. They are influenced by Satan to hate you. Fight the real enemy. This fight is called the fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12) because we already won in Christ. However, even though we already have the victory, others have been found victims of the enemy's deceptive schemes. Until the day Satan is eternally cast into the lake of fire, he still seeks to maneuver but by the name of Jesus we are supposed to keep him where he belongs, under our feet. That is why 1 Peter 5:8 enjoins us, ***"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour"***. So be mindful that we are at war and be awake spiritually and enforce the victory you have in Christ.

CONFESION

I walk in the victory of Christ today. In Him I live, move and have my being. By the Holy Spirit am awake and sober. I am led triumphantly very time and I manifest the fragrance of Christ everywhere. I am a victor. I am reigning over all forces of evil and I have overcome them because the greater one lives in me.



FURTHER STUDY

Ephesians 6:12

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 48-49; Mat 14

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 27

THE BELT OF TRUTH

“Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness” Ephesians 6:14

Ephesians 6 from verse 10 informs us about spiritual warfare and the spiritual armour we have in Christ. Our understanding of the armour enhances our effectiveness in the warfare. The first component He tells us in the armory is the belt of truth (Ephesians 6:14). In John 17:17 Jesus defined for us truth, ***“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth”***. If you don't know the Word of God, you don't know Truth. God's truth is His Word. This is key because the hallmark of Satan's schemes is deception. Knowing that he lost the war already to Jesus, he thrives on deception. While speaking to the Jewish people in John 8:44, Jesus called Satan the father of lies, ***“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it”***. You can't successfully stand the satanic schemes without the word of God. Know the Word of God. The word of God is your victory, carry it with you always. Psalm 91:4 declares, ***“He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler”***. His Truth which is His Word is your shield and buckler. Hallelujah!!!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I am grateful for your love. In your love you have given us the whole armour to help us walk in your victory over all evil. I am so thankful for your Word which is truth. Your Truth is my shield and buckler. Your word is my victory. By your word I overcome every day. In Jesus name.

Amen



FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 91:4

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 50; Ex 1-2; Mat 15

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 28

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” – Eph 6:17

In our last study we looked at the belt of truth part of the armour which is the word of God. In our theme scripture today, we are given another part which is the sword of the spirit. He reveals that the sword is the word of God. What is the difference with the belt truth which was the first mentioned element of the armory? In John 17:17 the term word is translated from a Greek word logos which is the whole embodiment of the God's revelation given to us. In Ephesians 6:17, the same word is translated from a Greek word rhēma which means the spoken word. The sword of the Spirit therefore deals with the word of God being spoken or declared. So we don't just keep truth in our hearts but we have to speak truth. Truth spoken is a sword of the Spirit. This means when we declare God's word, we are actually on the offensive or attacking operation in the warfare. This dismantles satanic schemes and plans. Revelation 19:15 declares ***“And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God”***. This is how the Lord will smite the nations at His second coming, by the word of His mouth. This is what He wants us to do in reigning over all forces of darkness in our day. God's word in our mouth is a sword of the spirit executing judgments over evil. Have the word in your heart and in your mouth. Psalm 2:2 talks about declaring the decree. The decree is what God has said and you are supposed to make declaration based on that. That is the sword of the Spirit.

PRAYER

Dear Father, your word is in my heart and in my mouth as truth and a sword of the spirit. I speak forth your word and satanic schemes are scattered over the nations. I decree and declare that all demonic influences over the nations are broken and that the gospel is unhindered. In Jesus name. Amen



FURTHER STUDY

Psalms 2:7

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 3-4

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 29; Mat 9

PURCHASED WITH THE BLOOD

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers”

1 Peter 1:18

Generally, Lack of or low self-esteem has been one key reason for living less productive lives among many in the world. This is also very pronounced among young people. This has to deal with the way you perceive yourself and your abilities to achieve in life. More importantly it is about the value you have about yourself also. People of low self-esteem are easily abused in life. For the natural human being they may source their esteem from natural abilities or connections and this is very limited. For the child of God your esteem arise from Christ and what He did for you. Our theme scripture tells us something profound that has power to uplift your esteem for anything. He tells you that you were bought with the precious blood of Christ. The price paid shows the value of the thing. So this means your true value is the blood. That means you are so heavily valuable. It doesn't matter what others have called you and what they said you can't do. You are a man and woman of value. He paid dearly for you because He loves you. This means you are important to him. See yourself this way. You are so special to God and you can do all things through Christ which strengthens you.

CONFESSION

I am a person of great value. My value is the blood of Jesus Christ. I am loved of the Father. I am important to God and to my generation. I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. In Jesus Name I am achieving great things in my life. I am a blessing to my world.



FURTHER STUDY

Philippians 4:13

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 5-7; Mat 16

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 30

LED BY THE SPIRIT

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God” - Rom 8:14

God has sent the Holy Spirit to guide and lead us in the will of God. As a child of God you must be led by the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit and His ministry is our advantage to know and walk in God's perfect will. Jesus said in 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”***. You are not supposed to be stranded and lost in the world. The Holy Spirit knows exactly which way for you to take. Sometimes you are faced with a situation that seems to be a cross road for decision making. You could even be in that situation now as you read this article. Just know that the Holy Spirit knows which way for you to take in line with God's perfect will. It's not enough to get good advice from people. The best of all is when you are led into God's perfect will and that's what the Holy Spirit does. Of course sometimes the Holy Spirit can lead you by using other people especially those filled with the Spirit. There is nothing the Holy Spirit doesn't know. Trust Him in your life and you will experience God's glory unprecedented.

PRAYER

Dear Holy Spirit, you are my counselor and guide. You know God's perfect will for my life. You are my strength and light. My heart is open to your guide even today so that I walk as the Father pleases. In Jesus Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Acts 11:12

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 8; Mat 17

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 31

KINGS AND PRIESTS

“And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” - Rev 1:6

There are two important callings common to every child of God, which are the calling of a king and that of a priest. That is what our theme scriptures conveys. It says, ***“And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever”***. He doesn't say He will make us as in referring to the future. This is what we are in Christ. 1 Peter 2:9 calls us the royal priesthood. That means a kingdom of priests. It is vital to understand these callings for your effectiveness. As a priest of God, your function is to offer spiritual sacrifices to God. 1 Peter 2:5 tells us, ***“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ”***. These sacrifices are largely in our praise and prayers to God. Additionally it also covers our giving and instructing others in the word of God. As a king you reign, enforcing the rule of God's kingdom in the earth. Romans 5:17 says, ***“For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ”***. As a king you make declaration on basis of God's decrees in the word. You speak forth God's word in the earth thereby bringing to bear God's will in the nations. That is the responsibility of a king. You ensure that there is order. You judge any disorder in the spirit with your decrees of God's justice. In this you are authorized by God to use the name of Jesus which the most powerful seal of approval. God's word (which encapsulates His will) is settled forever in heaven (Psalm 119:89). But now it is your responsibility as a king to have it established in the earth and in your life.

PRAYER

Dear Father thank you for making me a king and priest. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I declare that I function in these offices effectively, making impact and bearing your will in the earth. In Jesus Name.

FURTHER STUDY

Ecclesiastes 8:4 & 1 Peter 2:9

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 9-11

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mat 10

PERSONAL PRAISE DEVOTION

I will praise you as long as I live. And in your name, I will lift up my hands. - Psalms 63:4

David in the theme verse said, "***I'll praise you as long as I live...***" He uses that personal pronoun "I". David was passionate about praising God even at a personal level. You must have such solid commitment to live the life of praise to God, even at a personal level. Make sure you are living that life where praise at an individual level is abundant towards the Lord from your heart. While corporate praise is significant, it does not invalidate your personal praise. Additionally, you must understand that those with such strong personal devotion of praise to God, they are the ones that make up a devoted congregation that honors the Lord with praise. Learn to offer praise to God even when you're alone. Practice this even today.

PRAYER

Oh Lord God Almighty I praise you for your loving kindness and faithfulness. You have beautified my life and crowned my year with your goodness. You are my Lord and King. I will honor you always. In Jesus' name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 103:1-2

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 12; Mat 18

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 32-33

A LIFETIME COMMITMENT OF PRAISE

I will praise you as long as I live. And in your name, I will lift up my hands. - Psalm 63:4

Aside learning about personal praise devotion as focused on our previous article, I want you to learn about a lifetime commitment of praise from our theme scripture. This has to do with the duration of practice. David says in our theme verse, "As long as I live". You don't praise him when convenient or on times that look nice while on some other days you feel like not praising him. It's got nothing to do with your feelings. This is for all the days that you are here on the earth and hereafter you continue to praise him. So it is a lifetime commitment of love towards God, lavishing God with your love through praises. There is no retirement in praising God. Your life of praise is not conditioned to your circumstances. Don't allow whatever happens to you extinguish the fire of praise on the altar of your heart towards the Lord. Hebrews 13:15 AMPC enjoins us, "***Through Him, therefore, let us constantly and at all times offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, which is the fruit of lips that thankfully acknowledge and confess and glorify His name.***" Let your heart always burn with praises to God. God instructed the priests, "the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not go out to" (Leviticus 6:12). Now your heart is His altar and never allow praise to cease.

PRAYER

Oh Lord my heart is filled with praise and loving worship for you My King. Lord Jesus you are my life, wisdom and righteousness. I will give you praise all that days of my life. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Hebrews 13:15 AMPC

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 13-14; Mat 19

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 34

LIFTING UP YOUR HANDS IN PRAISE

I will praise you as long as I live. And in your name, I will lift up my hands. - Psalm 63:4

Another vital aspect you must learn from the theme scripture is about the expressions of praise. David said, ***“And in your name, I will lift up my hands”***. One such expression of praise is a lifting up of your hands, apart from the words that come out of your lips in words and in songs and in Psalms. Lifting up of your hands as you praise the Lord is a reverential expression. It's a special acknowledgement of His greatness. Think of when one military team raises hands in combat. It means surrender, showing that the opponents are greater than them. When you lift your hands to God you are declaring His greatness. In Psalm 141:2 David prays, ***“Let my prayer go forth before thee as incense and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice”***. Learn to lift your hands in worship to the Lord. Even now lift up your hands in praise.

PRAYER

My heart is yours Lord Jesus and I acknowledge your greatness with my hands lifted up to you. You are worth of all adoration and thanksgiving for you purchased the world with your blood of the eternal covenant. Am forever grateful Lord. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 141:2 & 1 Timothy 2:8

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 15-16

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 35; Mat 11

RENDERING THE CALVES OF OUR LIPS

“Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips” - Hosea 14:2

Our theme scripture captures the prophetic insight given to Hosea the prophet in the Old Testament concerning the New Testament order of worship. While in the Old Testament they offered sacrifices of animals, in the New Testament we give our sacrifices with our lips. That is why he called them the calves of our lips. These are words welling from a heart of gratitude to the Lord. That is what Apostle Peter by the Spirit referred to as spiritual sacrifices in 1 Peter 2:5, ***“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ”***. We are also enjoined in Hebrews 13:15, ***“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name”***. This is your New Testament role as God's priest to offer spiritual sacrifices of praise to God. Be active in this responsibility of rendering the calves of your lips with grateful hearts. Hallelujah

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I am so grateful for the honor to be made your royal priesthood. With my lips that resonate with my grateful heart, I praise you for your greatness. You are Holy and awesome Lord. Am grateful to know that I am ordained by you to offer spiritual sacrifices to you. In Jesus Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Hebrews 13:15 AMPC & Hosea 14:2

1 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 17-19; Mat 20

2 - YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 36

PRAYER OF SALVATION

We firmly trust that your journey through this month's Build Up devotional has been a blessing to you. If you are not born again, we joyfully invite you accept Jesus in your life as Lord by following the prayer below:

“Dear God, I come to you in the name of Jesus, I believe that Jesus Christ came and died for me and rose again. I believe that He is the Son of God. I believe that He died and rose again. And I confess with my mouth today that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. I receive eternal life from you now. Thank you Father for saving me. In Jesus’ name. Amen!!!”

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