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INTRODUCTION

Hallo all!!!! This is our February, 2026 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 VERSION

AMP- Amplified version

AMPC- Amplified Classic version

ASV- American Standard Version

BSB - Berean Standard Bible

CEV- Contemporary English version

CJB- Complete Jewish Bible

ESV - English Standard version

GNB- Good News Bible

ISV- International standard version

KJV- King James Version

MSG- The Message Translation

NASB- New American Standard Bible

NCV - New Century version

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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HOW TO BE PREPARED FOR HIS COMING

“Even so it is that Christ, having been offered to take upon Himself and bear as a burden the sins of many once and [a]once for all, will appear a second time, not to carry any burden of sin nor to deal with sin, but to bring to full salvation those who are [eagerly, constantly, and patiently] waiting for and expecting Him.” Hebrews 9:28 (AMPC)

Are you eagerly, constantly and patiently waiting for the coming of the Lord? This is His desire as clearly stated in our theme scripture. The question is, “How do you prepare”? Your major concentration in life should be to reverentially and continually submit yourself to God through His word and the Holy Spirit. This will help you live in God’s will and purpose always. This is your true preparation. Your readiness is in walking in God’s will. Hear God’s call in Proverbs 23:26 NLT, **“O my son, give me your heart. May your eyes take delight in following my ways”**. This is about your submission to God and His will and this is your true preparation.

Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 4:8 said **“henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give to me at that day, not only to me, but unto all of them also that love his appearing.”** Those who love His appearing are those waiting with joyful eagerness as they walk in His light. The Lord Jesus passionately warned in Luke 21:34-35 (TLB), **“Watch out! Don’t let my sudden coming catch you unawares; don’t let me find you living in careless ease, carousing and drinking, and occupied with the problems of this life, like all the rest of the world”**. This admonishes us not to entertain worldliness in our lives. If you love the world, the love of the Father will not be in you. Do not live your life casually as a child of God. Let your daily life portray that you are waiting for the Lord Jesus. There is no time for preparation at the twinkle of an eye, therefore live a prepared life every day. If you are not born again know that the first level preparation is being born again (you can follow the salvation prayer at the end of this book).

PRAYER

On righteous and Holy Father, I thank you for saving me by your grace. The promise of Jesus' soon return is my joy. I live every day in full expectation of His glorious appearing as I submit to your word and the Holy Spirit. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 13:11-14

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 20-21

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 37

EXEMPTED FROM THE HOUR OF TEMPTATION

“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth”- (Rev 3:10)

In our theme scripture the Lord Jesus sends a message to the Church in Philadelphia saying, **“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”** The hour of temptation that shall befall the whole earth is the great tribulation and He told them that they will be kept from it. That means an exemption. Isaiah gave a prophetic picture of this exemption in Isaiah 26:20, **“Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be over past”**. This depicts exemption of God's people from trouble. This exemption is through the rapture of the Church. This is a token of God's love for His Church.

You must understand that the Church of Jesus Christ is the restraining force of evil in the world. 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 WEB states, **“Now you know what is restraining him, to the end that he may be revealed in his own season. For the mystery of lawlessness already works. Only there is one who restrains now, until he is taken out of the way”**. The Church is the restriction or withholding force for the manifestation of the anti-Christ to unleash his wickedness to the full. The taking away of that force of restriction will usher in the tribulation period. This means that the Church of Jesus Christ will not go through the great tribulation. The Church cannot coexist with the antichrist in office. The rapture of the Church is our exemption from that hour of temptation which will befall the earth. Hallelujah.

CONFESSTION

As the Church of Jesus Christ we are marching forward in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. No gates of hell prevails against us and by the power of the Holy Spirit we restrain evil in our world till the trumpet sounds. In Jesus name.

FURTHER STUDY

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 22-23; Mat 21

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 38

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

**“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be” -
(Matthew 24:21)**

The great tribulation will be a time of great trouble that this world has ever experienced. The Lord referred to it in our theme scripture Mathew 24:21. This collaborates perfectly with Daniel 12:1 which states, **“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book”**. Jeremiah the prophet also saw the great tribulation coming and called it the time of Jacob’s trouble **“Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he shall be saved out of it”** (Jeremiah 30:7). This is the time when the anti-Christ shall come in office and discharge Satan’s wicked and totalitarian rule without restraint in the world for a space of 3.5 years. This 3.5 years is also termed a time, times and dividing (half) of time by Daniel and Apostle John (Dan 7:25, Rev 12:14). This period is the second half of a 7 year period generally called the tribulation period which will commence with the antichrist guaranteeing the peace of Israel with a 7 year peace treaty (Dan 9:27).

Revelation 13:7 NLT alludes to this period, **“And the beast was allowed to wage war against God’s holy people and to conquer them. And he was given authority to rule over every tribe and people and language and nation”**. God will allow Satan to exercise rule through the antichrist during that time of great tribulation. But remember in line with our previous study, the Church of Jesus Christ shall not be here during that time. The Church shall be exempted from this time through the rapture. Hallelujah

CONFESsION

I do the works of God while it is day, living every day as a faithful steward of the mysteries of Christ. I am making the most of my time by the power of God's wisdom at work in me as I await Christ's return, which is my exemption from the great tribulation.

In Jesus name.

FURTHER STUDY

Daniel 7:25

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 24-26

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 39; Mat 12

STAY FOCUSED ON GOD'S PATH

“Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.” – (John 6:15 ESV)

In life not every open door or seeming opportunity is yours. The understanding of God's will for your life is paramount. In our theme scripture, after people had seen the miracle of feeding the 5,000 men (not counting women and children) by Jesus they intended to make Him king by force (John 6:14). In the flesh this was an opportunity with special privileges advancing towards Him. But the bible tells us what Jesus did, **“withdrew again to the mountain”**. That means He ran away from such seeming opportunity. Number one, I want you to know that no man would make Him king. He was announced King from birth. The Gospel of Matthew 2:2 records the words of the wise men from east, **“Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him”**. He was born King. Even the prophetic utterances indicated that the Messiah will be king. For example, Zechariah prophesied concerning Christ, **“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass”** (Zechariah 9:9).

Additionally, you have to understand that Jesus will reign politically as king in this earth after His return (Zechariah 14:9). But this time He had to die and pay for man's sins and rise from the dead consummating eternal salvation. Yielding to the people's intentions of making Him king as they desired would be in conflict with God's will and purpose. Of course that would offer fleshly and temporal comfort while yielding dire spiritual consequences. Jesus behaved Himself wisely and stayed focused on God's path till He fulfilled all He came for. Be wise with God's wisdom and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you always in the way you should go. Not every opportunity is for you to embrace, some are deadly traps. Jesus Christ

remains King not made by men and will rule in this world with a rod of iron (Rev 12:5) and His kingdom shall not pass away (Daniel 7:14). Hallelujah!!!

PRAYER

Dear Holy and righteous Father, my heart is set on your course for my life. By your grace I turn not to the right nor to the left. Your name oh Lord will be glorified in my life. I am enabled by your spirit to walk the path you have set before me all the days of my life. In Jesus Name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Joshua 1:7 & Eph 5:17

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 27-28; Mat 22

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 40

THE EVERLASTING FATHER

“And he said unto them, when ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth”
(Luke 11:2)

In the theme scripture Jesus presented a pattern of prayer to His disciples. He first brought an important acknowledgement of God as Father. Father means source and sustainer. There are various fatherly attributes of God and it is important for you to understand them and reverentially leverage on for your faith-boost. Many people call Him Father but they don't know the kind of Father He is. In Isaiah 9:6 He is presented to us as the Everlasting Father, **“for unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace”**. This is the first fatherly attribute of God I am bringing to your attention today. This means the Father who never ends. He doesn't die. He is not level to the fathers on earth. It consequently implies that as a child of God you can't be an orphan or helpless. He is your father forever. Hallelujah. You are assured of His constant supply in your life. No wonder Psalm 68:19 says, **“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation”**. That means everyday supply until forever. Hebrews 1:11 uniquely bears recognition of this Fatherly attribute of God saying, **“You are the same, and your years will have no end”**. He is from everlasting to everlasting. Political regimes of men keep changing but God's kingdom reigns forever. He is your everlasting Father.

PRAYER

Dear Holy Father, You are everlasting. In you I am constantly and sufficiently supplied in my life. You are the shepherd of my soul and I will not lack any good thing all the days of my life. Your presence is ever with me. I am so grateful for this. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 28:20 & Psalm 90:2

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 29; Mat 23

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 41

THE FATHER OF LIGHTS

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning” – (James 1:17)

In our previous study we learnt about the “Everlasting father”. Today I bring you another attribute, “Father of lights” as presented in our theme scripture. Firstly, this bears reflection that as a child of God you are light. It identifies you as light. Ephesians 5:8 collaboratively states, **“For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light”**. This shows you how God sees you. You are meant to shine. That means your life is not ordinary like any human being. You are born to dispel darkness, you are greater than darkness or any work of Satan because light overcomes darkness. John 1:5 NIV asserts, **“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it”**. If God bore light then He must be light Himself because like begets like. 1 John 1:5 concurredly declares, **“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all”**.

Secondly, light stand for wisdom and knowledge, aspects which weigh heavily on your productivity and effective walk with the Lord. He is the very source of the wisdom, direction and knowledge you require in every area of your life. **Colossians 2:3** declares about Christ, **“In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”**. All the wisdom and knowledge that you require is resident in Him and He is the wisdom of God to us. Since the Lord Jesus lives in you, then it means this light resides in you now. Think of the confidence this brings in your life. As you pray, be conscious that you are talking to the God who has all wisdom and knowledge, the father of lights. Hallelujah

PRAYER

Oh Holy God you wrap yourself with light as a garment and you are the very True Light that has shined in my heart. I am grateful that I am light in you created to dispel darkness everywhere. In your light I am rightly guided and directed in accordance with your purpose for my life. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Daniel 2:22

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 30-31

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 42

THE FATHER OF SPIRITS

“Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?”
(Hebrews 12:9)

Continuing our journey on the fatherly attributes of God, today I present to you another attribute, “**the Father of spirits**” as shown in our theme scripture. This attribute signifies that God is the source of the human spirit and He has authority over them. Ecclesiastes 12:7 records, “**Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it**”. As the Father of spirits, He can turn the heart of any man in the interest of His kingdom and in your favor. That is why God stirred the heart of King Cyrus of Persia who was not a Jew for the rebuilding of the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem (Ezra 1:1). Upon being moved by God, king Cyrus declared, “**The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah**” (Ezra 1:2). This was the Father of spirits at work. This is the Father you have. Therefore, refuse to despair about life or about God’s work because you don’t know who will support you. Don’t put your faith in human hands because God can move anyone to favour you and His righteous cause. God makes a self-declaration in Jeremiah 32:27, “**Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?**” He can stir anyone to favour you and His Gospel agenda in the earth. Always see Him that way in your life and all perceived human limitations will fall flat. Hallelujah.

PRAYER

Oh Lord my God, with you there are no limitations. I acknowledge that you are the Father of spirits who is the origin of all the real spirits of men and has power over them. I refuse to be limited by what limits men. You are the God of all flesh and right now I declare that people are stirred by your Spirit to favour the course of your gospel in the earth. In Jesus Name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Rom 9:17 & Ezra 1:1-2

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 32-33; Mat 24

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 43

THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

“The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not”- (2 Co 11:31)

To climax our study on the Fatherly attributes of God, 2 Corinthians 11:31 portrays God as the ***Father of our Lord Jesus***. This means we have the same Father with Jesus Christ. The bibles says He is the first born among many brethren (Romans 8:29). The same father He prayed to and He was heard is also my father. Jesus showed that His father heard Him always when He prayed. His life was full of supernatural results. He prayed at the grave of Lazarus as recorded in John 11:41-42 NIV, ***“Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me”***. Do you know God wants to answer your prayers just like He answered Jesus? In John 17:23, Jesus prayed to the Father ***“I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me”***.

He loves you just like He loved Jesus and He desires to answer you like He answered Jesus. Jesus wanted the world to know that God loves you just as He loved Him. This is absolutely mind-blowing and faith energizing. The Lord also categorically stated in John 16:26-27 NIV, ***“In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God”***. He was talking about the day when the new creation comes into being after consummation of salvation through His redemptive work. Say these words loudly after me, “The Father of our Lord Jesus is my Father”. These Fatherly attributes of God are a boost to your faith and enhances effectiveness in your prayer life. Recognize God this way and you will see tremendous results in your life just like Jesus experienced.

CONFESSTION

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is my God and Father. He gives me attention and answers my prayers just like He did to Jesus. He loves me just as He loved Jesus and my life is full of excellent and supernatural results in this year of manifesting. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Ephesians 3:14

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 34-35

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 44; Mat 13

UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOSPEL AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE

“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 Jews first and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith”

(Romans 1:16)

Our theme scripture conveys a deep and passionate stance for the gospel by Apostle Paul. He categorically declared that he was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. Do you know the Lord is still looking for such passionate and daring hearts that can face anything for the gospel? Why was Paul not ashamed of the gospel of Christ? The answer lies in his ***accurate understanding of the gospel and its significance. He said, “For it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth”***. This was a display of his understanding of the gospel. He knew what the gospel means. The gospel of Christ is God's absolute way through which man gets saved upon believing. There is no any other option for the salvation of man except through the gospel. The gospel of Christ is about the Lord Jesus and His work of redemption for mankind and its priceless results. The Lord Jesus declared in John 14:6, ***“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes unto the Father, but by me”***. He is not one of the ways but the only way to the Father. Acts 4:12 unequivocally declares, ***“Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved”***. This lets you know that man is eternally doomed without the acceptance of the gospel of Christ. This understanding fortifies your front for the gospel. Preach the gospel with this understanding and your zeal will not be quenched. Always be conscious that you are entrusted with what saves men, the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let your life testify of your understanding of the gospel and its significance.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ to the world. In His gospel salvation is accessible to all who believe. I am committed to the gospel knowing it holds God's power to save all that believe and today I declare that many are turning from darkness into the kingdom of light. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Acts 4:12 & John 3:16

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 36-37; Mat 25

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 45

JESUS CHRIST: THE TRUE GOD AND ETERNAL LIFE

“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life” - (1 John 5:20)

Across the world many do not have adequate and accurate knowledge of who Jesus Christ is. Even among Christians, many just know Him as the Saviour. Our theme scripture conveys a profound truth about Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the true God and eternal life. Colossians 1:16 unequivocally affirms the deity of Jesus declaring **“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him”**. No one fits into that character description except God. John 1:1 states, “In the **beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God**”. Then in verse 14 John says, **“The word (which was God) became flesh and dwelt among us”** referring to Jesus Christ. This further asserts the deity of Jesus. Let the whole world know about this truth and never be ashamed of your association and oneness with the Lord Jesus. Titus 2:13 states, **“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ”**. Jesus Christ is not just a Saviour. He is the great God and our Saviour.

Furthermore, our theme scripture also says He is eternal life. This means He is the personification of eternal life. Not only does He give eternal life, He is that life. In John 17:3 Jesus described eternal life, **“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent”**. The Greek word which was translated “and” in the verse above can also be rendered “even”. Replacing those words, the scripture would read, “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, even Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent”. This perfectly concurs with our theme scripture. Jesus Christ is the

true God and eternal life. Recognize Him that way in your life and present Him that way to your world. Be bold to tell others that Jesus Christ is the true God and Eternal life.

PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, I thank you for your love and grace in my life. You are the great God and my Saviour. You are eternal life which God promised before the world began and is now revealed to us.
Amen

FURTHER STUDY

1 John 1:1-2 & John 20:28 & Micah 5:2

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 38-39

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 46

GOD'S UNMATCHED FORCE

"When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon. And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again. And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him." (1 Samuel 5:2-4)

One time the Philistines captured the Ark of the Lord from Israel and it was with them for seven months. They then set the Ark before their god Dagon in his temple, in a display of mockery and arrogance to the Lord. However, in the morning they found Dagon fallen before the Ark of the Lord. They reset Dagon in his place again. The next morning they found Dagon fallen again with head and palms cut off. Who pushed Dagon down and cut off his head and palms? The invisible hand of God was at work. Upon seeing this shameful fate on their god, they carried the Ark from city to city but terrible judgments of God appeared everywhere they took it. What was fighting the Philistines was not a human power but God's. Our theme today is God's unmatched force. This was God's unparalleled power displayed among the Philistines.

In those days, God's presence was represented by the Ark of the Covenant but today that presence is with you, right inside your heart if you are born again. The redemptive work of Jesus Christ made it possible for you to live in and host God's presence by the Holy Spirit. Be very conscious of God's presence with you. 1 Corinthians 3:16 poses an awakening question, **"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"** 1 John 4:4 declares **"greater is He that is in you than he that is in the whole world"**. You have the divine force unmatched. It doesn't matter the amount of evil you are facing.

you is greater than all. We live among desperate wolves in this world but everything bows before God's unmatched power and their fate shall be like that of Dagon. This is happening even as you read (say Amen!). Don't be terrified by anything, the God in you is the greatest.

PRAYER

Oh Lord my God, your kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom. Your name is the greatest in all the earth and your dominion is forever. Your power Lord is unmatched. I thank you for your presence in and with me always. In Jesus' name.

FURTHER STUDY

Exodus 15:11

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 40; Lev 1

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 47

WONDERFUL IN COUNSEL

“This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working” (Isaiah 28:29)

Our theme scripture portrays our God as **wonderful in counsel**. The prophet Isaiah highlighted the same attribute for the Lord Jesus saying, **“And he will be called the Wonderful Counselor”** (Isaiah 9:6). Your accurate knowledge of God helps you become consistently effective in your walk of faith as Daniel 11:32 states that **“they that know their God shall be strong and do exploits”**. Being Wonderful in counsel, God gives instructions or counsel that yields extraordinary results beyond human comprehension. His counsel may sound simple, familiar and sometimes strange to science and to the experience of men, but the results are distinguished and undeniable. The International Standard version rendering of our theme scripture says, **“This insight also comes from the Lord of the heavenly armies who is distinguished in practical advice and magnificent in sound wisdom”**. Our God is distinguished in practical advice. His counsels are delivery vehicles for His mighty acts. Many times what you require is counsel from the Lord to either get out of a troubrous situation or move you to a next and higher level in your walk with God.

Exodus 14 gives an account of the children of Israel facing the Red Sea while Pharaoh's desperate Egyptian soldiers matched towards them fiercely. They were hemmed in with no human possible way of escape. If caught by Pharaoh, execution was inevitable. Amidst this unsettling experience, God instructed Moses, **“But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea”** (Ex 14:16). How do you part the sea by lifting up a rod? This does not subscribe to any proven scientific principle. However, when Moses acted on the instruction, the sea divided into two and they walked on dry ground just like the Lord said. Verse 31 records “And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the

people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses". You too can experience the power of God in your life. God is no respecter of persons (Romans 2:11). Act on His instructions and see extraordinary results in your life in this year of manifesting.

PRAYER

Lord God Almighty, you are wonderful in counsel. Excellent are your works righteous Father beyond human comprehension. My heart is open always to follow your divine counsel. With your counsel my life is from glory to glory. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

2 Chronicles 20:21-24 & Luke 5:4-7

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 2-4; Mat 26

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 48; Mat 14

ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth” (Mat 28:18)

Our theme scripture today is Matthew's capture of a profound statement of truth made by the Lord Jesus Christ after His glorious resurrection. He said, **“All power is given unto me in Heaven and on earth”**. First, notice the phrase **“ALL POWER”**. The word power is translated from the Greek word *Exousia* which means authority. So, this actually mean all Authority. Note that He didn't say some power but all power. The English dictionary defines Authority as the power or right to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience. All authority connotes absolute authority. There is no authority greater than His. He can rescind, override and nullify any rule with its associated decrees from any authority but His own can't be overthrown.

Secondly, take notice of the words **“IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH”** which talks about the jurisdiction of the ALL AUTHORITY with regards to geographical coverage. This means His authority covers all the world. He holds the most supreme and utmost authority in heaven and earth. Heaven as well as earth bows to the Authority of Christ. This should bring to you a deeper reverence for the Lord Jesus. In this world, leaders of nations don't exercise their constitutional power of rule beyond their nation's borders. But the authority of Christ knows no boundaries. Hallelujah. Philippians 2:9-11 clearly describes this amazing authority **“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”**. This is how great He is. Honor Him that way. Let this knowledge stir up your confidence in life. How could you fail when the one who holds absolute authority in heaven and earth is with you?

PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, you are the Lord of heaven and earth. Your authority is the most supreme in all the world. Your counsel stand forever and the dominion of your kingdom is forever. You name is my strong tower and through it I live in perpetual victory every day over all forces of evil in this world. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

1 Peter 3:22

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 5-6

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 49

HIS AUTHORITY IS OUR AUTHORITY

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” (Matthew 28:18-19)

In our previous article we learnt about the absolute authority the Lord Jesus has. Now this amazing authority has been delegated to His Church which is His body. It is on the basis of His absolute authority He said in our theme scripture **“go ye therefore...”** This means the Church can enforce God's will in the earth in His name. Isaiah declared, **“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace** (Isaiah 9:6). The shoulder is physiologically part of the body, hence this means the body of Christ which is the Church. Government signify empire or authority. In His name today we can override, overthrow and nullify decrees of darkness. This is true for every believer in Christ. The Church is running the affairs of kingdom of God today in the earth with His authority. This automatically puts the Church over and above every rule or Government.

David prophesied in Psalm 110:2 **“The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies”**. Zion has double reference to Israel and the Church (Hebrews 12:22-24). The Church of Jesus Christ presently is the empire operating in Christ's authority reigning in the midst of God's enemies in the earth. Hallelujah!! His authority is our authority. Romans 5:17 says **“For if by one man's offense death reigned by one, much righteousness shall reign in life by One, Jesus Christ”**. Awake to your rightful position of authority child of God and reign as a king with His authority given to you.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the privilege to operate in your Authority executing your will on the earth. In the name of Jesus, I decree that your will for the salvation of men prevails over the nations and many are coming into the kingdom of light even today. In Jesus name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 110:2 & Ephesians 1:22-23 NLT

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 7-8

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Gen 50

HE STANDS WITH YOU ALWAYS

“Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion” (2 Timothy 4:17)

Apostle Paul experienced challenging and troublous times in his ministry and sometimes men who were expected to support him deserted him. He says in 2 Timothy 4:16, **“but all forsook me.”** Despite being forsaken by men, God stood with him and strengthened him as communicated in our theme scripture. You might be facing such a time in your life when you see those you expected help from desert you. Remember, God is always with you because Christ is in you. In Mathew 28:20, the Lord Jesus said **“I am with you always until the end of the age”**. He is not with you one day, nor when men are around you only. It is not about how you feel but about what He has said. Be encouraged today. It doesn't matter who has left you, God is with you. Stop crying about being not helped by men. The Lord is with you and He is your helper. In Psalm 121:2 David declared, **“My help come from the Lord who made heaven and earth”**. What He did with Paul, He will do for you. Even as you read receive strength and hope from the Lord and declare boldly these words, “I am mightily helped by the Lord”. The Lord standing with you is greater than men standing with you. That's the required factor for your perpetual triumphant life in Christ.

Isaiah 43:2 conveys His reassuring words, **“When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee”**. And hear also His soothing and loving voice from Isaiah 43:5 **“Fear not: for I am with thee”**. The three Hebrews boys were thrown into the burning furnace but God was with them and not even their clothes could be burnt with the fire (Daniel 3). Only the sovereign God who created heaven and earth can do such a thing and He is with you today.

He is standing with you in whatever situation you may be in. You are mightily helped. Hallelujah

CONFESSION

The Lord stands with me always because His presence is in life. The Lord is my light and salvation, therefore I fear no evil. He is my rock and fortress and in Him I trust. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Hebrews 13:5 & Mathew 28:20

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 9-10; Mat 27

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 1-2; Mat 15

THE GLORIOUS LIBERTY OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD

“Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God” (Romans 8:21)

Creation has been in bondage of corruption since the fall of man. That means creation was tied from yielding the best from its potentials. Creation could not produce to the best of God's design. Due to sin, death touched everything and brought in the tendency to diminish, decay and die. The New Living Translation of our theme scripture says **“*the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay*”**. This implies that creation's salvation rests in the glorious liberty of the children of God. What is this glorious liberty of the children of God? This is the gift of God's freedom for you to be whatever He has destined you to be. When you become born again, you are a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17). You are now not associated with sin and decay because the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made you free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2). Now you are not in the bondage of decay and you have become the liberator of nature. Creation now receives its freedom from you.

Through this liberty you defy any limitation set by men and the worldly and satanic systems. Understanding this liberty, Apostle Paul declared in Philippians 4:13, **“*I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me*”**. Challenges will be there, but in the glorious liberty, nothing stops you. 1 John 5:4 proclaims, **“*For whatever is born of God overcomes the world*”**. As a child of God understand that nothing can hinder you successfully from being prosperous and fulfilling God's plan for your life. It doesn't matter what the economic report says. It doesn't matter what the doctor's report say. In the glorious liberty is the gracious divine ability working in and for you fighting everything that counters your progress and the fulfilment of God's purpose in your life. Hallelujah

PRAYER

Dear Father I thank you for the gift of the glorious liberty of the sons of God. In this liberty am flourishing by the force of your blessing defying every limitation. This liberty is a testimony that the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from death and law of sin. In this liberty I fulfil all that you have planned for me. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Galatians 5:1 & Romans 8:21

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 11-12

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 3

KINDS OF WISDOM

“Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory” (1Co 2:6-7)

Today I bring to your attention the different kinds of wisdom (broadly) as revealed in the scriptures. There are broadly three kinds of wisdom which are: The wisdom of men, the wisdom of the world and the wisdom of God. Paul declared in 1 Corinthians 2:4, **“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power”**.

This communication gives you a clue on the operations of the wisdom of men. The wisdom of men prides itself in human and natural abilities, earthly experiences and traditions of men. It is revealed in words which are used to entice people and if embraced they do lure many into destruction. This wisdom is also called the wisdom of words (1Cor 1:17). The wisdom of the world on the other hand, while closely related to the wisdom of men, is heavily characterized with sensual, worldly and satanic influences and manifestations. This wisdom is inspired by the god of this world, Satan. It is Satan’s character in demonstration. This is the wisdom in operation when you see wicked and selfish behaviors of people. James 3:14-17 NIV describes this wisdom saying, **“But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, and demonic”**.

The last kind of wisdom is the wisdom of God. The wisdom of God, also known as the wisdom from above, is Jesus Christ in action in and through you. It is divine sagacity. It is the divine insight into the will and purposes of God. It involves discernment, good and righteous judgment and corresponding actions that reveal the character of God. James 3:17 elucidates this wisdom by saying, **“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits,**

without partiality, and without hypocrisy”. God wants you to operate in this wisdom because you exist to manifest Christ.

CONFESSION

I operate by the wisdom of God. Through this wisdom I have insight into the will and purposes of God. By this wisdom I walk in God's will for my life and I reflect the Character of God to my world. In Jesus name.

FURTHER STUDY

James 3:14-17 & 1 Corinthians 1:21

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 13; Mat 28

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 4

THE JOYFUL CRY OF DIVINE WISDOM

**“Doth not wisdom cry? And understanding put forth her voice?”
(Proverbs 8:1)**

Proverbs 8:1 draws our attention to the cry of God's wisdom, **“Doth not wisdom cry? And understanding put forth her voice?”**

The fact that it is a cry shows you the dear value of wisdom on God's heart. It is not just a call, but a cry or a shout. The cry of wisdom is God's cry for you. This is how His heart pants for you. This Cry of wisdom is not of sorrow. The word cry in our theme scripture comes from a Hebrew word rānan which means to shout usually for joy. This reveals the excitement of God in wisdom. God knows that what divine wisdom carries is a treasure incomparable. God knows that gains you have when you embrace divine wisdom. When you come in contact with divine wisdom your life is positively never the same.

Proverbs 3:13-14 presents a description of the incomparable gains from God's wisdom, **“Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding; for her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, and her gain than fine gold”**. This shows you that embracing divine wisdom is the most profitable business whose gains are far from comparison. Therefore, your interaction with God's wisdom should never be taken lightly and casually. 1 Corinthians 2:7 NKJV says, **“But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory”**. God's wisdom was ordained for your glory. This means God's wisdom empowers you to be excellent in life. The more of God's wisdom works in you, the more you minimize errors in life, the more the glory of God is revealed in you. With divine wisdom, failure, reproach and mediocrity have no space in your life. You become excellently successful in life. In our next study we will learn about the access points of this marvelous and beautifying wisdom of God.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the gift of your wisdom which was ordained for our glory before the world begun. I function today and always in and with your wisdom and my life is beautified with excellent results. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Proverbs 4:5-9 & 1 Corinthians 2:7

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 14; Mk 1

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 5; Mat 16

THE ACCESS POINTS OF DIVINE WISDOM

“But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God” (1 Corinthians 1:24)

In our previous study we learnt about the joyful cry of divine wisdom and the incomparable gains she offers. But how do you access this wisdom? This is our focus today. Firstly, our theme scripture informs us that **Christ is the wisdom of God**. This can also be found in 1 Corinthians 1:30. This means one has to be in Christ to have access to this divine wisdom. This happens when one gets born again. Secondly, **The Word of God** is the wisdom of God. 2 Timothy 3:15 says, **“And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”**. The scriptures make you wise because God's word is wisdom. This means you have to know the word of God to access this wisdom. Thirdly, **The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Wisdom**. Ezekiel 36:27 NKJV presents God's prophetic declaration about the Spirit of wisdom, **“I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them”**. This was God speaking about the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Accepting the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit in your life is the embrace of divine wisdom.

Lastly, because of the above access points, the Church (The saints) is the point of contact and display of divine wisdom in the earth. Eph 3:10 NKJV reveals God's intent for the Church, **“to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places”**. This means by God's design the Church expresses and demonstrates the wisdom of God. And by extension every child of God is a point of access for wisdom. When you meet a child of God, you meet wisdom. This is God's design for your life. You beautify others by God's wisdom flowing from you. Make sure you have the experience of all the three access points mentioned in this article to uncompromisingly walk in this supernatural wisdom for an excellent Christian life.

PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, you are my wisdom. In you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. You are my Lord and Saviour and in you I rejoice always. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Colossians 2:3; Proverbs 1:23 & Eph 3:10

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 15-16

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 6-7

GIVING ALL DILIGENCE

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:5-8)

Today I begin to share with you some important factors that influence your productivity and effectiveness as a child of God. Our anchor scriptural reference for several days will be 2 Peter 1:5-8. In this reference Apostle Peter firstly underscores the fundamental role diligence plays for us to be productive. Diligence encapsulates elements of earnestness, quality attention to details, skill, hard work and commitment. The Cambridge dictionary defines it as the quality of working carefully and with a lot of effort. If you want to be remarkably successful you must embrace diligence. Proverbs 22:29 says, **“seest thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before Kings. He shall not stand before men of law estate”**. In all you do exhibit diligence and you will be promoted to stand before great people. In this year of manifesting, embrace diligence for your conspicuous positioning whose grace has been released already. Don’t be a person with a lazy and casual mentality in carrying out your assignments.

Proverbs 24:30-34 portrays a pathetic imagery of a person without diligence saying, **“I went by the field of the slothful (lazy) and by the vineyard of a man void of understanding and lo, it was all grown over with thorns and covered the face thereof. And the stone thereof was broken. Then I saw and considered it well. I looked upon it and received instruction. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep. So shall thy poverty come as one that wanders, and thy want as an armed man”** Without diligence the beauty of the Lord cannot manifest in your life. Exhibit diligence at your work place,

home, business, school and ministry. Make mediocrity unacceptable in your life and don't befriend procrastination. God wants to manifest Himself through your life at every place and every time.

CONFESSTION

MY life is for the glory of God. I execute all that I am supposed to do with diligence by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Lord shines from me and His glory is seen in my life always. In Jesus name.

FURTHER STUDY

Hebrews 11:6

1 YEAR BIBLE REDAING PLAN

Lev 17-18; Mk 2

2 YEAR BIBLE REDAING PLAN

Ex 8

FAITH FOR YOUR PRODUCTIVITY

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity” (2Pe 1:5 -7)

In our previous study we centered on the importance of diligence as one fundamental catalyst for productivity in life. In this study I bring to your attention faith as a key factor for spurring your fruitfulness in the Lord. Hebrews 11:6 records, **“without faith, it is impossible to please God”**. Hebrews 11:1 defines to us faith as substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. Romans 12:3 tells us that **to every man God has dealt a measure of faith**. This means every child of God has the same measure of faith upon being born again. However this faith has to grow. That faith came to you as a seed and you must grow it with diligence. Faith is central in your walk with the Lord. Faith will help you see what others don't see. It is a special set of eyes you use in walking with the Lord. It will help you achieve what people think cannot be done. Faith helps you see God's ability and not human capacity. Faith eliminates and beats limitations of the systems of this world.

Noah was given a task to build an ark, a big and maiden project with no reference of such in his past. The ark was supposed to accommodate, apart from the eight people, pairs of all the animals in existence. Think about the number of animals that were to be accommodated in this ark. This was an enormous project. Noah achieved it by faith. Heb 11:7 records, **“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith”**. What plans do you have or what task is before you that seems impossible? Embrace faith and you will see every challenge as your bread just like Caleb and Joshua did (Numbers 14:9). In this year of manifesting, you must

give attention to the building of your faith through God's word. Romans 10:17 says "**Now faith comes by hearing, hearing by the word of God**".

CONFESSION

My faith is growing stronger and stronger by the word of God. My heart is set on God's word that builds my faith to please Him and be productive always. My faith is producing results in every area of my life. In Jesus name.

FURTHER STUDY

Hebrews 11:29

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 19-20; Mk 3

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mat 17

VIRTUE - MORAL EXCELLENCE

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity” (2Pe 1:5 -7)

Today we will look at virtue as another catalytic factor of productivity in our lives. Virtue means moral excellence. God wants you to be of high moral standards. He doesn't want you immoral or disorderly in life. The word of God is the yardstick to define what is morally acceptable in the eyes of God. John 17:16 tells us that even though we are in the world, we are not of this world. We don't belong to the systems of this world. 1 Thessalonians 4:7 says, **“For God did not call us to be impure but to live a holy life”. Romans 12:2 instructs, “be not conformed to this world but be renewed be transformed by the renewing of your mind”**. This means you are not supposed to behave like the world. An immoral character undermines your efforts to be fruitful. Proverbs 22:1 (AMP) says, **“A good name [earned by honorable behavior, godly wisdom, moral courage, and personal integrity] is more desirable than great riches”**.

God's word is God's building material for a godly character. Don't live your life to please men but God. Don't try to fit in into the system of the world. Be radical in your faith and let the word of God be your guide for what to accept and follow in your life. 1John 2:15-17 enjoins us **“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever”**. Let your behavior and conduct bear witness that you belong to Jesus. Embrace moral excellence in your life and watch yourself grow from glory to glory.

PRAYER

Dear righteous Father, I bless your name today for your love and kindness in granting me the gift of your living Word. Your Word builds in me moral excellence that manifests your character to my world. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Ephesians 4:1

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 21-22

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 9

KNOWLEDGE

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity” (2Pe 1:5-7)

Knowledge is another key factor that enhances your productivity. The word knowledge in our theme scripture comes from a Greek word Gnosis and it refers to knowledge which is gained through interaction of your mentor faculties. It also covers scientific knowledge. This means knowledge gained through study. God wants you to be diligent in your studying. The first knowledge you must have is the knowledge of God's word. This is spiritual knowledge. 2 Peter 3:18 says, **“But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ...”** Make sure you don't stagnate in your knowledge of the word of God. Possess a voracious appetite for the word of God in this year of manifesting than before. Stagnancy in your spiritual knowledge compromises your productivity. Diligently study the scriptures to increase your knowledge concerning the kingdom of God. The Lord Jesus said **“Search the scriptures”** (John 5:39). Proverbs 10:14 says **“wise men lays up knowledge”**. Lay-up knowledge of the word of God in your heart.

Aside the spiritual knowledge, you have information on several subjects which may be important. It may be knowledge on your business or work or academics. Don't be left behind in information. Don't plateau in your knowledge in a certain area. In these days things are changing so fast with technological advancements. As a child of God don't be left behind in knowledge. The internet offers you a huge opportunity to improve your knowledge on various subjects vital for your personal and society development. Make up your mind to be studious and see your level of productivity and impact grow. With increased knowledge you have your abilities increased for better and excellent results.

CONFESSTION

Dear Holy Father, my heart is filled with gratitude for the treasures of wisdom and knowledge resident and hid in Christ Jesus for me. By your grace and diligence I will always tap into this priceless and eternal reservoir of knowledge. In Jesus name.

Amen

FURTHER STUDY

2 Tim 2:15 & Hosea 4:6

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 23-24; Mk 4

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 10-11

TEMPERANCE

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity” (2Pe 1:5-7)

The word temperance in our theme scripture comes from a Greek word *egkrateia* which means self-control. This is another key trait every child of God must exhibit to be highly productive and profitable for the kingdom of God. Self-control entails the ability to exercise restraint on your feelings, emotions and impulses. It is a discipline that you must have as a child of God. Sometimes great destinies have been jeopardized due to lack of self-control. The lack of it hugely compromises your productivity. Proverbs 25:28 (AMP) gives a an imagery of one who lacks self-control saying, **“Like a city that is broken down and without walls, leaving it unprotected, is a man who has no self-control over his spirit and sets himself up for trouble”**. This means you become open to attacks when you lack this quality. You may have good efforts that may lead to good progress, but all such efforts may be thwarted due to lack of self-control. Genesis 49:3-4 (BSB) says, **“uncontrolled as the waters, you will no longer excel because you went up to your father’s bed on tumult couch and defiled it”**. These were words of Jacob to his first born child Reuben. Reuben did not exercise restraint in his fleshly desires in that he had sexual relations with his father’s concubine Bilha. Due to this indecent behavior he could not excel in the blessing of the first born. His father was not cursing him but was telling him the pathetic life story of those who lack self-control.

Self-control is one of those features embedded in your new nature as a child of God (Galatians 5:23). All you have to do is recognize it and let it blossom inside of you as you yield to God’s word and submit to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. God wants you to become a master of your flesh and its passions. Self-control is

not a weakness. It's a strength and a defense. You can exercise this quality from inside you every time and under all circumstances. Remember, the Lord is the strength of your life.

PRAYER

Dear Holy Father, the Father of glory and of all mercies. I thank you for your word today enlightening me on self-control. I see your ability at work in me always. You are my strength Lord. I focus on your word in my life and will always see the fruit of self-control blossom in my life. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Galatians 5:23

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 25; Mk 5

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 12; Mat 18

ENDURANCE

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity” (2Pe 1:5-7)

In Matthew 24:13, the Lord Jesus, while teaching on the challenges in last days, said, **“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved”**. Endurance is one other important quality that every believer ought to exhibit in abundance to be highly productive. In our theme scripture, the word patience comes from a Greek word *hypomone* and actually means endurance. Another synonym for it is perseverance. This is the ability to withstand pressure, hardship or adversity, while sticking to what is right with hope without giving up or giving in. This is what makes you stay in the fire without burning out or losing direction. Isaiah 43:2 tells us of the inevitability of the testing of your faith and the assurance of His presence with you through such times. He says **“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you”**. He is your ever present help in times of trouble.

Hebrews 12:2 bears testimony of the endurance of our Lord Jesus Christ, saying **“for the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross”**. God laid before Him the greatest project to accomplish for the salvation of mankind and He had to endure in its fulfilment. He is our perfect example. The Church in its beauty was the joy He saw and that powered His endurance. What joy can you see ahead of you? Think of many lives that will be helped because one day you endured. Paul encouraged Timothy in 2Timothy 2:3 saying, **“Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ”**. Do you know that you are in God's army? Yes you are a soldier in God's army. Don't give up in times of the testing of your faith. James 1:12 shares the blessedness in endurance by saying, **“blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.”**

Brothers and sisters see beyond the trouble you are faced with. It is worth it to endure the moment for the joy that is lying ahead of you.

PRAYER

Dear loving Father, my heart belongs to you. You bought me with the precious blood of Jesus. I thank you that I am mightily helped by your Spirit to endure any situation and pressure that I meet. I walk in your victory every day. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

James 1:12 & 2Timothy 2:3

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 26-27

GODLINESS

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity” (2Pe 1:5 -7)

Today we will look at godliness as another catalyst for our fruitfulness as given in anchor scripture. The word godliness is translated from the Greek word eusebia which means godly piety. It concerns the outward reflections of your inward devotion and reverence for God. This is how your love for God shows on the outside. These are things people can observe and conclude on your commitment and love for God. Examples would be your regular attendance to church or prayer meetings or studying the Word. Luke 4:16 tells us about Jesus, **“And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read”**. It was His custom to attend the synagogue meetings. The Living Bibles says, **“When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on Saturday, and stood up to read the Scriptures.”** He wouldn't just miss those gatherings anyhow. It was His way of life and that was a mark of godliness.

There are good traditions you must cultivate and build in your life which reflect your devotion to the Lord. Don't be a man or woman without good and godly traditions or culture. We see the same in the life of Apostle Paul. Acts 17:2 informs us, **“And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures”**. This was Paul's usual practice. Don't just miss church gatherings anyhow. That you have traveled away from home shouldn't be an excuse, make effort to find where you can gather with your brethren unless if it's literally not there. If you are a parent, train your children in this culture and don't tolerate lame excuses. Develop a culture of reading and studying the scriptures daily in your life. This daily

This daily devotional helps you cultivate and abide in this godly culture. 2 Thessalonians 2:15 BSB enjoins us, ***"Therefore, brothers, stand firm and cling to the traditions we taught you, whether by speech or by letter"***. It is vital to develop and cling to godly traditions. Your life in its outward show is designed by God to be a testimony of the kingdom of God to your world.

PRAYER

Dear Holy and Righteous Father, my life is designed to show your beauty and greatness to my world. By the power of your Spirit I manifest your kingdom of light even through my godly cultures. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Hebrews 10:25 & Joshua 1:8

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 1

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 13

BROTHERLY KINDNESS

“And to your service for God, add kindness for your brothers and sisters in Christ; and to this kindness, add love” (2Pe 1:7 NCV)

Today we will learn about kindness (also rendered brotherly love in other versions) as another key factor for living productively. The word kindness in our anchor scripture comes from a Greek word, Philadelphia, which signify fraternal affection. It's about the caring and sharing among related persons. The relationship can be biological, spiritual or any closeness of association. Hebrews 13:1 encourages us, **“let brotherly love continue”**. God desires and promotes an environment that is filled with loving care among brethren. Don't be a person who is unconcerned about the needs of the brethren. Galatians 6:10 enjoins us, **“as we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith”**. Don't allow your brethren suffer when you can help out. Proverbs 17:17 says, **“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a difficult time”**. In brotherly love you reach out to your brethren in times of need or difficulty. Don't be like Cain whose heart was hard towards Abel his brother and he asked God a silly question, **“Am I my brother's keeper?”** (Genesis 4:9). You are your brother's keeper, therefore be kindly concerned about them.

In Joshua 1:15, Joshua addressed the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh saying, **“until the Lord has given your brethren rest, as He gave you, and they also have taken possession of the land which the Lord your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the Lord's servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise.”** Joshua instructed those tribes to help their brothers from other tribes to settle in their allotted lands before they started enjoying their own allotment. This involved fighting because in these sites were other inhabitants. In Joshua 1:14, Joshua gives a militant order to them saying, **“but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of**

valour, and help them”. This is the attitude you must have towards your brothers and sisters. Show your loving care and support to them. Be willing to fight righteous battles for the brethren. A righteous battle is that which God’s righteousness supports.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the gift of brotherhood both spiritually and biologically. Today I pray for them that they are directed into your perfect will and I declare that they are manifesting your glory in this year of manifesting. In Jesus name.
Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Rom 12:10

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 2-3; Mk 6

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 14; Mat 19

LOVE

“And to your service for God, add kindness for your brothers and sisters in Christ; and to this kindness, add love” (2Pe 1:7 NCV)

Today I will present to you LOVE as the last vital factor for your fruitfulness based on our study of 2 Peter 1:5-8. The word love is translated from a Greek word Agape which is the sacrificial and self-giving love of God. This love was perfectly demonstrated to us in Christ's work of securing salvation for mankind (Romans 5:8). This type of love originates in God. This means one can only have and express this love when connected to God. This implies that a person who is not born again can't show this love because they don't have it. If you are born again this love is inside your spirit but needs to be expressed. This love is shed abroad in our hearts by the Spirit (Romans 5:5). If God is love (1 John 4:8) and we are born of Him (1 John 5:1), then it follows that we have a love nature as new creatures in Christ. Divine love is in us and is our new nature. If you don't know and recognize this, you can't express it and you will have difficulties in your love walk.

This divine love is about the endearing value that you hold for people. In this love your value of people is shaped by God's value for them. They may look dirty and behave foolishly and you may not like their actions but God loves them and that is why Jesus died for them. He did not die for perfect people. In Agape you love them in spite of their actions. This love has no boundaries. While Philadelphia focusses on brotherhood, Agape has no boundaries. It is God's love for and to all people. In Agape God's goodness and kindness flows from you in a sacrificial and self-giving way to others, even those who are not related to you in any way. This is the type of love described for us in 1 Corinthians 13:1-8. Eph 5:1-2 instructs us **“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour”**. Be that channel

of divine love everywhere you are. Walking in love should be your major pursuit in life. Recognize this love in your heart and acting it out and see your productivity increase.

PRAYER

Blessed Father, I acknowledge that your love is shed abroad in my heart by your spirit. With your love I bring healing to the wounded and help to the destitute in the world. Your love flows from me to everyone I meet in my world and their lives are changed. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 5:5 & Rom 13:8

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 4

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 15

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!!!” Congratulation! You are at this very moment a child of God. To learn more about your new life in Christ use the information below:

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