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INTRODUCTION

Hallo all!!!! This is the March, 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 you 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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WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost”. Acts 2:38

Our theme scripture is an extract from Peter’s preaching on the day of Pentecost. He called the Holy Spirit “gift”. The Holy Spirit is God’s gift for those who believe in Jesus. The Holy Spirit was the secret behind the success of the prophets of old, our Lord Jesus and even the Apostles. It cannot be different with us in this day. I am excited to know that the same Holy Spirit that was with them is with me and us today. Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is God. Acts 5:3-4 records, ***“But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God”***. Peter called the Holy Spirit God.

In Psalm 139:7 David refers to the Holy Spirit as God’s presence, ***“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?”*** In 1 Peter 1:11 He is called the Spirit of Christ. He carries God’s divine presence everywhere. This explains the omnipresence nature of God. God does His work through the Holy Spirit. Job 26:13 declares, ***“By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent”***. Genesis 1:1-3 shows us the Holy Spirit’s presence and significance in creation. The gift of the Holy Spirit is God giving Himself to you. Hallelujah. Nothing significant in God’s eyes can be done without the Holy Spirit. Treasure Him passionately and see His glory in your life.

PRAYER

Dear Holy Father, thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. I reckon that He is the one you sent to communicate your presence to me. By Him your presence is in me and with me. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

John 15:26 AMPC

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 5-6; Mk 7

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 16

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN JESUS' EARTHLY LIFE & MINISTRY

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.” Acts 10:38

Hebrews 12:2 enjoins us to look unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith. He is our perfect example. In His earthly days the Holy Spirit was visibly significant. Jesus did not begin ministry without the Holy Spirit. Matthew 3:16-17 indicates **“As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. Suddenly the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and resting on Him”**. This was the official commencement of His ministry. Thereafter, He was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil (Matthew 4:1). He returned from the wilderness in the power of the Spirit into Galilee (Luke 4:14). Our theme scripture Acts 10:38 attests, **“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him”**. This lets you know that Jesus ministered by the Holy Spirit.

Even in His vicarious death, Jesus offered Himself through the eternal Spirit of God (Hebrews 9:14) and He resurrected by the power of the Spirit. Romans 8:11 says, **“But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you”**. After resurrection, He gave instructions to the Apostles by the Holy Spirit (Act 1:2). You can observe that the Holy Spirit was so apparent in Christ's life and ministry. Just like Him, you can't please God, fulfilling His purpose without the Holy Spirit. He is your absolute advantage in this life.

PRAYER

Dear righteous Father, I am grateful for the Holy Spirit and His blessed ministry in my life. He is my absolute advantage and with Him as my helper am fulfilling your purpose in my life. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Luke 4:1 AMPC

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 7; Mk 8

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 17-18; Mat 20

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S ROLE IN SALVATION

“No man can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit”.
1 Corinthians 12:3

The Holy Spirit is pivotal in the salvation of the human soul. Our theme scripture, 1 Corinthians 12:3 declares, **“No man can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit”**. This refers to the heartfelt declaration of the Lordship of Jesus in one's life upon believing the gospel as elaborated in Romans 10:9-10. Except the Holy Spirit broods over the human spirit, the new birth cannot happen. He is the one who brings to the sinner's heart **conviction of sin**. In referring to the Holy Spirit in John 16:8, Jesus said **“And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment”**. This is the convincing work of the Holy Spirit over the heart of man that gets one to repent and accept salvation in Christ Jesus. This is not just the conviction of specific sins but the very sin-nature inherited from the first Adam. You must know that any evangelical efforts that relegate the Holy Spirit will be empty, with no real and eternal impact on lives.

Titus 3:5 also testifies of the Holy Spirit's role in salvation, **“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost”**. That is why a Child of God is called one born of the Spirit (John 3:8). In salvation the Holy Spirit surrounds your spirit baptizing you into the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13). You are sanctified by the Spirit and made God's living temple (1 Corinthians 3:16) to host God through receiving the Holy Spirit which will be discussed in our next study.

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I thankfully recognize today that I am born of your Spirit and through Him I am sanctified, made holy to be your living tabernacle. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

John 16:8 TLB

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 8-9

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 19

RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost”. Acts 2:38

The next important experience after you are born again is receiving the Holy Spirit. Sometimes this can happen the same time as you get born again but yet it's a distinct experience. This experience refers to the special divine enablement to live the authentic Christian life you have received in Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:13 shows both the new birth and receiving the Holy Spirit experiences in one verse, ***“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit”***. When you got born again, you were baptized by the Spirit into the body of Christ and then you are made to drink into the Spirit which is receiving the Holy Spirit.

The early Church had special regard for the Holy Spirit. Act 8:14-15 bears witness, ***“Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John, who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost”***. Those who got born again in Samaria were helped to receive the Holy Spirit. It's not enough just to be born again, you must receive the Holy Spirit to fully and effectively live the Christian life. Apostle Paul asked some believers in Ephesus, ***“Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?”*** (Acts 19:2). It turned out they didn't even know Him. Paul ministered to them and they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:6). Our next study will focus on how to practically receive the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I thank you for the priceless privileged to have you live in me by your Spirit. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Acts 19:1-6

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 10-11; Mk 9

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 20

HOW TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

“Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John, who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost”. Act 8:14-15

How do you receive the Holy Spirit? Act 19:6 records, **“And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied”**. Here Paul ministered to some twelve believers in Ephesus who had not yet received the Holy Spirit. This shows you that one can receive the Holy Spirit upon being ministered to by another who is filled with the Holy Spirit. Our theme scripture presents a similar experience in Samaria, where Peter and John prayed for the new converts in Samaria to receive the Holy Spirit. Secondly, you can also ask from the Lord and receive as given by our Lord Jesus in Luke 11:13, **“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him”**. And when you ask don't wait to receive, rather receive at that moment because the Holy Spirit was poured out already from the day of Pentecost. Now it's your responsibility to receive Him.

In whichever method for receiving the Holy Spirit, faith is a key catalytic factor. Receive by faith and not feelings. Galatians 3:14 states, **“so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit”**. Whether you feel something or not it makes no difference, faith is the factor. If you want to receive the Holy Spirit today, say these words even now believing, **“Father in Jesus name, I open my heart and receive the Holy Spirit into my heart right now, in Jesus name, Amen”**. If you said these words in faith you have received Him. The next several articles will bring you more information about the Holy Spirit and His ministry in your life.

PRAYER

Lord God Almighty, I thank you for the Holy Spirit who now lives in me forever. By Him, You dwell in me. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Gal 3:14

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 12-13

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 21

GOD'S SEAL ON US

“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,” - Ephesians 1:13 NKJV

The theme scripture shows that the moment one gets born again they are sealed with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God's seal on the believer. A seal is an official mark of authenticity. This means that the Holy Spirit is God's mark that you belong to Him. Romans 8:9 declares, ***“Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his”***. It is the Holy Spirit you are marked with as a child of God. You are known of God by that seal. 2 Timothy 2:19 unequivocally states, ***“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his”***. He knows you by that seal and that can't be forged or faked. 2 Corinthians 1:22 NCV proclaims, ***“He put his mark on us to show that we are His”***. God puts this seal of the Spirit on your spirit when you accept Jesus in your heart. God knows you by the presence of that seal, the Holy Spirit.

A seal also signifies preservation and this tells you of how secured you are in the Lord by the Spirit. This is what Colossians 3:3 declares, ***“For you are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God”***. Your life is hidden, secured and preserved with Christ in God. The Lord Jesus declared in John 10:28, ***“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand”***. Brothers and sisters, by the seal of the Holy Spirit, you are in the most secure and safest place. The Holy Spirit is that seal upon your life. Nothing can destroy you. Hallelujah.

CONFESSION

I am sealed with the Holy Spirit. Am known of God by the Spirit. With Him am safe and secure, protected from all harm. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Ephesians 4:30

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 14-15

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 22; Mat 21

THE GUARANTEE OF OUR INHERITANCE

“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory” - Ephesians 1:13-14 NKJV

In our previous study we learnt that the Holy Spirit is God's seal on the believer in Christ. Today I call your attention to another wonderful description of the Holy Spirit, which is **the guarantee of our inheritance** as indicated in our theme scripture. 2 Corinthians 1:22 indicates, ***“He put his mark on us to show that we are his, and he put his Spirit in our hearts to be a guarantee for all he has promised”***. This shows us the special role that the Holy Spirit plays as regards to our inheritance in Christ. Let me define to you what a guarantee is. A guarantee can be defined a pledge to pay someone's debt or to perform another person's obligation in the case of default. No one could guarantee for God except Himself by the Holy Spirit. From the definition it implies that the Holy Spirit has a special role in helping us experience our inheritance. Paul was not referring to something in the future but the present.

The Holy Spirit is the divine password of our inheritance in Christ. This means you can't enjoy your inheritance without the Holy Spirit. He is the very assurance of our heritage in Christ. God seriously and desperately wants us realize and enjoy the inheritance He has given us in Christ. And there is no doubt to the certainty of this access because God Himself, and not man, is the guarantee through the Spirit. As you fellowship with the Spirit, you will know with full assurance and certainty the rich inheritance you have and you will be empowered to enjoy it.

PRAYER

Dear Father, my life is full of your glory by your Spirit who lives in me. I acknowledge the Holy Spirit as the guarantee for the inheritance you have given me. By His power I know things you have freely given me and I enjoy them daily. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

2 Corinthians 5:5 TLB

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 16-17; Mk 10

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 23

GUARD BY THE SPIRIT

“Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us” - 2 Timothy 1:14 NIV

There are things God instructs us to uphold till the end of this age. How do you sustain the passion and attention towards them without diminishing? The Holy Spirit is the sustaining power for your passion for the Lord. He is that fire you require for a consistent productive Christian life. Our theme scripture tells us to guard what is given to us by the Holy Spirit. Think of the parable of the 10 virgins (Matthew 25:1-13). Five of them, called foolish, didn't take enough oil to sustain their lamps through the night, a sign of ill preparation. Different from them, the other five, called wise, had enough oil to sustain their lamps through the night in waiting. Do you know there are God's children who have become drained, burnt-out and passionless in their walk with the Lord? They have lost what they once treasured in their hearts. Some believers used to preach the gospel with zest but now they don't even remember the last time they talked about Christ to anyone. It is through the Holy Spirit the fire within you gets sustained till the rapture's trumpet sound. Waiting without the Spirit leads to spiritual burn out.

In Revelation 3:1-3, the Lord reprimanded the Church in Sardis. At that time many in the church had lost their esteem of certain things God gave them. He said to them in verse 2, ***“Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee”***. The Holy Spirit helps you keep what the Lord has deposited in you. If you neglect His ministry you lose treasurable things. He is the force behind the sustenance of your love for the Lord.

PRAYER

Holy and righteous Father, Your spirit is my helper and with Him my love for you and for all things you teach me are sustained. In Jesus name.
Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Zechariah 4:6

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 18-19

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 24-25

HE EMPOWERS YOU TO WITNESS FOR CHRIST

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” Act 1:8

Our theme scripture reveals what powers effective evangelism. The Holy Spirit is God's power behind effective evangelism. Without Him your efforts will be wanting and ineffective. He comes in your life to make you an effective witness of the risen Christ. The word witness is from Greek word *martus* which refers to the most reliable witness. This term was used to describe the eye witness. It means proof producer. The same word is used in Revelation 1:5 where The Lord Jesus is called the Faithful witness. The Lord Jesus produces proof of the invisible God. He is the manifestation of God in bodily form. This is what we are by the Holy Spirit - Proof producers. Your life is meant to openly explain God to your generation. You are meant to be the living proof that Jesus is alive. The Holy Spirit helps you in this noble call.

The Holy Spirit grants you boldness in the preaching of the Gospel. The moment the disciples received the Holy Spirit their fears were banished. Peter was no longer afraid and preached the gospel boldly (Acts 2:41). With the Holy Spirit the words you speak are life and spirit, they are full of power to change men's lives. The Holy Spirit gives you divine ability for the miraculous as you preach the Gospel. Paul declared in Romans 15:19, ***“Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ”***. The Lord Jesus also did His work by the Holy Spirit as testified in Acts 10:38. The Holy Spirit empowers you to effectively impact your world with the Gospel.

PRAYER

Father I thank you for the ministry of the Holy Spirit by whom I am empowered to produce proof that Jesus Christ is alive. By your Spirit I declare that the gospel spreads with unquenchable zeal in the world. In Jesus name, Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Act 1:8 AMPC & Acts 4:31

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 20-21; Mk 11

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 26

THE HOLY SPIRIT YOUR COUNSELOR

“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. John 14:26 RSV

The Holy Spirit was sent to guide you into all truth. That means you have counsel and guidance for anything in the Holy Spirit. That wisdom you require for your progress is in the Holy Spirit. John 16:13 NIV records, **“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”** This means there is nothing like being helpless and stranded for the child of God unless by choice. In the Holy Spirit you have a reservoir of unlimited counsel and guidance for anything.

Think of the Red sea experience of the children of Israel where no human or scientific solution was available. However, God was not stranded and He was not in short supply of divine counsel. Moses acted on God’s counsel and the Red seas split wide open for them to pass (Exodus 14:21-22). He can give you counsel that can get you either out of trouble or to a next level in your walk with God or business or family. David in recognition of this truth declared in Psalm 16:7 **“I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me”**. He recognized God as source of counsel. Take your fellowship with the Holy Spirit seriously and keep receiving counsel and guidance from Him. He came to help you. This is God’s love for you.

PRAYER

Dear Father, in your Spirit is unlimited counsel and guidance for my life. By the counsel of your Spirit, my journey in life is from glory to glory. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Acts 11:12 ESV

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 22; Mk 12

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 27; Mat 22

THE HOLY SPIRIT YOUR STRENGTHENER

“An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him”. Luke 22:43

Our theme scripture presents what happened to the Lord Jesus just before His arrest. The pressure mounted on Him about His imminent separation from His Father because He would become sin for the whole world. That Angel was the Holy Spirit. He is the Angel of God’s presence that strengthens us (Isaiah 63:9). Does your going seem tough? Do you feel pressure on you? The Holy Spirit is your strengthener. Recognize Him as your strengthener and strength. Isaiah 40:28-31 brings us these warm and encouraging words, **“*Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainted not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. He gives power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint*”**.

He wants you to experience His strengthening always. May be your attention to the Lord is weakened. Today receive the strengthening of the Spirit. Speak loudly **“*Holy Spirit You are my strength*”**. No matter what you are facing, don’t think you are left alone to weakness. The Holy Spirit was the reason the Apostles stayed strong till their finishing line. They did not stand in their fleshly strength but in the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Holy Spirit means strength to you. In Psalm 27:1 David declared, **“*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*”** He is you strength.

PRAYER

Dear Holy Spirit you are my strengthener and strength. I am confident that you hold me in your everlasting strength till the Lord Jesus appears. In Jesus name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

John 14:26 AMPC

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 23-25

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 28

TRANSFORMATION BY THE SPIRIT

“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord”. 2 Corinthians 3:18

No notable transformation can occur in your life without the catalytic intervention of the Holy Spirit. The underlain portion of our theme verse shows that the Holy Spirit catalyzes transformation. The word of God without the Holy Spirit will not produce in your life the necessary renewal of your mind that yields the desired transformation in your life. A seed only produces with the right environment. The word of God is seed and the Holy Spirit provides the conducive environment. Gen 1:2 says ***“And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters”***. This was the conditioning of the Holy Spirit for the word which God would speak to produce the changes during creation.

Luke 1:35 records the amazing response of Angel Gabriel to Mary solving her puzzle on how she would get pregnant while a virgin. It says, ***“And the angel answered and said unto her, the Holy Ghost, shall come upon thee, and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee. Therefore, that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God”***. Mary conceived by the Spirit. And this means she received the word brought by the angel in an environment of the Holy Ghost overshadowing her. This further underscores that no God-desired transformation will happen in your life without the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Esteem the Holy Spirit and His blessed ministry in your life and experience remarkable transformation always. The Holy Spirit will beautify your life.

PRAYER

My life is from glory to glory by the Holy Spirit and the word of God. My heart is open always to the leading and the guidance of the Holy Spirit and my progress cannot be hindered. In Jesus name.

FURTHER STUDY

Job 26:13 NLT

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 26-27; Mk 13

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

AMPLIFY THE GOSPEL CRY

“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgression and the house of Jacob their sin” Isaiah 58:1

Our theme scripture in the Contemporary English version says **“Shout the message! Don’t hold back. Say to my people Israel: You’ve sinned! You’ve turned against the Lord”**. How loud is your cry for the gospel? He says don’t hold back. That means don’t relent. God wants you to amplify the gospel cry in your world. You amplify the gospel cry by increasing your efforts for the gospel. Don’t shrink your commitment in the gospel. You must break the limits and go the extra mile for the gospel. In amplifying the gospel cry there are two things happening. Number one is that you are stressing and laying up the gospel influence on people’s hearts. You are not giving up on people. Even if it is one person that you are targeting it is worth it stressing and insisting. Sometimes people would accept Christ after several efforts. Think of the words of the Lord in Matthew 18:12, **“How think you? If a man have a hundred sheep and one of them be gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go into the mountains and seek that which is gone astray?”** Look at the effort and level of energy going up the mountain just for one sheep. This is how much God values a single soul. And just like God values them, he wants you to value them.

The second aspect in amplifying the gospel cry is that you widen the gospel coverage. When you shout loud the gospel you reach many people. Don’t just be satisfied in reaching few people with the gospel. Jesus died for the whole world and He desires that all men be saved (1Timothy 2:4). Matthew 28:18 says **“Go ye therefore and teach all nations.”** He says all nations, meaning people groups. For instance, when you increase your financial commitment for the gospel, you are amplifying the gospel cry for expanded reach. Amplify the Gospel cry, don’t hold back, and don’t relax your efforts, the Lord is coming soon.

PRAYER

O Lord God my life and resources are relevant to the propagation of the good news of Jesus Christ in this world. By your grace and power my efforts of commitment are multiplied without holding back. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Luke 24:46-47

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 28-29

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 29; Mat 23

THE GOSPEL IS ENTRUSTED TO YOU

“According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. And I thank Christ Jesus, our Lord, who has enabled me for that. He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry” - 1 Timothy 1:11

Do you know that God has entrusted you with the gospel of Christ? That means the gospel is committed to your trust. This is what Apostle Paul expressed in our theme scripture. This understanding contributed significantly to his unwavering passion in the gospel. Know that you are God's carrier for the gospel. Take it so personal like Paul. The bible says you are ***the light of the world*** (Matthew 5:14). That means you are to shine and drive out darkness. Do you know there are those that are grappling in darkness right now, separated from God and empty in their hearts? And God has sent you as light to them. Through you, they will be saved.

Furthermore, ***you are God's watchman*** in this world with the gospel. Don't put to sleep the gospel trumpet. Do you know you are given the gospel trumpet? Ezekiel 3:17-19 says, ***“Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel”***. If you don't understand this enormous and noble responsibility you will easily allow discouragement. Are you prepared to stand in God's sight and answer why you didn't blow the gospel trumpet to those in your world? Are you willing to have others end up in the lake of fire while you have the solution that saves? The gospel is entrusted to you, therefore take it so personal. This is not only the work of pastors, evangelists, prophets and teachers. It is for all children of God. This is the word and ministry of reconciliation granted to us all (2 Corinthians 5:18-19). You are entrusted with the greatest news which saves mankind, and know that you are accountable to God. Preach the gospel with this understanding.

PRAYER

Holy Father I thank you for showing me that I am entrusted with the greatest news that saves mankind. I stand in your grace today and always as I passionately help others receive eternal life. In Jesus name.
Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

2 Timothy 4:2

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 30-31

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 30

KNOWING HIM PROGRESSIVELY

“For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day” 2 Timothy 1:12

The more you know the Lord the more you become undaunted in your commitment towards Him. You don't have to stagnate in your spiritual life. Some saints experience spiritual stagnancy, staying at the same level for too long. They are not growing in their faith. You have to keep growing in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18 enjoins ***“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...”*** This progressive knowledge has a pivotal bearing in your effectiveness in gospel. In our theme scripture Apostle Paul declares, ***“For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed”***. He was not ashamed to serve God because He knew the one in whom he had believed. It is one thing to believe in Him and another thing to know Him. Paul knew Him and that was the reason no one could keep him quiet on the gospel. The ridicules of men could not stay him away from preaching the gospel. This should be your testimony too.

Daniel 11:32 prophetically declares ***“but the people who do know their God shall be strong and do exploits”***. The more you know the Lord, the more you love him and the greater and unwavering your resolute for the gospel. You primarily know the Lord through His Word and by the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Progressively know the one in whom you have believed and you will never get ashamed to serve Him radically. Your knowledge of Him anchors your commitment to Him.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, my heart is thirsty for you, to know you more and more. Your word is forever my delight and by your Spirit my heart is open to know the deep things of your kingdom. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Hosea 6:3 TLB

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 32; Mk 14

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 31

THE BEAUTIFUL FEET

“And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

In our theme scripture Apostle Paul quotes Isaiah 52:7 to show us how God views and defines those that participate in the propagation of the Gospel. It says, **“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bring us good tidings. That publishes peace. That bringeth good tidings of good. That publishes salvation...”** Do you know how God sees us when we preach the gospel or when we participate in the gospel? He says our feet are beautiful. That means the feet of a soul winner are glorious. This means we are beautified by God’s glory when we participate actively in the gospel. While the world may despise you for actively spreading the gospel, this is how the Lord esteems it. While there is a future glory for the soul winner, there is also a present-time glory.

Daniel 12:3 shows us the future glory of the soul winner indicating that, **“they that shall be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that tend many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.”** However, our theme scripture tells us of the current glory in our lives as we participate in the Gospel mandate. There is a beautification of a certain glory in our lives when we win souls today. This glory causes an experience of special blessings in our lives and a special dimension of fellowship with him. These are special blessings which cannot be experienced in any other way except through our active participation in the Gospel. The theme scripture also shows God’s excitement and interest in preaching the gospel. This tells you that this is His big business. In Luke 19:10 Jesus announced His manifesto **“for the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost”**. This is why He came. Be active in soul winning and your life will be beautified with God’s amazing glory.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I pray that the gospel has free course in all the world and that many come into the kingdom of light. My life will always be relevant in the expansion of your kingdom. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Isaiah 52:7

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 33-34

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 32

SIGNIFICANCE OF MIRACLES, SIGNS AND WONDERS

“And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following” Mark 16:20

Some people think that miracles are not significant, but that is wrong. What do signs and wonders signify? Firstly, they **manifest God’s unfailing love for his people:** God loves people and He doesn’t want them become victims of Satan and the world’s wickedness. While Satan inflicts pain on people, God brings healing. Acts 10:38 tells us that Jesus went about doing good and healing those who were oppressed by the devil.

Secondly, miracles are **God’s approval or confirmation of His word and His servants.** Acts 2:22 states, ***“Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you”***. Mark 16:20 says that the Lord confirmed the word preached by the disciples with signs, confirming that He sent them with that message.

Thirdly, miracles are vital for the **Creation of conducive environment towards the salvation of man.** Every true miracle of God creates a special spiritual environment for man to tilt towards God. While miracles don’t save in themselves, they are a catalyst for the vulnerability of attention of the human heart. Nicodemus came to Jesus and said ***“No man can do what you are doing except God be with Him”*** (John 3:1-6). He was captured by those signs and that brought him to Jesus where he was told to be born again.

Fourthly, miracles display **God’s unparalleled power.** God said to Moses ***“Pharaoh will not let them except the mighty hand of God forces Him*** (Exodus 3:19-20 AMP). That mighty hand entails the signs performed by Moses in Egypt. Many years later the Philistines having captured the ark released it in haste upon seeing the judgment wonders of God (1 Samuel 5:1-12.). Some evil works may persist until there is a demonstration of God’s power. Never allow anyone or anything sway you from believing the miraculous. Don’t even let counterfeit miracles sway you. Always believe that genuine miracles are possible. In Christ, you are not ordinary.

CONFESSION

My life embraces the miraculous because I believe in Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I am producing proof with signs that Jesus is alive.

FURTHER STUDY

Isaiah 8:18

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 35-36; Mk 15

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 33; Mat 24

GOD'S BATTLE AXE AND WEAPONS OF WAR

“Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war. For with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms, and with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider, and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider ”- Jeremiah 51:20-22

Do you know you are God’s battle axe? The preposition **“with”** used in the theme scripture connotes association, togetherness or partnership. This shows that God doesn’t work alone in His agenda on earth. You are His instrument for executing His will in the earth. Begin to see yourself the way God sees you. He says, **“You are my battle axe and weapons of war”**. That means, He fights with you or through you. 1 Corinthians 1:9 says, **“God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord”**. That word fellowship also means partnership. We have been brought into partnership with God. Paul declares in 2 Corinthians 6:1 **“We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain”**. We are God’s co-workers. This is a vital partnership through the power of the Holy Spirit. With you the Lord desires to accomplish so much in your world. He fights with you.

The Lord reassured Jeremiah, **“Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD”** (Jeremiah 1:7). When the Lord told him, “I am with you” that is a partnership, meaning he will not do it alone. The Lord says to you **“Today, I have put you in charge of nations and kingdoms. You will pull up and tear down and destroy and overthrow, build up and plant”**. It is time for action through your prayers, declarations of faith and other acts of service. God is going to bring order in places through you. The Lord counts on you as His battle axe and weapons of war.

PRAYER

Holy and righteous Father, thank you for bringing me into partnership with yourself. I am your battle axe and weapon of war. I declare that your will prevails in the nations of the World and the name of Jesus is glorified. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

1 Corinthians 3:9

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Deut 1-2

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 34

LIVING IN THE NAME JESUS

“And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him” Colossians 3:17

Do you know you are called to live in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ? It doesn't just mean using the name of Jesus in prayer. It includes that but goes beyond that. This means living with the active consciousness of Christ because you represent Him today. Do you know when He says in the name of Jesus, it means you stand in His place? It means you represent Him today in this world. Isaiah 53:10 says **“he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his day”**. We are His seed prolonging or extending His days on earth today. This means walking in His authority, ability, power and victory. How could you live a life of a failure when you do everything in the name of Jesus? Philippians 2:9 reveals the unmatched magnitude of the authority of His name, **“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name”**. This demands you to have active consciousness of the greatness of His name. You are not ordinary as a child of God. Your words and actions ought not to be empty but full of power.

Imagine you have been delegated by the president to a function. You go there in the name of that president. When you stand and speak, everybody sees the president speaking and relates with it as from the president. What you says carries the power of the president you represent. This mirrors what it means to live in the name of Jesus. Let your thoughts, words and actions be inspired by the consciousness of His divine authority given to you to stand in His name. Be always conscious that you represent Him in the earth. Walk with the consciousness of His victory. This is what it means to do everything in the name of Jesus.

PRAYER

Dear righteous Father, my heart is full of gratitude for your love by which I have the privilege of standing in the name of your holy Son Jesus. I triumph and reign over all forces of evil. In Jesus name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Philippians 2:9-10

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Deut 3-4; Mk 16

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 35

GOD WANTS YOU TO GROW

“Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death and of faith in God” Hebrews 6:1

Spiritual growth is God’s firm desire for you as shown in our theme scripture. There are three major developmental stages with regard to spiritual growth. Firstly, there are those who are called infants. In this category are those who have just gotten born again. Sadly some believers stay in this stage for so many years which ought not to be so. These are spiritual infants in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 3:1 NIV records, **“*Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ*”**. At this stage you don’t know much of the operations of the kingdom of God and you experience some struggles in your walk with God. For instance, if a believer struggles to forgive, it shows that they are a spiritual babe.

The second category is **young people** which are spiritual adolescents. These are those excitedly at the dawn of knowing what the Lord has done for them and what they have become in Him. 1 John 2:13 says, **“*I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one*”**. This is the stage where you are learning to walk in the dominion of Christ. Your passion for God rises sharply. Sadly, others wane while others get stuck in this stage due to compromised focus on God’s word. If focused you move to the stage of Fathers. **Fathers** refers to those grown or matured in the Lord. 1 John 2:14 says, **“*I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning*”**. This stage is marked with stability in your walk of faith which stems from your experiential and fellowship knowledge of the Lord. Fathers are known for their consistence in walking with God. Fathers are spiritual people living by the Word and the Spirit. They bear much fruit consistently, reliably and perfectly manifest Christ in their world.

CONFESSION

My life is God’s tree of righteousness. I am growing every day, strong and fruitful by His word. In Jesus name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Hebrews 5:12-14

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Deut 5

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 36

INSPIRING BENEFITS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

“But now to continue—the son who will receive his father’s property is treated just like a slave while he is young, even though he really owns everything” Galatians 4:1 GNT

Spiritual growth has priceless and inspiring benefits for you. Broadly I will present to you two grouped benefits that should inspire your intentional pursuit for spiritual growth. Firstly when you are growing spiritually, you are empowered for Living in the fullness of the blessings of Christ. Apostle Paul by the Spirit wrote to the Christians in Rome, **“And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ”** (Romans 16:15). Our theme scripture shows us that when the heir is immature he cannot enjoy all that the Father has even though he owns it. Your wealth in Christ is immeasurable but it requires your growth to enjoy it fully. If you are not growing your experience will be that of servant. Your growth powers your experience of the inheritance.

The other broader inspiring benefit of spiritual growth is that you are empowered to run your Father’s business. This is when you are placed in office to run the Father’s business. You become a reliable executor of the father’s will on earth. As an immature son you can’t be trusted to run God’s kingdom affairs. Hebrews 11:24-25 TLB tells us about Moses **“It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be treated as the grandson of the king, but chose to share ill-treatment with God’s people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin.”** Until he grew up God’s purposes would not manifest through Him. As you grow you become a reliable platform for the Lord’s perfections to be displayed. This is true living in God’s eyes and you will be able to say like Jesus, **“My food is to do and finish the work of the one who sent me”** (John 4:34). As you grow you discover and live out God’s eternal purpose for your life. This is what really matters to God more than everything else.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for inspiring me to grow spiritually. I am planted in your courts of the Word and the Holy Spirit and I flourish daily. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Galatians 4:1 & Eccl 10:16 AMPC

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Deut 6-7; Luk 1

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 37; Mat 25

PRINCIPLES FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby”- 1 Peter 2:2

A good farmer doesn't live the growth of his crops to chance. That is how you should be about your spiritual development. You must be intentional about your growth in the Lord. These are timeless and proven principles for spiritual growth. The first principle is the WORD OF GOD. The word of God bedrocks your spiritual growth. Apostle Peter enjoins new believers, **“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby”** (1 Peter 2:2). Cultivate an insatiable desire for the word of God. Give quality attention to it through listening, study, meditating and acting on the Word. Proverbs 4:20-22 calls on us, **“My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body”**. As you learn, act on the word to maximize on the benefits.

The second principle is PRAYER. Your engagement in prayer contributes significantly to your spiritual growth. Jude 20 AMPC encourages us, **“But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher, praying in the Holy Spirit”**. This shows that in prayer you make progress, accumulating growth. If you are not prayerful you will experience slow growth.

The last principle is your FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER SAINTS. You must never relegate church meetings in your life. Hebrews 10:25 (CEV) warns **“Some people have given up the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord's coming is getting closer”**. In God's house you are nurtured with the Word of God and you also have the advantage to participate in service which also contributes to your growth. Psalm 92:12-13 states that the righteous will grow and flourish as they are planted in God's house. Honor these principles and your spiritual development will accelerate.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for revealing to me the principles for growth. Your word is my meditation, my heart will continually commune with you in prayer as am planted in your house and my growth accelerates. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

1 Peter 2:2 & Colossians 2:6-7

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Deut 8-10

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 38

THE REFLECTIVE DIMENSIONS OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY

“And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?”

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

There are three main reflective dimensions of spiritual maturity. The first dimension is about the quality of your revelation knowledge of the Lord. As you grow in the Lord your revelation and relational knowledge of God increases. Apostle John stated that the Fathers (spiritually mature) know Him that is from the beginning (1 John 2:13). This distinguishes Fathers from others. Your level of spiritual, relational knowledge reflects your growth level.

The second dimension is the quality of your service to the Lord. This service for the Lord is directly influenced by the first dimension. David said in 2 Chronicles 2:5 **“The temple I am going to build will be great, because our God is greater than all other gods”**. Your knowledge sponsors your service. For instance as an infant Christian, prayer may seem a burden of punishment but as you grow your fellowship gets richer and richer. You find yourself praying for longer periods. You have a deeper value for the things of God and your commitment in service to the Lord grows.

The last dimension is the quality of your personality (and quality of relationships). The strife and jealousy among the saints in the Corinthian church as shown in our theme scripture revealed their immaturity. Maturity is reflected in the quality of your relationships. How can you say that you love God while you hate your neighbor? (1 John 4:20). Yours words to and about others reflect the level of your spirituality. James 3:2 says **“if any man does not offend in word (communication) the same is a perfect man (matured)”**. Yield yourself to the discipline of God’s word and grow substantially.

PRAYER

Lord God Almighty as I yield myself to your word, I am growing daily. My knowledge is growing and as your workmanship I reveal your excellences through my service and personality. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 & Galatians 5:22

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Deut 11; Luk 2

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 39

THE POWER OF KNOWING IDENTITY

“When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” Matthew 13:13 NIV

In the theme scripture the Lord Jesus asked the disciples a question about identity. He wanted to know if they really knew Him. He himself knew who He was. For Instance He often called Himself the Son of man (Matthew 13:13, Mark 10:45) which is a prophetic title identity of the messiah according to Daniel’s prophecy (Daniel 7:13). He also declared, **“As long as am in the world am the light of the world”** (John 9:5). Jesus knew exactly who He was. Identity is about who you are or what you are. When you are born again, God wants you to know who and what He has made you to be. In Hosea 4:6 God voiced out His concern, **“My people perish because of lack of knowledge”**. Let me give you some few examples in demonstrating the power of identity. In Esther 6:13 (NIV) Zeresh the wife of Haman with her maids said to Haman **“if Mordecai be of the seed of the Jew (identify) before whom you have started to fall, to continue to fight him will be fatal from you”**. Mordecai himself knew himself well and that is why he never bowed to Haman.

Think also of Daniel and friends in captivity (Dan 1:8; Dan 3). They refused to bow to idols or get associated with them. They knew very well who they were, Jews who worship the God who made heaven and earth. Their convictions were deeply rooted in their knowledge of God and their identity. In 1 Samuel 17:26, David identified Goliath as the uncircumcised philistine. This was an identity of one who was not in covenant with God. Those in covenant with God were meant to win every battle. In Luke 9:55 the Lord Jesus reprimanded the disciples, **“you know not what manner of spirit you are”**. They were reacting differently and Jesus knew where the problem was, identify. Knowing who you are is a special treasure and influences your attitudes and actions in life. Your true identify is defined in God’s eternal word.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the bible through which I Know who you have made me in yourself. In Jesus name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY

Hosea 4:6

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Deut 12-14

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Ex 40

CHILDREN OF GOD

“But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to those who believe in His name” John 1:12

There are many of God's children that don't understand the meaning of being a son or child of God. Knowing this has tremendous transformative effects in your life. Firstly, focusing on our theme scripture, the lesser and more general significance of the underlain preposition “of” is about **association**. It's an association of belonging. As a child of God, you have to understanding that you have that association of belonging to the greatest of all. This amazing association has positive results in uplifting your confidence and opening some doors of opportunities. Acts 4:13 records, **“Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took note concerning them that they had been with Jesus”**. The Jewish leaders saw the boldness of Peter and John and took notice that they had been with Jesus. That boldness arose from their association with the Lord.

Secondly, being a child of God means you originate from Him and you have His life in you. The preposition “of” in the theme scripture comes from a Greek word ek which denotes origin. In John 15:5 Jesus said, **“I am the vine, ye are the branches”**. This shows our oneness with the Lord. It is His life that flows through us just like a tree and its branches have the same life. This makes you more than human. It brings you into the class of God. 2 Peter 1:4 declares that we are partakers of the divine nature. He has given you His life that doesn't know failure or defeat.

Thirdly, child of God entails that you have an Inheritance in God. Romans 8:17 says, **“If children then heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ”**. As a child of God you are not empty. You have an inheritance in Him. Ephesians 1:11 tells us, **“In whom also we have obtained an inheritance...”** Poverty is not God's plan for your life. Ephesians 3:8 AMPC describes the boundless and inexhaustible wealth we have in Christ. These three points make up what it means to be a child of God. This is what should be in your mind always. You are not an ordinary person.

CONFESSION

I declare that I am a born of God and I overcome the world. The very divine life of God floods my whole being and in Him I have wealth immeasurable. In Jesus name.

FURTHER STUDY

1John 3:2

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Deut 15-16; Luk 3

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 1

YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men”. Matthew 5:13.

Historically, salt has been used to facilitate **Healing and Preservation** as applied to treatment of body injuries and food preservation. In our theme scripture, Jesus calls the believer the salt of the earth. This is a special calling of every child of God. You are called to be a preserver of lives of men. Your calling is not to destroy others. Don't use whatever power you have to harm others. The Lord Jesus reprimanded His disciples in Luke 9:55, **“Ye know not what manner of men you are”**. They wanted the Lord to pray down fire from heaven to burn those who didn't receive the message. Your life stand for the healing and preservation of others. Make sure that even your words minister grace to your hearers (**Ephesians 4:29**). Proverbs 12:18 (NLT) says **“Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing”**. Don't speak words that injure others and destroy their good self-image.

Do you know the presence of a believer means cover for others? David told Abiathar, **“Stay with me; don't be afraid. The man who wants to kill you is trying to kill me too. You will be safe with me.”** (1 Samuel 22:23 NIV). God designed you to be a covering for others just like Joseph's life stood for the preservation of many lives (Genesis 45:7). A child of God should even be the best environment and natural resource preservers (Proverbs 12:10) and not a destroyer. You are designed by God to heal and preserve. Live out and fulfil your calling as the salt of this earth.

CONFESSION

My life stands for the healing and preservation of the earth. All that come around me, their lives are improved. I exude the fragrance of Christ, ministering grace to all that hear me. I am an up lifter of the lives of many. In Jesus name.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

2 Kings 2:20-22

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Deut 17-18

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 2-3; Mat 26

ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” 1 Peter 2:9

Peter declares by the Spirit in our theme scripture that we are a royal priesthood. This identity of the believer carries the two special ministry offices (in generic terms) for every child of God, a king and priest. Rev 1:6 says, **“And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen”**. These are not just titles but more importantly they talk of our functionality. You are a king made by God and not men. That means you are a person of dignity and honor. Therefore, don't be Scruffy and rough in your manners. Kings rule and exercise authority (dominion). Psalm 110:2 says, **“The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies”**. This was prophetic of the reign of Christ after His resurrection through the Church, the era in which we are. We are the ones to enforce God's will on earth. We exercise this rule in the name of Jesus through our decrees of faith and prayers. The word of a king carries power (**Ecclesiastes 8:4**).

As priests we are designed and divinely tasked to offer prayers, gifts to God (your giving) and teach or guide others in God's word. This was the work of the priests in the Old Testament. 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”**. In 1 Samuel 12:23 Samuel stressed about his priestly commitment to the children of Israel, **“As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right”**. The Lord counts on you as His king-priest today through which His purpose will be realized upon the earth.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I thank you for making me a royal priesthood in Christ Jesus. I reign by your name over forces of evil and enforce your will in my world. As a priest I pray for many at this hour to receive salvation and that your children be strengthened with your power in their hearts. In Jesus name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

Revelation 1:6

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Deut 19-21; Luk 4

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 4

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house”. Matthew 5:14-15 NIV

In John 9:5 Jesus made an auto-declaration, **“While I am in the world, I am the light of the world”**. Those who believe in Him become just like Him. In the theme verse He tells you, “You are the light of the world”. Today I will dissect for you the benefits of light. This will show how important you are to God and in this world. Firstly, light brings **illumination**. That means you are designed of God to illuminate others. They are supposed to know God because of you. As you witness to them Christ Jesus you are illuminating them. Acts 13:47 says, “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, to bring salvation to the ends of the earth”. Light also brings the **manifestation of the beauty of a place or person**. Ephesians 5:13 says whatever makes manifest is light. As you meet them they will know their true value and see the beauty within.

Light is also a key catalyst factor in **restoration of lost order and the end of the era of darkness**. In Genesis 1:1-3 God brought light when there was chaos. When you come in a place order will be set. To have demons wreak havoc of people is a disorder in the spirit. When you come, light has come and order will be restored as you drive out the demons. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cant resist it (John 1:5). Light also brings **direction and guidance**. Many people are directionless in life, living empty lives. When they meet you, they will have the true guide and that will be the end of their purposeless walk in life. Think about all these benefits of light. This should signal God’s plan for your life and how important you are to Him and to your world. He achieves His purpose through you as His light in this world. Live with this consciousness today and always.

CONFESSION

I am the light in my world. I illuminate all those I meet through the gospel of Jesus Christ. And by the power of the Holy Spirit their hearts are open and they turn from darkness to light. In Jesus name. Amen

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Ephesians 5:8

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Deut 22-23

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 5

GOD WANTS YOU FINANCIALLY PROSPEROUS

“Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.” Psalms 35: 27

The underlain part of our theme verse reveals that God takes pleasure in our well-being or prosperity. Psalms 104:24 declares that the earth is full of God's riches. The Lord put the riches there because of man. From Genesis it is clear that poverty is not God's plan for man. These riches are an expression of God's goodness towards man. Genesis 1:31 attest, **“*And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good*”**. Gen 2:10-12 gives some inventory of precious stones in the earth, **“*And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone*”**. God did not put these precious minerals for himself but for man's use.

2 Corinthians 8:9 declares **“*For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich*”**. God wants you to financially and materially prosper just as you prosper spiritually. Financial prosperity is God's plan and heritage for His children. If you accept poverty it means you are not grateful to the Lord for what He did both in the original creation and in the new creation in Christ. Embrace financial prosperity as God's kind gift to you in His heritage package. Categorically refuse to be poor because you are not.

CONFESSION

My life is for the glory of God. I live in financial prosperity just as I also prosper spiritually. Lack and penury are not part of my life. In Jesus Name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

2 Corinthians 8:9

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Deut 24-25; Luk 5

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 6

BEING RICH TOWARDS GOD

“So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.” Luke 12:16-21

Our theme scripture is an extract of a parable shared by Jesus about a certain rich man who had a huge harvest which couldn't be accommodated in his storehouses. He decided to have new structures to accommodate the volumes and then he was geared to enjoy his harvest. God intercepted Him and said He was a fool and that he was not rich toward God. This means one can be rich in the eyes of men but not towards God. I will share you three key questions and their answers to define being rich to God.

1. Is the Lord honored in your accumulation of the riches? How did you get them or how are you getting them and with what attitude? You are not rich towards God if your riches are a gain of unrighteousness and out of vain glory. 2 Peter 2:15 records ***“They have wandered off the right road and followed the footsteps of Balaam son of Beor, who loved to earn money by doing wrong.”*** ***Philippians 2:3 says “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory”.***
2. How connected are your riches to God's agenda? You may have gotten the riches rightly but are they relevant for the Kingdom of God? Mathew 6:33 says ***“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*** God's kingdom has to be a priority in your life.
3. How do your riches improve the welfare of other people? Paul told the leaders of the Ephesian church in Act 20:35 ***“I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive”.*** Riches that uplifts others honor God.

These questions help you assess your financial pursuits. Never be deceived by the world's symbols of prosperity. That rich man was selfish and God was not honored in His riches. Honor God always.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for speaking to me today. I yield myself to your word and the Holy Spirit and I declare that am walking in your will even as regards my financial pursuits. In Jesus name. Amen

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Rev 3:17-18

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Deut 26-27

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 7

GOD WANTS YOU HEALTHY

“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth” 3 John 1:2

Acts 10:38 gives a remarkable eye opening testimony of Jesus' earthly ministry **“*how God anointed Jesus Christ of Nazareth that he went about doing good and healing those who were oppressed by the devil for God was with him*”**. This reveals God's verdict on sickness. God wants you well and sound in health. He was healing people letting you know He was not responsible for their sickness. Our theme scripture concurs with this truth. Your physical body is God's house (1 Corinthians 6:19). Be very conscious that God lives in you. Now think of how people go to the extreme in making sure that their houses are suitably habitable. If men can think that way how about God knowing that through us He shows himself to the world.

Moses told the children of Israel God's word in Exodus 23:25, **“*And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee*”**. This shows you God never wanted them to be sick. It makes no difference the way you feel today. Deuteronomy 7:15 records Moses' insight into the life the children of Israel were to live in the Promised Land. He said, **“*And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you knew, will he inflict on you, but he will lay them on all who hate you*”**. Do you know that as a child of God you are in God's Promised Land? It is the land of your heritage in Christ. Ephesian 1:11 confirms that in Christ we have obtained an inheritance. Hallelujah.

CONFESSION

Today I affirm that my good health is God's will. My life is disease and sickness free. I am sound and strong in body, in Jesus' name. Amen

FURTHER STUDY

3 John 1:2

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Deut 28; Luk 6

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Lev 8

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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