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KJV - King James Version
NIV - New International Version
AMP - The Amplified Bible
CEV - Contemporary English Version
MSG - The Message Translation
ISV - International Standard Version
NASB - New American Standard Bible
TEV - Today's English Version
RSV - Revised Standard Version
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“It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” John 6:63

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ABOUT SPIRIT AND LIFE DEVOTIONAL

Spirit & Life Devotional is more than a devotional, EVERY MESSAGE IS A PROPHECY, communicating God's NOW word; God's perfect will for our lives as individuals, nations and the Church.

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ABOUT PROPHETIC DECLARATIONS

Hebrews 13:5-6 says, "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. FOR HE HIMSELF HAS SAID, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." SO WE MAY BOLDLY SAY: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

You see, whenever God speaks we are expected to speak in agreement with Him. When God speaks, they come to pass as we put those same words in our mouths. When God speaks, His words are meant to inspire us to say the right things, and as we do, God is obligated to bring them to pass.

The Bible says that the word of God is the spirit of prophecy. We have included prophetic declarations in the devotionals, don't just read them, open your mouth and prophesy! They will all come to pass in Jesus name. Amen.

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Wednesday, 1 November 2017

No Incomplete Work

"So the creation of the heavens and the earth and everything in them was completed." Genesis 2:1

God never abandons whatever He begins. It's consistent with His nature to finish whatever He begins: Jesus said to the disciples that He had to finish the work that He came to the earth to do, and when He was done, He said that it was finished.

Philippians 1:6 says, "And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." In the same way, we are certain that God will finish the good work which He began in our lives.

Sometimes, when something is started, it starts well, then somewhere along the line it looks like it may not get completed, for different reasons; e.g. lack of resources. Once God is involved you have nothing to worry about! He who led the Israelites out of Egypt led them safely and successfully to the Promised Land! Hallelujah!

Prophetic Declaration

I declare in agreement with the word of God for today, that God will complete every good work which He began in my life. Therefore, I have no worries and doubts; I know that God is faithful and that He will do it. Amen.

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Thursday, 2 November 2017

Not an Earthly Kingdom

"Jesus answered, 'My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world.'" John 18:36

We belong to the kingdom of God, and even though we are in this world, we must live with the consciousness that we are not of this earthly kingdom.

When Satan tempted Jesus, the Bible says that he showed Jesus all the kingdoms of this world, saying, "I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them, because they are mine to give to anyone I please. I will give it all to you if you will worship me." Luke 4:5-7. Did you see that? Satan said that the kingdoms of the world belong to him and that he could give them to anyone he likes. And Jesus did not object to it. The Bible calls Satan the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4). You now know why it's easy for the ungodly to prosper, especially when they have sacrificed their souls to the devil and made covenants with him.

That's why we shouldn't love the world as believers. 1 John 2:15 says, "Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you." We shouldn't be like Demas who forsook Paul and the ministry because of the things of the world. While we can have the things of the world, we should live by the principles of the kingdom of God rather than devilish principles of the world. Amen.

Prophetic Declaration

I live by the word of God, as a citizen of the kingdom of God. I do not love the world neither do I live by the principles and wisdom of the world. Never will I forsake the things of God because of the things of the world; God is always first in my life. Amen.

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Friday, 3 November 2017

Financed By God

"So I answered them, and said to them, 'The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem.'" Nehemiah 2:20 NKJV

The importance of money cannot be overemphasized. There are different levels of need. You can have money for food and be satisfied; you can have money for fees, clothes, rent and vacation and be fine; but when you have big visions, money becomes very important.

Big projects require big budgets. The bigger your plans, the more money you need to make them a reality. That's why even people worth billions of dollars still have to borrow money from the banks!

Don't be intimidated by the size of your visions, especially if they are God-given visions. For every divine vision there's divine provision. When God sends you, He will surely support you.

Don't wait until you have all the money you need before you start: in dealing with God you must learn to walk by faith. Start with whatever you have, and trust God to supply the rest as time goes on. Believe in your vision and work hard to make it a reality. God Himself will prosper you, and you will arise and build.

Prophetic Declaration

My God will supply all my needs, according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus. There's divine provision for my vision; I am financed supernaturally by the unlimited resources of God. Amen.

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Saturday, 4 November 2017

A Pure and Blameless Life

"For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return." Philippians 1:10

We like to say that no one is perfect. We even say confidently that no one can be perfect: but Apostle Paul seemed to think otherwise.

It was so difficult keeping the commandments of God in the Old Testament; but interestingly, two people were said to be blameless: Zechariah and Elizabeth, the parents of John the Baptist. Luke 1:6 says, "And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless."

Do we really have genuine excuses in this dispensation of grace? Sin no longer has dominion over us, so should living pure and blameless lives be something that we cannot do? If Zechariah and Elizabeth could do it under the Old Testament we surely can!

Brothers and sisters, we've got to take our relationship with God seriously. God's standard of holiness has not changed. The Bible still contains Hebrews 12:14 which says that without holiness, no one will see the Lord. Amen.

Prophetic Declaration

I am a new creature in Christ, born again by the incorruptible seed. Therefore, it is possible for me to live a pure and blameless life. Sin has no dominion over me; I am walking in the Spirit, I do not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. My life is for the glory of God. Amen.

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Sunday, 5 November 2017

Loving Righteousness

"You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions." Psalms 45:7 NKJV

Righteousness is both a nature and a way of life. In the Old Testament, they did not have the nature of righteousness; in the New Testament, however, we are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah!

Therefore we ought to live righteously. Living right as a Christian should be as easy as it is for a dog to bark. Dogs don't struggle to bark; their nature makes them bark. In the same way, we should live righteously because of our new nature.

A new creature should not love sin: sin should make him very uncomfortable; sin is something that the new man should resist passionately. We should love righteousness and doing righteousness should give us joy. A man or woman who loves righteousness attracts the favour of God that sets him apart from others.

Prophetic Declaration

I love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, my God, is anointing me with the oil of gladness more than my companions, in Jesus name. Amen.

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Monday, 6 November 2017

Abound In Everything

**"But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us— see that you abound in this grace also." II Corinthians 8:7
NKJV**

To abound in everything is to be "good" at everything, so to say: it means that you pray very well as you should, your faith is as strong as it ought to be, you love like God, you speak gracefully, you give cheerfully and bountifully, and you work as diligently as you should. Is it possible for someone to be that good? Yes!

Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." I Timothy 4:12. If Timothy could, why can't we?

That's what it actually means to grow and mature in the things of God and to become like Christ. We must continue to work on ourselves, and allow the Holy Spirit produce the life of Christ in us. Walk in wisdom, walk in love, live by faith, live righteously, win souls, give, pray, support the weak, speak the word of God, manifest the power of God - abound in everything!

Prophetic Declaration

I declare that from today, I am abounding in everything; I am growing in faith and in spirit; the nature of God is being fully developed in me; day by day I am becoming like Christ! Amen.

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Tuesday, 7 November 2017

God Is Trying To Get Your Attention

"So two or three cities wandered to another city to drink water, but they were not satisfied; yet you have not returned to Me,' says the Lord." Amos 4:8 NKJV

The relationship God had with the Israelites was quite special; they were a chosen people, loved by God, and set apart for Himself among other people of the world. God was faithful to His covenant with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, but the Israelites were not always faithful. And because of their unfaithfulness God made them uncomfortable through different means, just to get their attention and draw them back to Himself, but they wouldn't.

God sent Amos to them, saying, "I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places; yet you have not returned to Me. I also withheld rain from you, when there were still three months to the harvest. I made it rain on one city, I withheld rain from another city. One part was rained upon, and where it did not rain the part withered. I blasted you with blight and mildew. When your gardens increased, your vineyards, your fig trees, and your olive trees, the locust devoured them; yet you have not returned to Me, says the Lord."

God did all that to them just to get their attention. It still happens today; there are times in our lives when God tries to get our attention, and bring us back to Himself when we are deviating from the right path. We shouldn't disregard those signs; instead we should retrace our steps and do what's right. Amen.

Prophetic Declaration

I am walking in the way of the Lord; I live a life that pleases the Lord; my life is for the glory of God. Amen.

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Wednesday, 8 November 2017

Not Too Sinful For Jesus

"But the people were displeased. 'He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,' they grumbled." Luke 19:7

Zacchaeus was the chief tax collector in the region he lived, and he became very rich through his work. Like you have corrupt public officials today, who have enriched themselves from the public purse. But Zacchaeus loved Jesus! He had heard about Jesus and he wanted to see Him as He passed by.

Zacchaeus had to climb a tree just to see Jesus. That's how much seeing Jesus meant to him. You know, Jesus never ignored such men and women who had a hunger for Him, and it didn't matter to Jesus if they were the "best" or "worst" sinners. Jesus got to where Zacchaeus was, looked up, and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" He said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today."

You can imagine how displeased the holier than thou people around Jesus were, that Jesus was going to spend time with a sinner. But Jesus wasn't concerned about His "ratings" among men; He stayed with Zacchaeus.

You're never too sinful for Jesus; no one is. It doesn't matter what you've done, if you invite Jesus into your heart He wouldn't think twice about accepting your invitation. Why not invite Jesus now?

Prophetic Declaration

I invite and welcome Jesus into my heart today: I know that I am a sinner and unworthy of God's mercies, but Jesus died and rose from the dead for my salvation and justification. I surrender my life to Christ today, and make Jesus the Lord of my life. From now, I declare that I am born again! Hallelujah!

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Thursday, 9 November 2017

The Lord Is Good

"The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. He is close to those who trust in him." Nahum 1:7

When we say that God is good, it's more than saying that He's "nice"; it means that He is kind, generous, compassionate, dependable and that He has integrity.

It is for those reasons that He is a strong refuge when trouble comes. There are people who have the ability to help but don't, because they are not good. But God is good! We can always count on Him to deliver us. Hallelujah.

Nahum 1:7 says that God is close to those who trust Him. He's never far away, He's always around and available. He actually lives within us! Jesus promised to be with us always, even unto the end of the world.

God is too good to fail and disappoint us. Psalm 46:1 and 2 says, "God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea." It doesn't matter what you're going through right now; God is good! He will surely deliver you. Trust Him.

Prophetic Declaration

My God is good, therefore I will not fret over anything; my faith in Him is strong and unshakable because I know He is faithful and compassionate, always willing and ready to help. Hallelujah!

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Friday, 10 November 2017

Don't Be Deceived

"Don't be so easily shaken or alarmed by those who say that the day of the Lord has already begun. Don't believe them, even if they claim to have had a spiritual vision, a revelation, or a letter supposedly from us." 2 Thessalonians 2:2

Deception is easy, especially when people use the name of the Lord or claim to have had some spiritual experiences. But as believers, our faith is rooted on the word of God and not on anything else. Spiritual experiences are good, but they are not the foundation of our faith.

It's also not enough for people to quote scriptures; scriptures must be properly interpreted. It's amazing that there are people who deceive with the Bible! We've got to be careful. That's why every one of us must grow in knowledge.

The Bible says that we should no longer be children tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine. There are so many doctrines today that are of man and untrue. There are heresies too. Heresies are dangerous and capable of destroying our faith and giving us a false sense of security. May we never be deceived, in Jesus name. Amen.

Prophetic Declaration

I was saved by the truth, therefore I live by the truth and I am grounded in the truth. I refuse to be deceived and easily shaken by deceivers and spiritual scammers; I am growing in knowledge and guided by the Holy Spirit into all truth. Amen.

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Saturday, 11 November 2017

Speaking Believers

"But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, 'I believed in God, so I spoke.'" 2 Corinthians 4:13

When you believe, you have to speak. Faith is in the heart but it has to be expressed through words and actions. Faith is activated when expressed.

What you say is very important: life and death is in the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21). James 3:3-5 reveals that though the tongue is small, its effect on a man's life is enormous.

God will do what you say. God said to the Israelites, "As surely as I live, I will do to you the very things I heard you say." Numbers 14:28. Therefore, to get God's word fulfilled in your life, you must learn to speak in agreement with His word.

Speak into existence whatever you want to see. Use God's word to create the life you want. Don't rely on what you see (your job or business), speak them into being!

Prophetic Declaration

I have the God-kind of faith; I believe and therefore speak. From today, I speak in agreement with the word of God, and whatever I say will come to pass. Amen.

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Sunday, 12 November 2017

Offering the Sacrifices of Thanksgiving

**"Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and sing joyfully about his glorious acts."
Psalms 107:22**

God is good and His goodness is undeniable. Many are His wondrous works. The redeemed of the Lord must say so. When God does anything for you, you are expected to testify. Our testimonies glory God. Those who amplify the goodness of God will continue to testify.

Hebrews 13:15 says, "Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name." You see, the sacrifice of praise must be a continual one. God is always doing good things for us; praising Him must be a habit.

Don't praise Him with only your lips, praise Him with your substance. Psalm 96:8 says, "Give to the Lord the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his courts." See giving to God as something fantastic. That's one thing we have refused to learn in the New Testament. In the Old Testament they gave all manner of offerings; it was a lifestyle and God blessed them for it. Learn to honour God with your substance.

Prophetic Declaration

I will offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving with my mouth and with my substance: God's goodness in my life is undeniable; I will let the world know how good God really is.
Amen.

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Monday, 13 November 2017

God Has Opened Doors for You

"I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me." Revelation 3:8

Jesus introduced Himself to the church in Philadelphia as the One who is holy and true, the One who has the key of David. And He said to them, "What He opens, no one can close; and what He closes, no one can open." Hallelujah!

Open doors refer to opportunities. Open doors refer to supernatural assistance or divine favour, to enable us possess, accomplish, and fulfill both our personal and spiritual assignments.

Apostle Paul said, "When I came to the city of Troas to preach the Good News of Christ, the Lord opened a door of opportunity for me." 2 Corinthians 2:12. This week, doors are open for you, in Jesus name! Those doors that men closed in wickedness and envy, God will open them for you, in Jesus name! Amen.

Prophetic Declaration

I declare that I am walking into open doors this week. I see opportunities everywhere I go. Favour is my portion wherever I find myself, in Jesus name. Amen.

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Tuesday, 14 November 2017

A Choice to Rejoice

"Always be joyful." 1 Thessalonians 5:16

Being happy and joyful is a choice. It's practically impossible to be happy and joyful at all times because of the numerous challenges of life; to rejoice always can only happen by choice.

Yes, you can be happy and joyful irrespective of what's going on. Apostle Paul said, "Our hearts ache, but we always have joy. We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. We own nothing, and yet we have everything." 2 Corinthians 6:10. He also said, "I have great confidence in you; I take great pride on your behalf. I am filled with encouragement; I am overflowing with joy in the midst of all our suffering." 2 Corinthians 7:4 NET

Despite heart aches and suffering, Apostle was able to overflow with joy! Joy is within every one of us because it is a fruit of the Spirit, but expressing it is a choice that you and I must make. We must live beyond our circumstances and predicaments; we must choose to rejoice!

Prophetic Declaration

I have the joy of the Lord in me; therefore it is not difficult for me to be happy and joyful. Irrespective of what's happening around me, I choose today to rejoice. I won't let anyone or anything rob me of my joy; I live above the storms of life. Amen.

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Wednesday, 15 November 2017

All Things Work Together For Good

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." Romans 8:28

We live by knowledge in the kingdom of God. Get to a point where you are full of revelation. Don't just have knowledge; let knowledge produce faith in you. That's when it becomes profitable for you.

Sometimes, there's a difference between what ought to be and what is. In other words, there are times when the things that happen in our lives seem contrary to what we expect based on the word of God that we believe and profess.

You've got to understand that God is always in control. It doesn't matter what's happening, or what anyone is trying to do, God is always in control! If the rulers of this world had understood it, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord!

Stop trying to understand situations with your human mind, and stop seeing from a human perspective; see through the mind of God. All things are working together for your good!

Prophetic Declaration

I declare in agreement with the word of God that all things are working together for my good. I do not worry or fret, I know that God is in control. Even when men are trying to hurt me, God will turn it around for my good! Amen.

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Thursday, 16 November 2017

The Resurrection and the Life

**"Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, 'Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.'"
John 11:3 NKJV**

Jesus loved Lazarus, yet Lazarus was sick. God's love for us does not exempt us from the trials and challenges of this life. When you are going through tough times, that's not the time to think that God does not love you.

Everything that happens to you is for the glory of God. It includes the good and the bad; God will use them all for His glory. You know, God has a different opinion about what you are experiencing. They said that Lazarus was dead, but Jesus said that he was only sleeping! Learn the language of God. Don't comfort me yet, wait until God is done with me! Don't cry for me now, Jesus is on the way; it is not over until He says so!

Your knowledge of God is your anchor in times of trouble and challenges. Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. He can rewrite your story; He can revive whatever is dead; He can unlock all closed doors, find missing files, unravel mysteries, and reopen closed cases. Hallelujah!

Prophetic Declaration

My Lord Jesus Christ is the Resurrection and the Life, therefore I know without a doubt, that whatever is dead and buried in my life will rise again. Dry bones; receive life, in the name of Jesus! Amen.

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Friday, 17 November 2017

Be Strong

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." Ephesians 6:10 NKJV

Strength is a quality that every believer must have, especially in these last days. It is the ability to withstand force and pressure. It's almost impossible to survive and live the Christian life without strength in today's world of countless opposing forces and temptations.

Strength is not just the ability to withstand; it is also the ability to exert force on something. We must proactively push our way through certain barriers. It takes force to possess your possessions, to deliver the oppressed, to preach the gospel, occupy territories and bear burdens of the weak.

1 Corinthians 16:13 says, "Watch, stand fast in faith, be brave, be strong." David said to Solomon, "I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and prove yourself a man." 1 Kings 2:2. This is not just about being strong mentally and physically, the Bible says that we should be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might! Put on the whole armour of God; be strong.

Prophetic Declaration

I am growing strong in spirit. I dress up in the whole armour of God. I am not a weak Christian; I am being built everyday by the word of God and prayer. Amen.

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Saturday, 18 November 2017

Entrusted To God and To the Word

“So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” Acts 20:32 NKJV

Understand the importance of your soul and the preciousness of the salvation that you received. 2 Peter 1:1 calls it a precious faith. We were purchased by the precious blood of the Lamb; it's not something that we should esteem lightly.

The responsibility to protect our salvation is ours. 1 Timothy 1:19 NLT says, "Cling to your faith in Christ." And then it says that the faith of some have been shipwrecked, that is, ruined and destroyed.

You are only safe in God and in the word. Men can lead you astray; men can confuse and exploit you; only God and His word is true. Make God your friend, enter into a sweet fellowship with the Holy Spirit, meditate on the Scriptures all the time and let the Holy Spirit give you proper interpretation of it.

Prophetic Declaration

I'm grateful for the precious faith which I received from the Lord, I do not take my salvation for granted, I am clinging strongly to my faith. Amen.

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Sunday, 19 November 2017

Speaking In Other Tongues

"And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability." Acts of the Apostles 2:4

There are two ways to pray: praying with our understanding, and praying with our spirits. When we pray with our understanding, we pray in languages that we understand or speak regularly; and when we pray with our spirits, we pray in languages that we do not understand or learned. It can either be human languages or languages of angels.

1 Corinthians 14:14-15 says, "For if I pray in tongues, my spirit is praying, but I don't understand what I am saying. Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand."

When we speak or pray in tongues, the human mind does not understand what we are saying, but God understands us. Speaking in tongues also edifies our inner man. The first part of 1 Corinthians 14:4 says, "A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally." The New King James Version says, "He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself." We must make it a habit to pray in other tongues; that way we are always strong, and we continue to grow in strength. Hallelujah.

Prophetic Declaration

I am grateful to God for the ability to pray in other tongues. I do not ignore the gift of God in me. From today, I will begin to pray with my spirit like never before, as the Holy Spirit gives me utterance. Amen.

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Monday, 20 November 2017

A Life of Favour

"Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever." Psalms 23:6

Favour means "acceptance; kindness; leaning towards to share a benefit." This immediately lets us know that we can't enjoy favour without God's presence. When God favours a man, He has first leaned toward that man. Wow! That's why the Bible says, "But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison." Genesis 39:21. Favour is a product of the presence.

Jesus enjoyed favour from birth. Luke 2:52 says that He grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people. That's a life of favour! Same thing Samuel enjoyed: "And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the Lord and men." I Samuel 2:26

Favour makes you the preferred one. Favour makes people give to you willingly. Favour causes you to have things without stress. Psalm 44:3 says, "For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, nor did their own arm save them; but it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, because You favored them."

Psalm 30:5a says, "For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime!" You will enjoy divine favour all your life, in Jesus name! Amen.

Prophetic Declaration

Just like Jesus, I am growing in favour everyday with God and with all men. From today, I declare that I am the preferred one wherever I am. Rules and protocols are broken for my sake; and I get results without sweat, in Jesus name. Amen.

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Tuesday, 21 November 2017

Having Good Success

"Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do." Joshua 1:8

Success is the achievement of something desired, planned or attempted. Success begins with having goals, desires and plans. There's got to be a target; an expectation; an aim. Success is measurable: it is a journey from point A to point B.

Success can be either tangible or intangible, because some desires and goals are intangible. Every child of God should succeed in whatever they do, especially when they are in the will of God for their lives.

Success is never accidental. People may stumble upon wealth, but not into success. Success happens when you take the right steps and do what has to be done. There might be obstacles and challenges, but if you persist you will surely succeed. You will succeed, in Jesus name. Amen.

Prophetic Declaration

I am a child of God and a product of the word, therefore I am destined to succeed in all I do. Failure is an alien to me from today. I do not operate by the wisdom of men; I function by the wisdom of God. When others around me fail, God will help me succeed. I enjoy the help of God, therefore success is guaranteed! Amen.

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Wednesday, 22 November 2017

Success by the Word

"But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it." James 1:25

A person who doesn't meditate on the word and doesn't do it has already limited himself. Doing the word, all of it not some of it, guarantees success in all you do.

Those who delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night, are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season; their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do! (Psalms 1:2-3)

We must become addicted doers of the word. We were born by the word, we must live by the word. We must never take our eyes off the word of God; we must not be distracted by the numerous opinions of men and women who have no regard for the word and the ways of God. The word of God is our wisdom; it is our life; and doing it faithfully is our assurance of success.

Prophetic Declaration

I am a doer of the word of God and not a hearer only. I live by the word every day. Therefore, I am like a tree along the riverbank; I succeed in all I do; I am fruitful, and I am exceedingly blessed!

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Thursday, 23 November 2017

Wisdom Brings Success

"If the ax is dull, and one does not sharpen the edge, then he must use more strength; but wisdom brings success." Ecclesiastes 10:10 NKJV

Success comes as we apply the wisdom of God in our work and other activities. You cannot apply the wisdom of God to the affairs of life and end up a failure: it's impossible. The wisdom of man may fail, but the wisdom of God never disappoints.

The Bible says, "When wisdom enters your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul, discretion will preserve you; understanding will keep you." Proverbs 2:10-11. Wisdom preserves, and wisdom keeps. A person who operates by the wisdom of God is kept from making mistakes and preserved from failure and losses. Wisdom is a teacher: you've got to yield yourself to the wisdom of God.

Wisdom is available for every believer. Proverbs 2:6-7 says, "For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly." We have unlimited access to the treasures of God's wisdom, therefore we have no business with failure and mediocrity!

Prophetic Declaration

Sound wisdom is mine; I operate by the divine wisdom of God. I am preserved and kept by the wisdom of God; I do not make silly and costly mistakes; success is mine in all I do, in Jesus name. Amen.

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Friday, 24 November 2017

Prayer for Success

"Then he said, 'O Lord God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham.'" Genesis 24:12 NKJV

Prayer is talking to God. That's what it really is. It's opening the door of our lives to supernatural interventions. Prayer is an expression of our reliance on God; it is also a manifestation of our humility before the Lord.

A man who doesn't pray is proud and arrogant; by his actions he's saying that he doesn't need God, and that he can achieve anything without divine assistance. When we don't pray, we're trusting in our own intelligence and abilities, and we are saying that we know it all.

People who pray succeed. Prayer must be a daily habit. Every day is different from the previous one. Every day comes with its own challenges and needs. We need God every single day of our lives, not only on Sundays. When we pray God hears us, and He honours our invitation; He abides with us, He supports us, and He tells us what to do. You can achieve success by simply asking God to help you. Ask, and it shall be given unto you.

Prophetic Declaration

O Lord my God, please give me success this day, and show kindness to me. Amen.

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Saturday, 25 November 2017

Avoiding Destructive Errors

"Jesus answered and said to them, 'You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.'" Matthew 22:29 NKJV

People make mistakes that cost them so much: Nadab and Abihu offered strange fire before the Lord and they died instantly (Numbers 26:61); Miriam spoke out against Moses the man of God, and even though she was his elder sister, God punished her with leprosy for seven days (Numbers 12:1-10). Moses and Aaron were also punished for their error: they were supposed to speak to the rock for water to come out, but in anger Moses struck the rock twice. Both of them did not enter the promised land (Numbers 20:8-12).

The most painful and shocking one was that of Uzzah. They were taking the Ark of God to Jerusalem, and somewhere along the way, the oxen that was being used to carry the Ark stumbled. Uzzah innocently tried to prevent the Ark from falling to the ground, and the Bible says that "the anger of the Lord was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God." II Samuel 6:7. David and his men were in error by moving the Ark using oxen; they did not know until after Uzzah died.

People err, and suffer the consequences of their errors because of ignorance. Having zeal is great, but it's quite dangerous without knowledge of the scriptures. Uzzah was zealous; David was zealous; but they were ignorant of the Law. Proverbs 19:2 says, "Also it is not good for a soul to be without knowledge, and he sins who hastens with his feet."

Spiritual matters are to be taken seriously. Apostle Paul said to the Corinthians, "For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep (die)." I Corinthians 11:30

Prophetic Declaration

Father, may I never be a victim of spiritual errors. Lord teach me your ways and your word; guide me by your Spirit, and may your grace and mercy preserve me from judgement. Amen.

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Sunday, 26 November 2017

Spreading the Knowledge of Christ Everywhere

"But thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in Christ's triumphal procession. Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume." 2 Corinthians 2:14

A lot of people, even Christians, are busy spreading gossip, news about the government, musicians and politicians; when something happens they are the first to publish it; they never lack gist, but those same guys never preach the gospel or tell anyone about Jesus.

It's the duty of everyone of us to spread the knowledge of Christ. You see, the gospel is all about Jesus. God, in His great love, gave us Jesus to die for our sins, and Jesus too, willing laid down His life for us. Jesus did not only save us from sin, He gave us good health; He gave us eternal life, He gave us hope, made it possible for us to prosper, reconciled us with the Father, justified us, gave us the Holy Spirit, and so much more!

We can't keep such a message to ourselves! The whole world must hear about Jesus and what He did for humanity. Don't assume that they know: even if they have heard about Jesus, it's our responsibility to get them into a relationship with Jesus. We must not let people die in their sins and in ignorance; there's a lifeline; there's deliverance for them from the devil; there's healing and prosperity for them; and there's true love for them in Christ! We must tell them!

Prophetic Declaration

I make myself available today, to be used by God to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere. I will always talk about Jesus and I will use everything I've got to promote the gospel. Amen.

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Monday, 27 November 2017

It Could Have Been Worse

"What if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us?" Psalms 124:2

When things happen to us, or when we find ourselves in unpleasant situations, we begin to ask God questions, and it seems to us that God is not with us. We often do not realize that things could have been worse if God was not on our side.

Maybe your like Job; you've lost everything and you're afflicted with boils; but you're still alive; it could have been worse!

Maybe you're like Peter; imprisoned by Herod; and you're wondering why you're in such a terrible place. Peter, remember that James was beheaded only a few weeks ago: but you're still alive; it could have been worse.

Did you lose your job? Thank God you didn't lose your leg! No food to eat? Thank God you have a place to sleep! Brothers and sisters, there's always something to be grateful for! It could have been worse if God was not on your side.

And I have good news for you today! It is getting better! Deliverance is coming! Help is coming! Solution is coming! Your miracle is on the way! As long as you are alive, the best is yet to come! Say Amen!

Prophetic Declaration

I choose to rejoice despite what has happened; it could have been worse but God delivered me. I won't be here for too long; my best days are ahead; the best is yet to come; things are getting better!

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Tuesday, 28 November 2017

Don't Limit God

"And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief." Matthew 13:58

God wants to do so much for us. God can do anything for us, because He can. There's no limit to what He can do; there's nothing He's not willing to give us; but many times He can't because of our unbelief.

You've got to understand how God operates. Without faith, it is impossible to please Him or to receive from Him. God doesn't operate based on sentiments: He responds to faith. James said, "But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord." James 1:6-7

It's good to pray, but it's not enough to pray. There's really no need praying if you are not praying in faith because you will not receive from God. Prayer is only effective when we have a revelation of God's power and ability. Nothing is impossible for Him! Nothing is difficult for Him!

Prophetic Declaration

I believe God. I believe that He can do anything; nothing is impossible for Him.

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Wednesday, 29 November 2017

Calling Upon the Lord

"And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Ē' nosh. Then men began to call on the name of the Lord." Genesis 4:26 NKJV

Billions of people prayer every blessed day, including people who you don't expect to pray. Men, since the beginning of the world have realized their need for God. Man was made to depend on God. But just because we pray doesn't mean that God always responds. I discovered from the scriptures that there are certain men that God responds to swiftly.

God responds swiftly to the call of a thankful man. Psalm 116:17 says, "I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord."

God responds swiftly to a man who loves Him. Psalm 91:14-16 says, "The Lord says, 'I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them. I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation.'"

God responds swiftly to a man who's holy. Zechariah 13:9 says, "I will bring that group through the fire and make them pure. I will refine them like silver and purify them like gold. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'These are my people,' and they will say, 'The Lord is our God.'"

And God responds swiftly to a person who helps the needy. Isaiah 58:1-11.

Prophetic Declaration

From today, I will be thankful, I will live a holy life, I will help the needy, and I will love the Lord with all my heart. Amen.

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Thursday, 30 November 2017

Not Forsaken

"Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me." Psalms 23:4

God promised that He would never leave us nor forsake us.

He will not forsake us in time of need. Psalm 9:18 says, "But the needy will not be ignored forever; the hopes of the poor will not always be crushed."

He will not forsake us in times of trouble and challenges. Isaiah 43:2 says, "When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you."

He will not forsake us as we work. 1 Chronicles 28:20 says, "Then David continued, 'Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Don't be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. He will see to it that all the work related to the Temple of the Lord is finished correctly.'"

And He will not forsake us in times of persecution. 2 Corinthians 4:9. "We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed." Hallelujah!

Prophetic Declaration

I am never alone, God is always with me. Men may abandon and forsake me, but Jesus is always with me. Therefore I am safe, and because God is with me, success is mine. Amen.

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