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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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The messages in this devotional are inspired by the Holy Spirit and are God's now word to you. However, please note that this is not meant to be a substitute for serious personal Bible studies. All readers are strongly encouraged to be as the Berean believers who, "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Acts 17:11 KJV.

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ABOUT SPIRIT AND LIFE DEVOTIONAL

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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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Friday, 1 December 2017

Seeking The Lord

"The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing." Psalms 34:10 NKJV

To seek is to search for something or someone. It's obvious that the Lord wants to be sought after. It's an attitude: how much of Him do we really want? It's not enough to say that you are born again, what's the quality of your relationship with the Lord?

Psalm 42:1 says, "As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God."
Psalm 63:1 and 6 says, "O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through the night."

You've got to want Him. You've got to desire His presence. You've got to want to be with Him. This is not about praying as a mere religious activity, it's having a real relationship with the Lord. How excited are you about going to the house of God to fellowship with other believers and with the Lord? Many believers go to church and have their devotions only when it's convenient for them. Don't act that way.

God rewards those who seek Him wholeheartedly. The Bible says that they will not lack any good thing. We don't seek God for what we can get from Him, but we can't seek Him without being blessed by Him. He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).

Prophetic Declaration

I will seek the Lord with all my heart: from today I have become a God chaser. Amen.

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Saturday, 2 December 2017

It's Your Time

“Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.” Acts 13:36 NIV

There's you; and there's God's purpose for you which must be fulfilled here and now. We live only once: so we've got to do whatever God assigned to us while we are alive in this world.

Listen, this is your time. It's not Apostle Paul's time; it's not Moses' time; it's not Henry Ford's time; neither is it Thomas Edison's time: as great as they were, this is not their time, it's our time!

You've got to discover God's specific purpose for your life. His purpose is His will or His work for you. God said to Jeremiah, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” That was God's purpose for prophet Jeremiah; you've got to discover yours.

Prophetic Declaration

I will not die until I have fulfilled the purpose of God for my life. My purpose is being made clear to me day by day; this is my time, and I will make the most of it; my generation will feel my impact for God. Amen.

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Sunday, 3 December 2017

Jesus, The Accursed Of God For Our Sake

Deuteronomy 21:22-23 says, "If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who is hanged is accursed of God."

Did you see that? He who is hanged is accursed of God. Here's what it means to be accursed: "to be consigned to damnation, perdition or misery." It is to be declared evil or cursed by the authority.

Now, look at Galatians 3:13-14. It says, "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

Think about any reason why we should be cursed; Jesus became accursed for us! That's why the man and woman in Christ CANNOT be cursed for any reason! I wish we could get this simple revelation! If you get it, you would never feel threatened by curses! God is not cursing us! How could He? We are in Christ! He can't curse His Son!!! And Jesus has suffered for us! We are forever and ever and ever, and ever BLESSED! Hallelujah!!!

Prophetic Declaration

I am blessed, and I can never be cursed. Jesus redeemed me from the curse, therefore I am blessed forever in Him. Amen.

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Monday, 4 December 2017

Confessing The Word

"The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences." Proverbs 18:21

To confess means to "assent to", "to say the same thing." When you confess, you express approval or agreement. Amos 3:3 teaches us that people must agree for them to walk together. God's word is powerful, but you must agree with it by saying the same thing for it to produce results in your life.

Ephesians 6:17 says that the word of God is the sword of the Spirit. Meaning that we won't win until we start speaking the word! The Holy Spirit uses our confessions to fight for us. Winners have a habit of confessing the word of God.

Say what you want to happen, and say what you want to be. God will honour your confession if you believe what you say. Mark 11:23 says, "I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart." Amen.

Prophetic Declaration

I shall not die but live to declare the goodness of God. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. My path shines brighter and brighter; I declare that all is well with me! Amen.

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Tuesday, 5 December 2017

Issuing Decrees

"You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; so light will shine on your ways." Job 22:28 NKJV

A decree is a formal and authoritative order, especially one having the force of law. It is an official order given by a person with power.

We have power and authority in the name of Jesus. Acts 1:8 says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." We are kings on earth. We reign and rule by issuing decrees, not by begging. A king's command is backed by great power, no one can resist or question it (Ecclesiastes 8:4).

When you issue a decree your word will surely come to pass. Joshua commanded the sun and moon to stand still and they did! Elijah decreed that there would be no rain for three years and so it was!

Our authority is of God so He honours our decrees. Matthew 16:19 says, "And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven." And Jesus said, according to Matthew 18:18, "I tell you the truth, whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven." Hallelujah!

Prophetic Declaration

My words are powerful. I am a king, therefore whatever I say will surely come to pass: heaven will honour my decrees as I exercise my authority in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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Wednesday, 6 December 2017

Wisdom For Providing Solutions

"And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had rendered; and they feared the king, for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to administer justice." I Kings 3:28 NKJV

There's solution for many problems of life, what we need is the wisdom of God. The reason why a lot of us are struggling is because we lack sufficient wisdom to live the victorious and glorious life.

Isn't it amazing that wisdom was a criterion for choosing men to serve food in the Early Church? The apostles said to the people, "We apostles should spend our time teaching the word of God, not running a food program. And so, brothers, select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will give them this responsibility. Then we apostles can spend our time in prayer and teaching the word." Acts of the Apostles 6:2-4

If they needed wisdom for a food program, we certainly need wisdom for our relationships, ministries, jobs and businesses, leadership and governance, raising children, and so on. Wisdom is the principal thing; we've got to desire more and more of it. Amen.

Prophetic Declaration

I declare today that the wisdom of God is in me. It is growing in me every day, it is manifesting in everything I do, and becoming evident to all. Amen.

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Thursday, 7 December 2017

Growing In Grace

"Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen." 2 Peter 3:18

I define grace as the all-purpose power of God! Grace enables us to reign in life; it prospers us; strengthens us; saves, and does much more. That's why we must grow in grace.

Just as we grow in faith and in glory, so must we grow in grace. Acts 4:33 says that great grace was on the Early Church. It wasn't an ordinary grace; it was great. We all have a measure of grace upon our lives, according to 1 Peter 4:10, but it's not all that God has to offer: we must desire more of it.

So how do we grow in grace? Apostle Peter wrote: "May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord." 2 Peter 1:2. We grow in grace through intimacy with God. That's true because you can only know the Lord through a relationship with Him. The more of Him you know, the more grace you get to enjoy. Hallelujah!

Prophetic Declaration

I am growing in grace as I go deeper in my relationship with God. My knowledge of God is increasing continually as I devote more time to fellowship with Him and to be in His presence. Amen.

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Friday, 8 December 2017

The Power Of Determination

"I made a covenant with my eyes not to look with lust at a young woman." Job 31:1

Following Jesus and making heaven requires determination. People who aren't determined will not go very far in the Christian journey. They won't also achieve meaningful success in life and in their pursuits. That's how important it is to be determined.

It's because of determined men and women that we have the gospel today. Believers and ministers of the gospel were greatly persecuted - threatened, killed, imprisoned, tortured and beaten by people who didn't want to see the gospel spread; but their determination ensured that the great commission was fulfilled.

It takes determination to live a holy life. Daniel and his friends determined not to defile themselves with foods offered to idols. Iniquity abounds everywhere in the world - in the offices, schools, on television and the internet, etc - only a determined Christian can resist the numerous temptations to sin against God and compromise.

We can't be double-minded. We can't be friends of God and also friends of the world at the same time. We've got to choose to please God, and be determined to stick with our choices until when we leave this world.

Prophetic Declaration

I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back. Goodbye world, I'm staying no longer with you; goodbye pleasures of sin; I've made up my mind to serve God acceptably. So help me God. Amen.

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Saturday, 9 December 2017

Healing Is The Children's Bread

"But He answered and said, 'It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs.'" Matthew 15:26 NKJV

Healing belongs to every child of God. It's a benefit and a privilege that we enjoy being the sons and daughters of God.

Look at this: a doctor doesn't charge his or her children for treatment; as long as it is something that the doctor can handle, the doctor will spare nothing in ensuring that his child gets better. Also, the child of the doctor doesn't beg the doctor to treat her; the child of the doctor expects to be treated! Now, who's a better parent: God or the doctor? God!

Healing is actually part of the redemption package: Jesus paid for our healing. Isaiah 53:5 says, "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."

If you are sick I want you to know that you don't have to remain sick. You can be healed right now. Don't delay; receive your healing now, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prophetic Declaration

I declare according to the word of God that healing is mine. Jesus paid for my healing, therefore I refuse to be sick. I am healed and made whole, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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Sunday, 10 December 2017

All Things Are Possible

"Jesus said to him, 'If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.'"
Mark 9:23 NKJV

Many times the problem is not a lack of power but a lack of faith. Power is available; but if we must do exploits we must exercise our faith. There was so much power in Jesus and many people were touching Him as He walked through the crowd and nothing happened to any of them; but the woman with the issue of blood touched Him with her faith and she got healed instantly!

God can do anything: for with God nothing is impossible. But for God to act on our behalf we must learn to impress Him with our faith.

Even as individuals, brothers and sisters, we've got so much potentials to achieve amazing things. We doubt our personal abilities; we underestimate ourselves; we allow fear paralyze us and we often set small goals. We must become daring. We must dare to do the impossible! Enough of small thinking! We must strive for greater accomplishments.

Believe; that's the condition that Jesus gave. He said that if we can believe, all things, not some, all things would be possible for us. Hallelujah!

Prophetic Declaration

From today I choose to believe. I am working on my ability to believe; I will dare to believe for greater and even unimaginable deeds. I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Amen.

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Monday, 11 December 2017

Worship: Rendering Acceptable Service

"And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him." Matthew 28:9

The Greek word for worship is latreuo. Latreuo means to render acceptable service. It's to minister to someone. Latreuo is from latric, which means "a hired servant". A Hebrew word for worship is abad. Abad literally means to work in any sense, but by implication, to serve or enslave.

You see, worship is not only about singing slow songs, which is very good and pleasing to God; worship includes every service that we render to Him. That's why it matters what we do for God: every service is an act of worship to Him.

Our attitude to service in the kingdom of God must get better. Indeed, every service we render matters because every service is ultimately unto the Lord. Ephesians 6:5, 7-8 says, "Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ. Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free."

Prophetic Declaration

I will serve with joy and enthusiasm from today; I will serve excellently well at all times; everything I do will be a pleasing and acceptable worship unto the Lord. Amen.

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Tuesday, 12 December 2017

The Fourth Man In The Fire

“Look!’ Nebuchadnezzar shouted. ‘I see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god!’” Daniel 3:25

Fire represents whatever destroys, causes pain, troubles, pressures of life, etc. Three righteous and Godfearing men were thrown into the fire so that they would die, but The Fourth Man appeared, neutralized the power of the fire and the men eventually came out unhurt!

The presence of God is a neutralizer! When the storms were hitting hard on the boat, and the boat was being filled with water, the disciples began to panic not realizing that the Fourth Man who delivered Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego was right there with them! They finally woke Him up and with just one command, Jesus calmed the wind and the storm! Hallelujah!

Greater is He that is with us than whoever is against us! The presence of God makes us indestructible! Listen, God is with you: that's all that matters! God is with you; that's all you need to know! Yes!

Prophetic Declaration

Father I thank You for Your presence that is always with me. I will not fear, because I know that my deliverance is assured. I am not affected in anyway by the heat of this situation; no worries and no pressures: I am coming out victorious, in Jesus name.
Amen.

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Wednesday, 13 December 2017

Helping The Lord

"Let the people of Meroz be cursed,' said the angel of the Lord. 'Let them be utterly cursed, because they did not come to help the Lord — to help the Lord against the mighty warriors.'" Judges 5:23

God cursed the people of Meroz bitterly and utterly because they did not help the Lord's cause. Now, that's very important and noteworthy.

It's obvious that God is displeased when we do nothing to help His cause. In the book of Haggai we read about how God dealt with the Israelites for doing nothing about the temple: "Why are you living in luxurious houses while my house lies in ruins? You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes! You hoped for rich harvests, but they were poor. And when you brought your harvest home, I blew it away. Why? Because my house lies in ruins, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, while all of you are busy building your own fine houses." Haggai 1:4, 6-6, 9-11

Helping the Lord's cause must be our topmost priority. The things of the Lord must come first at all times! When we put God first, He blesses us with His best. Matthew 6:33 says, "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." Amen.

Prophetic Declaration

I will always do my best for God and His kingdom. Meeting the needs of the kingdom have become my passion from today. I will not refrain from supporting the work of God as long as I can. Amen.

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Thursday, 14 December 2017

The Voice Of The Lord

"The voice of the Lord echoes above the sea. The God of glory thunders. The Lord thunders over the mighty sea." Psalms 29:3

The voice of God is one of the manifestations of God. John the beloved said, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me." Revelation 1:10, 12. He heard the voice, and then he turned to see the voice.

Something happens every time God speaks because His voice is very powerful: you can't hear that voice and remain the same. Lazarus was dead for days; he was already smelling, and there was no hope of him ever living again; his grave was sealed. But from beyond this realm, he heard the voice of Jesus and he came back to life!

I speak to whatever is dead and buried in your life; hear the voice of the Lord and live, in the name of Jesus! Job 37:5 says, "God thunders marvelously with His voice; He does great things which we cannot comprehend." As you hear His voice you will see His wonders, in Jesus name! Amen.

Prophetic Declaration

I declare in agreement with the word of God that every dead thing in my life comes to life as I hear the voice of the Lord; today I will see the wonders of God. Amen.

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Friday, 15 December 2017

Thoughts Of Heaven

"Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth." Colossians 3:1-2

Very soon we will go home! Hallelujah!

I hope you're aware that this world is not our permanent abode? Don't be deceived by anyone, we are just pilgrims and strangers here; we are citizens of heaven and soon we would go there! I don't know about you, but the thought of going to heaven excites me!

We're supposed to be more heavenly minded than earthly minded. It's sad that a lot of us are too busy trying to settle down here and it's as though we have lost our vision of heaven. Brothers and sisters, heaven must always be in our thoughts; our minds must meditate continually about the things of heaven, and our spirits must never lose contact and connection with heaven.

The Bible says that we are seated together with Christ in heaven! Isn't that amazing? It certainly is. We can't continue being carnal; our sights and thoughts must be on heaven more of the time. Amen.

Prophetic Declaration

I have been raised to new life with Christ, therefore I set my sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. From today, I am thinking about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. Amen.

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Saturday, 16 December 2017

Inheriting The Kingdom Of God

**"You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world."
Ephesians 5:5**

Inheriting the kingdom of God simply means entering heaven. The first qualification for entering heaven is that a person must be born again. That's what Jesus spent time explaining to Nicodemus; no one will enter heaven without being born again because the carnal sinful nature cannot dwell in such a holy and righteous place. So if you're reading this devotional and you want to enter heaven, you have to be born again by believing in Jesus and making Him the Lord of your life.

After a person is born again, or saved, he has to live right and acceptably here on earth for him to enter into heaven. Brothers and sisters, we must not be deceived: we cannot live however we like, in sin, and expect to inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 says, "Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God."

We've got to live in love, in faith and in holiness. The Bible asks us to keep ourselves in the love of God. You see, we always have a responsibility; we always have a part to play. We must keep our garments clean: Revelations 22:14-15 says, "Blessed are those who wash their robes. They will be permitted to enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life. Outside the city are the dogs—the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idol worshipers, and all who love to live a lie."

Prophetic Declaration

I am born again, therefore I will always live according to my new nature. I will live a life of love, faith and holiness. Amen.

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Sunday, 17 December 2017

The Power Of Unity

"How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!" Psalms 133:1

Unity is "many people being as one". When several broomsticks are joined together they become one. Alone, they can do little, but as a broom they are strong and can accomplish much.

God's desire is for the church, both the local and universal church, to be one. Jesus prayed, "I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me." John 17:21-23

There will be speedy answers to prayers when we pray. When the Early Church prayed in unity God answered in a powerful way. When the church is united, we will experience a powerful manifestation of the glory of the Lord as we praise and worship; we will win our battles, and nothing would be impossible for us. Hallelujah!

Prophetic Declaration

I will stand together with other brethren with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith. I will agree wholeheartedly with others; we will love one another, and work together with one mind and purpose. Amen.

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Monday, 18 December 2017

You And Your House

"But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

God seeks to be the God of your entire household; His desire is to have every member of your family worship and serve Him.

You've got to be concerned about the salvation and spiritual wellbeing of every member of your immediate and extended family. From Hell Fire, the rich man cared so much about his family that he didn't want anyone of them to join him there, but it was too late for him to personally do something about their souls. We still have the opportunity; we must do something now!

Your family must be your priority. Andrew heard about Jesus first, and the Bible says that he "went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which means 'Christ')." John 1:41. Make sure that no member of your family goes to Hell Fire!

Prophetic Declaration

None of my loved ones will perish in the name of Jesus. I will do my best to ensure that they are all saved and prepared for eternal life with God. None of us will fall away by the way, in Jesus name. Amen.

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Tuesday, 19 December 2017

Excelling In Life

"If you listen to these commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today, and if you carefully obey them, the Lord will make you the head and not the tail, and you will always be on top and never at the bottom." Deuteronomy 28:13

Success and excellence is God's will for our lives: no child of God should ever be satisfied with being average or below average in any endeavour; if you are not yet at the top you have not yet arrived!

You are on a journey. Always be conscious of that. You are on a journey to greatness, success and excellence; don't stop until you get there.

You have an excellent spirit. You have the Holy Spirit, therefore you are capable of doing great things. There are principles of success and excellence in the Scriptures; find them and do them. Be diligent; solve problems; attempt bigger challenges! Most importantly, love the word of God; it's powerful enough to make you great. Your attitude to the word of God will be God's attitude to you.

Prophetic Declaration

I will be the head and not the tail, and I will always be on top and never at the bottom. I am on my way to greatness; I will succeed and excel in life.

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Wednesday, 20 December 2017

Signs And Wonders

"And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below— blood and fire and clouds of smoke." Acts of the Apostles 2:19

God is a God of signs and wonders. Let me tell you something: we cannot arrest the attention of the world, especially our generation, without signs and wonders.

God is looking for men and women through whom He can display His power in the world. Signs and wonders is not only about raising the dead; signs and wonders can be done in business, in research, in science and technology, and in medicine! God's power works everywhere!

There are sicknesses and diseases without cure; there are many problems without solutions; there is still need for more inventions: as Christians we can't be waiting for the unbelievers to do these things; our God is omniscient, that is, He possesses all knowledge; if He lives in us then we should be able to display His knowledge in the world.

We must begin to believe for signs and wonders. The era of signs and wonders is not over; it's what gives God joy, but you and I must make ourselves available for His use.

Prophetic Declaration

I am for signs and wonders in my generation; through me, God's wisdom, knowledge and power will be clearly demonstrated in this world. Amen.

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Thursday, 21 December 2017

The King's Friend

**"Ahithophel was the royal adviser. Hushai the Arkite was the king's friend." 1
Chronicles 27:33**

In a kingdom, there are advisers, soldiers, servants, manager, trainers, and more, but it's amazing that one was called the king's friend. That's a special role and a unique kind of relationship.

In the Bible, it's worthy of note that not everyone was referred to as a friend of God: many were called servants, children and so on, but only a very few were called friends.

A friend has access to secrets and information that others don't have. Jesus said to the disciples, "I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me." John 15:15

The good news is that we can all be friends of God. Jesus showed us how: He said, "You are my friends if you do what I command." John 15:14. A life of obedience qualifies us for friendship with God.

Prophetic Declaration

I will live a life of complete obedience from today; I will walk in close fellowship with God, spending quality time with Him, seeking His will and live a life that pleases Him. Amen.

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Friday, 22 December 2017

Living By Faith

"And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away." Hebrews 10:38

Faith simply means to believe. A man who lives by faith is a believer: his life is regulated by what he believes rather than what he sees. Truth, for the man of faith, is not what is confirmed by the physical eyes or senses; truth is established by whatever God says. 2 Corinthians 5:7 says, "For we live by believing and not by seeing."

Faith is our connection to the invisible reality. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see." We can't see God; we can't see heaven and hell; there are so many things that we cannot see, but we believe in their existence through faith. That's why it's difficult for the carnal man to reason as we do: we are standing on different levels of life!

Faith shouldn't be something we try to do from time to time, or when there's difficulty and challenges, faith must be a lifestyle, something we do from when we wake up until we sleep. Believe for both small and great things; train yourself to believe; do whatever the word of God says; strengthen your confidence in God.

Prophetic Declaration

I live by faith and not by sight. I don't have to see before I believe, I accept whatever the word of God says as truth. I will maintain my confessions against all odds; I am living a life of faith from today. Amen.

Spirit & Life Devotional
Saturday, 23 December 2017

Your Future Is Bright

"For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.'" Jeremiah 29:11

You are not about to die; God has a future for you and you will live long enough to see and enjoy it. Say Amen!

We may not know all the details about the future, but we know the Architect of the future and we know that He said that His plans for us is good. Therefore, the future is good and promising! Hallelujah! Everything is going to be alright; the future is going to be glorious and great.

Be anxious for nothing. Things may not look so good right now; maybe you're even thinking about taking your life: don't! See what happened to Joseph; he went from being a favourite child to being a slave and a prisoner for many years, but when God's appointed time came Joseph was made the prime minister of Egypt: it took less than 24 hours for God to change his story.

God knew you before you were born and He planned for you to have a great life. Nobody can hinder God's plans for your life; men may try to frustrate you, but God will make all things work together for your good. Amen.

Prophetic Declaration

My future is glorious and great, God's glorious plans for my life will surely come to pass. Things are getting better and better; my path shines brighter and brighter! I will not die young; I will live long to enjoy the goodness of God. Amen.

Spirit & Life Devotional
Sunday, 24 December 2017

Giving Glory To God

"All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory." 2 Corinthians 4:15

Thanksgiving glorifies God. Psalm 50:23 says, "But giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors me. If you keep to my path, I will reveal to you the salvation of God."

Every person on earth was created for the glory of God. Therefore, it's our duty as children of God to ensure that people around us are constantly giving glory to God. How do we do that? We have to give them reasons to be grateful and thankful! Matthew 5:16 says that our good deeds should shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise our heavenly Father.

That's what we must do, especially in this season. First we must all be thankful to God for giving us His Son, and then we must let the world know about God's precious gift to us. We've got to preach the good news; we've got to get men saved. The more people who are saved, the more thanksgiving that's offered, and the more God is glorified! Hallelujah.

Prophetic Declaration

I was created for the glory of God. From today I will have a habit of thanking God, because thanksgiving glorifies Him. I will also ensure that through my life and deeds, people around me will have reasons to give glory to God. Amen.

Spirit & Life Devotional
Monday, 25 December 2017

The Day The Creator Came

"He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him." John 1:10

Jesus created the world! He is the Word of God, and it was by the Word of God that everything was created. Colossians 1:16 says, "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him."

On a day like this many years ago, the invisible Word became flesh like you and I, and He came into our world and dwelt among us. He came into the world through a young virgin named Mary, and because there was no available room, He was born in a manger.

Today, we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Yes, it's definitely worth celebrating! When Jesus was born there was joy and celebration in heaven and on earth. Angels appeared to shepherds, and they were jubilating, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Luke 2:14. That celebration continues today! That's why it's in order for us to celebrate! And that's why I'm so excited to say, Merry Christmas!

Prophetic Declaration

I thank God for the coming of Christ to the world, I will forever be grateful for His birth because His coming changed my life. I will rejoice today and be glad; I will celebrate and be merry because Jesus is worth celebrating.

Spirit & Life Devotional
Tuesday, 26 December 2017

Stand Firm In Grace

"I have written and sent this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I commend to you as a faithful brother. My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God's grace for you. Stand firm in this grace." 1 Peter 5:12

To stand firm in grace is to believe strongly in it, to accept it, to live accordingly. The Message translation says it's to embrace it with both arms.

One sad truth is that it is possible to fall away from grace. It's what a lot of people do not realize. Galatians 5:4 says, "For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace." Now, that's a very strong statement.

How you live your life matters; your beliefs matter too! God's grace is in abundance for everyone of us; we must choose to enjoy it. There are people who ignorantly try to rely on their works to gain favour, blessings and acceptance with God; no! We have been accepted in the Beloved! Hallelujah!

Prophetic Declaration

I choose to stand firm in the grace of God; I am embracing it with both arms; I live by the grace of God; I rely on grace and not on my works or personal abilities. I will not be misled to fall from grace; I am enjoying God's sufficient grace for me! Amen.

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Wednesday, 27 December 2017

The Evidence Of God's Love

"God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him." 1 John 4:9

God continues to show us how much He loves us: He provides for us, shields us from evil, keeps us in health, heals us when we are sick, He answers our prayers, etc. God truly loves us: His love for us is undeniable.

One of the greatest evidences of His love is the fact that He sent His Son to die for our sins. The coming of Jesus is enough proof for all ages that God loves us so much. "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

No man has to perish! It would be so painful for people to go to hell. Men will not perish because God hates them: God neither hates or dislikes anyone; He is not willing that any should perish: men will perish simply because they did not accept the love of God and His free offer of salvation.

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is God's gift for the whole world and not for Christians alone. We must not hoard this precious gift, we've got to share Jesus with every unbelieving soul. We must tell them about the love of God: Jesus is the evidence.

Prophetic Declaration

God loves me so much, and He loves everyone else too. Jesus is the proof of God's love; I will talk about Jesus and the love of God everywhere I am. Amen.

Spirit & Life Devotional
Thursday, 28 December 2017

Add To Your Faith

"In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone." 2 Peter 1:5-7

Giving one's life to Christ and being born again doesn't make us perfect, it's just a first step towards perfection. We are supposed to grow continually to become like Christ. Jesus Christ is the peak of perfection.

Growing up and attaining perfection is partly our responsibility. That's why we are asked to supplement our faith. Spiritual maturity is not automatic, it requires conscious and deliberate effort.

We must let the word of God have its way in our lives. Everything Apostle Peter wrote can be produced in us as we become doers of the word. The word of God is capable of shaping our character and making us like Christ.

Prophetic Declaration

I am growing up and striving for perfection every day; I am becoming better, becoming excellent, increasing in knowledge, in love and in faith, the word of God is bearing fruit and producing result in me. Amen.

Spirit & Life Devotional
Friday, 29 December 2017

Insight For Living

"The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living." Psalms 19:8

As believers we should have a great life here on earth. We are not supposed to be miserable because we are Christians; no, we should live the best lives. People around us should envy us and look up to us.

When God gave the Israelites the commandments, He said to them, "Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'" Deuteronomy 4:6

That's exactly what the word of God is: it is our wisdom and understanding. You can't live by the word of God and be pitied; you can't live by the scriptures and end up as a nobody; you can't live by the counsel of God and fail! It's practically impossible. God understands this life more than anyone else, and He has provided guidance for us in His word.

In 2018, make sure you live by the word of God. Make reading and studying the Bible a part of your day. No man lived by the Bible and regretted it. It's full of insights for living.

Prophetic Declaration

The word of God is my wisdom and understanding: the word of God is making me wiser, and bringing about all-round improvement in my life. I do not walk in darkness and confusion; the entrance of the word gives me insight for living. Amen.

Spirit & Life Devotional
Saturday, 30 December 2017

Leave Them Behind

"Leave your simple ways behind, and begin to live; learn to use good judgment."

Proverbs 9:6

In about a few hours this year would end and we'll be in a new year. I don't know how this year has been for you, but what's a fact is that there's always room for improvement, and the New Year can be a lot better.

But nothing different will happen if you don't make a difference in your life. The change must begin with you. You must make up your mind not to enter into the new year with certain habits and ways that affected you physically, spiritually and financially, this year. Take some time to identify them, and then do away with them.

Hebrews 12:1 says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us." You've got to strip those weights off you if you want to move higher and faster in the New Year.

Don't be sentimental: it might involve terminating certain relationships in your life. Be bold enough to do whatever needs to be done: "Leave your simple ways behind, and begin to live; learn to use good judgment."

Prophetic Declaration

I am leaving my simple and unproductive ways and habits behind, and I am stripping myself of every weight, every sin and habit that is slowing me down and affecting my progress and maturity. I am entering the New Year a changed man, and as a result, I will see positive improvements next year. Amen.

Spirit & Life Devotional
Sunday, 31 December 2017

Good Health And Wealth

"And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God."

Ecclesiastes 5:19

It's a good thing to be alive and well enough to witness today, the last day of the year. Indeed, God has been good to us. Glory to Him for ever.

Don't take it for granted that you are alive and well, and that you are blessed with food to eat, clothes to wear, and a house to live in: some of us are blessed with much more than we need: it's not because of our intelligence or skill or wisdom, it's all because of the grace of God.

We've got to be grateful to God for all He has done for us. Some of us got new jobs this year; some of us acquired new properties and assets; some of us got married; had children; gained admission; started new ventures; etc. They are all gifts from God.

David said, "Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me." Psalms 103:1-2. May that be your own confession today. Amen.

Prophetic Declaration

Father, I am grateful for all that You have done for me and my family: I am grateful for Your provisions, for healing and good health; I am grateful for Your protection and mercies; be praised forever and ever. Amen.

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