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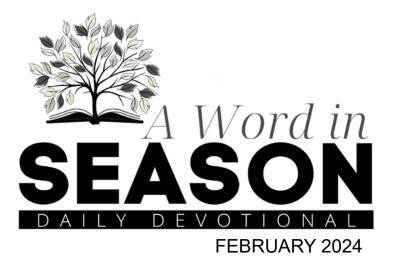
Our prayer and teaching focus in February is on "Excellence in Health," which requires us to make changes that foster a wholesome lifestyle. We need to pray, follow godly principles, and make healthy choices. We must educate ourselves on spiritual and natural healthy living continually.

Let's believe together for total healing for every member, partner, and friend. God sent His Word and healed us. Join us in Bible study as we teach Excellence in Health. Value your health enough to invest the time in prayer and the Word of God for answers. Also, please send any prayer requests you have concerning your health.

Be sure to note our upcoming events at the back of this devotional. We have a Marriage Ministry fellowship on February 14th and a Rebuilders Ministry fellowship on February 16th. Our Saved, Single, and Successful fellowship is February 17th. Dr. Sam Kojoglanian, Cardiologist and Evangelist will be our guest minister on Sunday, February 25th, at 10 am and 6 pm.

Lady Sarah and I love and appreciate you. We trust that *A Word in Season* is a blessing and ask for your continued prayers and support. Your words of testimony, encouragement, and offerings are blessings to this ministry. Thank you.

Love and Blessings, James D. Corbett Pastor James D. Corbett



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God's Timing

Isa 40:31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

In the grand orchestration of life, Isaiah 40:31 invites us to recognize the divine tempo of God's timing. His timing is perfect, and it is precise and purposeful. In every season, His divine agenda unfolds. Trusting in His perfect timing allows us to embrace the unique melodies He orchestrates for our lives.

Ecc 3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Wait on the Lord. Waiting on Him is not passive; it is an active expression of faith. In our waiting, God works to strengthen our hearts and prepare us for the appointed moments in His divine schedule.

Psa 27:14 Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

Prayer Focus: Father, teach me to wait on You with patience and perseverance. I trust in your perfect timing and find courage in the knowledge that Your thoughts and ways are higher than mine.

Verse of the Day: Isa 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

Living the Word Today: God's timing often exceeds our understanding. His thoughts and ways are higher, and He orchestrates events in ways that surpass human comprehension. Trusting in His wisdom leads us to harmony with His plan.

Expect Miracles

Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

The first recorded miracle of Jesus at the wedding in Cana demonstrates that miracles often occur in the midst of ordinary situations. Expecting miracles means recognizing God's ability to transform the ordinary into extraordinary manifestations of His glory.

John 2:11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

Expecting miracles involves an active and expectant prayer life. As we ask, seek, and knock with faith, we position ourselves to receive the miraculous interventions that align with God's perfect will. There is always an act of faith that accompanies miracles. Expecting miracles requires faith, even as small as a mustard seed. The tiniest measure of faith can move mountains and make the seemingly impossible possible. Cultivate an unwavering trust in God's miraculous power.

Matt 7:7-8 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Prayer Focus: Father, open my heart to expect miracles in every aspect of my life. Help me to approach each day with faith, actively seeking Your miraculous interventions.

Verse of the Day: Matt 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove, and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Living the Word Today: The journey of expecting miracles is an invitation to embrace faith, pray with expectancy, and witness God's transformative power in the ordinary and extraordinary moments.

Created for God's Glory: Unveiling Your Divine Purpose

Isa 43:7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Psa 139:13-14 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

The Psalmist praises the awe-inspiring craftsmanship of God in forming us in the womb. Recognizing that we are fearfully and wonderfully made invites us to live in alignment with our Creator's intention, glorifying Him with our lives. Our existence becomes an act of worship when we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Surrendering to God's will and living in holiness is the reasonable response to His mercies, allowing His glory to shine through us.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Through the transformational work of the Holy Spirit, we are changed into the image of the Lord. As we behold His glory, we become reflections of His divine nature, showcasing His glory to the world.

Prayer Focus: Father, let me be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You. Transform me into the image of Your Son by the power of Your Spirit, that I may reflect Your glory to the world.

Verse of the Day: 1 Cor 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Living the Word Today: Understanding that we are created for God's glory shifts our perspective. It invites us to live intentionally, recognizing our unique design and purpose, and glorifying God in every aspect of our lives.

Abide in God's Love

John 15:9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

The foundation of abiding in God's love is rooted in the understanding that God is love. As we dwell in His love, we intimately connect with the very essence of God Himself.

1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Abiding in God's love is attached to obedience. Keeping His commandments is the natural response to love, and it solidifies our dwelling in the richness of His boundless love. Abiding in God's love involves a continuous study of His Word. The truth found in His Word liberates us, leading us into a deeper understanding of His love and fostering a life marked by His divine presence.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to keep Your commandments, to remain in Your Word, and to live in a way that reflects the love You have poured upon me.

Verse of the Day: John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

Living the Word Today: Abiding in God's love is an ongoing journey of faith, obedience, and immersion in His Word. It is an embrace that transforms our hearts, shapes our character, and deepens our connection with the One who is love.

We Are Covered and Protected by God

Psa 91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

The words of Psalm 91:4 paint a vivid picture of God's protective care—He covers us with His feathers, inviting us to trust in the shelter of His wings. God is not only a refuge but also a shield. As we navigate the challenges of life, His presence shields us from harm, lifting our heads in confidence and assurance. We are covered by the protective shield of the Lord.

Psa 3:3 But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

The faithfulness of the Lord stands as an unwavering assurance. He establishes us and keeps us from evil. Our protection is not rooted in our strength but in the steadfast faithfulness of our God.

2 Thes 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

Psa 17:8 Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for covering me with Your feathers and shielding me under the shadow of Your wings.

Verse of the Day: Psa 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Living the Word Today: Embracing the truth that we are covered and protected by God transforms our perspective. It's an acknowledgment that, in the shadow of His wings, under His shield, and within the sphere of His faithfulness, we find a refuge that stands secure against the storms of life.

Break Free from Regret

Phil 3:13-14 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

God's forgiveness is not only extensive - it is also transformative. When we repent and seek His mercy, He removes our sins from us as far as the east is from the west. Break free from the chains of regret by embracing the forgiveness and redemption found in Christ.

Psa 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

In Christ, we become new creations. The old, regretful things of the past are replaced by the redemptive work of Christ, ushering in a new chapter of renovation. Break free from regret by embracing the renewal offered in Christ. God's thoughts toward us are filled with hope and a future. The promise of an expected end assures us that, despite our past mistakes, God has a plan for our lives. Break free from regret by trusting in His hopeful promises.

2 Cor **5:17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the forgiveness and redemption found in Christ. Help me break free from the chains of regret and move forward as a new creation in Him.

Verse of the Day: Psa 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Living the Word Today: Break free from regret and embrace the transformative power of God's forgiveness. You are a new creation in Christ. Trust in the hopeful promises of a future in His hands.

Overcome Misunderstandings: Navigating with God's Wisdom

Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Understanding is a key component of wisdom. As we seek God's wisdom, we are encouraged to prioritize understanding in our interactions. Overcoming misunderstandings begins with a heart that values and seeks understanding.

Prov 4:7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Love plays a pivotal role in overcoming misunderstandings. Fervent charity, or love, has the ability to cover a multitude of sins. By approaching conflicts with love and forgiveness, we create an environment for understanding to prevail. Responding with gentleness has the power to diffuse misunderstandings. Choosing words with care and responding in a gentle spirit can foster reconciliation and understanding, turning away potential conflicts.

Prov 15:1 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

Prayer Focus: Father, give me the wisdom to seek understanding, the humility to respond gently, and the love that covers a multitude of sins. Help me overcome misunderstandings with grace and build relationships that reflect Your love and understanding.

Verse of the Day: Jas 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

Living the Word Today: Overcoming misunderstandings requires a foundation of wisdom, a commitment to seek understanding, the power of gentle responses, and a deep well of love that covers and forgives.

Why Bad Things Happen to Good People

Matt 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Sometimes life may seem unfair. Why is it that good people suffer and others who live ungodly seem to thrive? No matter how things look, God is just, and He is always good. Here are 3 reasons bad things sometimes happen to good people:

We live in a world contaminated by sin and influenced by satan. 2 Cor 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Man has dominion over the earth. Man is sinful by nature, so we need the righteous to be in positions of influence. Gen 1:26 - And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

We often fail in our charge to pray. Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to rest in You. Thank You for helping me to make good decisions that bring You glory.

Verse of the Day: Isa 3:10 Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

Living the Word Today: Give no place to the devil. God has set us free, so keep doing good, pray, and spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Expect good things to happen for you. It shall be well with you.

Washed in the Blood

1 Cor 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Believers have been sanctified – set apart and made holy by the blood of Jesus. We are no longer like the world. God justified us. He found us blameless though we were guilty of sin. The blood of Jesus is a powerful agent of cleansing. Through His sacrificial love, Jesus washes us from our sins, providing a path to redemption and restoration.

1John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Our cleansing is not achieved by our own works but by God's mercy. The Holy Spirit works in us, bringing about regeneration and renewal. Through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, we are made clean and transformed into new creations.

John 15:3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for cleansing me from sin, guilt, and shame. Help me to remain grateful for Your powerful work of redemption.

Verse of the Day: Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

Living the Word Today: We can not do enough good to make us clean or to deserve salvation. Our righteousness is as filthy rags before God. Only through the power of the blood of Jesus can we be made clean and whole.

The Importance of Obedience

1 Sam 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

Obedience brings forth blessings. God's promise to His people in Deuteronomy underscores the direct correlation between hearkening to His voice and the overflow of divine blessings. Obedience positions us to receive the fullness of God's favor.

Deut 28:1-2 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

Jesus links love with obedience. Keeping His words is a demonstration of love, and in return, the Father and the Son make their abode with those who obey. Obedience opens the door to intimate communion with God.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Prayer Focus: Father, give me the grace to obey Your commands joyfully. Align my heart with Your will, and let my obedience be a sweet fragrance in your sight.

Verse of the Day: 1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Living the Word Today: The importance of obedience extends beyond mere adherence to rules. It is a pathway to blessings, a joyful walk in God's ways, and an avenue to experience the profound intimacy of God making His dwelling within obedient hearts.

Choose a Good Name: Nurturing a Legacy of Virtue

Prov 22:1 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

Ecclesiastes emphasizes the value of a good name over worldly possessions. Like precious ointment, a good name carries a fragrance that outlasts the temporal, marking a life of virtue and honor. Those who walk in righteousness leave behind a blessed memory. In contrast, the name of the wicked withers away, underscoring the lasting impact of a virtuous life.

Ecc 7:1 A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

Prov 10:7 The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

The intertwining of mercy and truth shapes one's character and, consequently, their reputation.

Prov 3:3-4 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

Prayer Focus: Father, guide me in the pursuit of a good name—a reputation marked by righteousness, mercy, and truth. Let my life reflect virtues that bring honor to Your name.

Verse of the Day: Prov 31:30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

Living the Word Today: Choosing a good name involves more than outward appearances; it encompasses a life rooted in righteousness, mercy, and truth. It is a legacy of virtue that transcends earthly riches and leaves a lasting impact on those who come after.

Give Your Way into Abundance

Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

The principle of sowing and reaping is a divine concept woven throughout the Bible. Generosity is likened to sowing seeds; the more abundantly we sow, the more bountifully we reap. Giving becomes a pathway to a harvest of abundance.

2 Cor **9:6** But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

One who freely gives experiences abundance. Like watering a garden, the act of giving brings forth a bountiful harvest in one's life. The generosity with which we sow is proportionate to the abundance we reap. God's generosity is mirrored in the measure with which we give.

Prov 11:25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to give with a cheerful heart. Let my generosity reflect Your abundant grace and provision.

Verse of the Day: 2 Cor 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Living the Word Today: The manner in which we give matters. God delights in a cheerful giver—one who gives willingly and with joy. The motivation behind our giving reflects the condition of our hearts and determines the extent of the blessings received.

Keep a Teachable Spirit

Prov 9:9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

Keeping a teachable spirit is a pathway to acquiring wisdom—a treasure that surpasses worldly riches. It begins with recognizing the significance of seeking understanding through a humble and teachable heart. A teachable spirit is marked by the ability to receive correction and instruction.

Prov 4:7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Prov 15:31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.

A teachable spirit is associated with humility, and in the company of the lowly, wisdom abounds. Embracing humility is key to unlocking the depths of wisdom that God desires to impart.

Prov 11:2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to maintain a humble, teachable spirit. Let my heart be open to instruction, correction, and the wisdom that flows from Your Word.

Verse of the Day: Jas 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Living the Word Today: Keeping a teachable spirit is a commitment to ongoing growth and a recognition that wisdom is a lifelong pursuit. It involves humility, a willingness to receive correction, and an eagerness to learn from others. In embracing these qualities, one not only gains knowledge but also deepens their understanding of God's ways.

God's Eternal Love

Jer 31:3 The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

God's love spans the ages and surpasses human comprehension. The mercy of the Lord extends from eternity past to eternity future. His love is not bound by time but is a constant and abiding presence that transcends generations. Believers should be rooted and grounded in God's love.

Psa 103:17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children.

Eph 3:17-18 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height.

Nothing can separate us from God's love. No circumstance, power, or entity can sever the unbreakable bond between God and His children. His love endures beyond the scope of human imagination.

Rom 8:38-39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for Your eternal love that knows no bounds.

Verse of the Day: 1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Living the Word Today: God's eternal love is an anchor in the storms of life. It stretches beyond the limits of time, encompasses every dimension, and remains unyielding in the face of all challenges.

The Rewards of Wisdom

Prov 3:13-14 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

Godly wisdom is depicted as a tree of life in the Bible. Those who lay hold upon wisdom find it to be a source of life and vitality. Happiness is the natural outcome for those who retain and embrace the wisdom that flows from God.

Prov 3:18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

True wisdom—gifted by the Lord Himself, serves as a shield and protection for the righteous, demonstrating that godly wisdom is not merely intellectual but a guiding force that preserves those who walk uprightly. Embracing wisdom leads to exaltation, honor, and a crown of glory. The rewards of godly wisdom extend beyond temporal gains, containing eternal significance.

Prov 2:6-7 For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

Prov 4:7-9 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

Prayer Focus: Father, give me the desire for godly wisdom that leads to happiness, guidance, and protection.

Verse of the Day: Jas 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Living the Word Today: The rewards of godly wisdom are not measured by earthly standards but by the happiness, guidance, protection, exaltation, and honor that flow from a life rooted in divine understanding.

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Brotherly Love

Psa 133:1-3 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Brotherly love serves as the cornerstone upon which believers build their relationships, ensuring that every aspect of their lives is adorned with the divine virtue of love. It is so important to the Lord that Psalms 133:3 compares it to the place where the Lord promised the blessing of eternal life. Genuine love for the brethren transcends mere words and purifies the soul through obedience to the truth. Brotherly love is to be fervent and pure, reflecting the transforming power of God's love within us.

1 Pet 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

Fulfilling the law of love involves loving our neighbors as ourselves—an extension of the love we have for our brothers and sisters in Christ. It is an act of obedience that summarizes the essence of Christian living.

Prayer Focus: God, teach me the depth and sincerity of brotherly love. Let my relationships be rooted in genuine affection, reflecting the love I have received from You.

Verse of the Day: Jas 2:8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well.

Living the Word Today: Brotherly love is not just a feeling; it's a commandment that shapes the Christian identity. It calls believers to love genuinely, fervently, and without hypocrisy.

We Are Called to Praise

Psa 34:1 I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Every living thing is summoned to join the chorus of praise to the Lord. It is a commandment that echoes from the heavens to the earth, inviting all creation to engage in the symphony of worship. Praise is a deliberate offering from the heart—a continuous outpouring of thanksgiving and adoration to God's name. Praise is a spiritual sacrifice that transcends the temporal.

Psa 150:6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

Heb 13:15 By him, therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

The essence of true worship is praising the Father in spirit and truth. The call to praise goes beyond external expressions; it involves a deep connection with God's Spirit and a genuine acknowledgment of His truth. True worshipers are sought by the Father, recognizing the sincerity of their praise.

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Prayer Focus: Father, teach me the beauty of the sacrifice of praise, and let my worship be offered in spirit and truth. Help me to continually bless Your name, recognizing the privilege and joy of being called to praise You.

Verse of the Day: Psa 103:1 Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Living the Word Today: The call to praise is an invitation to worship, rising above earthly circumstances and concerns to align our hearts with God's.

Ingredients of Prayer: A Recipe for Divine Connection

Phil 4:6-7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Prayer combines requests, intercessions, and thanksgiving. It forms a full approach to communion with God, allowing believers to engage in a rich and diverse dialogue with the Creator - a divine recipe for establishing a connection with God.

1 Tim 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men.

Believers are encouraged to approach God with an unwavering belief in His ability to answer prayers. The ingredient of **faith** transforms prayer from a request into a powerful declaration of trust in God's sovereignty. The ingredient of **persistence**, combined with **righteousness**, produces prayers that avail much. It invites believers into a deep and intimate conversation with God, confident in His ability to bring about transformative change.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Jas 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to grasp the richness of prayer—the blending of supplications, faith, and persistent earnestness.

Verse of the Day: Psa 145:18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

Living the Word Today: The ingredients of prayer extend beyond words to a posture of the heart, faith, and a persistent commitment to commune with God. It is a multifaceted and dynamic expression of our relationship with the Almighty.

God Hears Our Heart's Cry

Psa 34:17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

God hears our heart's cry. Our prayers, when offered with sincerity and righteousness, ascend to the throne of God, where He listens and responds with deliverance. The cry of the righteous is met with the immediate presence of God, establishing a connection that rises above earthly barriers. He hears the cry of truth that emanates from sincere hearts.

Psa 145:18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

The cries of those who approach God with humility are not only heard but become the focus of His divine preparation. God, in His grace, inclines His ear to the sincere longings of the humble. When our petitions align with God's will, He not only hears but answers. The assurance that God hears our heart's cry is grounded in our alignment with His divine purpose.

Psa 10:17 Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the assurance that You hear my heart's cry. Teach me to approach You in humility and truth, knowing that You are near to the righteous.

Verse of the Day: Jer 29:12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

Living the Word Today: The promise that God hears our heart's cry is a testament to His compassion, grace, and nearness to those who seek Him in truth. Our prayers are not in vain but are met with the attentive ear of a loving and responsive God.

Store Up Heavenly Treasures

Matt 6:20-21 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

There is wisdom in prioritizing treasures that endure beyond the earthly realm, securing a lasting and incorruptible wealth. Investing in heavenly treasures involves a generous heart that sows bountifully. The treasures collected through acts of kindness, generosity, and love create a spiritual wealth that yields a bountiful harvest.

Matt 19:21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

Jesus challenges us to invest in God's kingdom by prioritizing the eternal over the temporal. The act of selfless giving and service lays up treasures in heaven, positioning us for a lasting impact in the divine economy. Heavenly investments create a lasting impact and secure a foundation that extends into eternity, allowing believers to lay hold on the promise of eternal life.

1 Tim 6:18-19 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Seek wisdom. By seeking wisdom, believers actively participate in storing up heavenly treasures. This divine wealth surpasses earthly riches in its enduring and righteous nature.

Prov 8:18 Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and right-eousness.

Prayer Focus: Father, let my heart be drawn to the eternal riches found in Christ, and help me to live generously, reflecting Your compassion.

Verse of the Day: 1 Tim 6:19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Living the Word Today: Storing up heavenly treasures involves a conscious choice to prioritize the eternal over the temporal. The path to heavenly wealth lies in seeking Christ, practicing generosity, and pursuing the enduring riches found in wisdom and righteousness.

True Happiness

Psa 144:15 Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.

Authentic and lasting happiness is not found in fleeting circumstances but in a relationship with the Lord. True happiness is intimately connected to a life rooted in God's Word. Such a person is compared to a fruitful tree, thriving by the rivers of water.

Psa 1:1-3 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

True happiness is discovered in the path of life that God reveals, leading to an abundance of joy found exclusively in His presence. It is not circumstantial but is rooted in the understanding that trials produce patience and character. The joy found in Christ surpasses momentary difficulties.

Jas 1:2-3 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

Prayer Focus: Father, show me the path to true happiness, a joy that is rooted in your Word, found in Your presence, and sustained through trials. Help my heart to delight in You and allow me to experience the fullness of joy that comes from a life centered on Christ.

Verse of the Day: Phil 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

Living the Word Today: True happiness is not contingent on external circumstances, but it is the fruit of a life centered on God's Word, grounded in His presence, and marked by a deep, abiding joy that transcends trials.

He Has Made Us Kings and Priests

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

Scripture declares that God has made us kings and priests, a divine status that carries with it honor, authority, and the privilege of intimate communion with God. The royal aspect of our identity signifies that we are part of a holy nation, set apart to proclaim the praises of the One who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

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

Our identity as kings and priests involves both a current position of honor and a future promise of reigning alongside our Creator. It is not only a present reality but also a promise of reigning with Him on the earth. As priests, we have the privilege of presenting ourselves as living sacrifices, consecrated and pleasing to the Lord.

Rev 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Prayer Focus: Heavenly Father, thank You for making me a king and priest unto You. Help me embrace the royal and priestly identity You have bestowed upon me.

Verse of the Day: Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Living the Word Today: The truth that God has made us kings and priests calls us to embrace a dual identity of royal authority and priestly service. Recognize the honor bestowed upon us and the responsibility to fulfill our priestly duties of offering spiritual sacrifices and proclaiming God's praises.

Stir Up the Gift

2 Tim 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

Believers are encouraged to recognize, cultivate, and actively unleash the divine gifts placed within us, igniting a flame that glorifies God and serves His purpose. Each believer possesses unique gifts, bestowed by God's grace. Stirring up the gift involves acknowledging and using these divine endowments in alignment with the proportion of faith.

1 Cor 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

Rom 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith.

Stirring is an intentional and active process, a call to fan into flame the divine gift placed within us. It requires remembrance, recognition, and a commitment to nurture what God has entrusted to us. Stirring up the gift should be coupled with an eager pursuit of genuine love for others. We have a responsibility to minister to others through the use of our giftings.

Rom 12:6-8 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Pet 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Develop a close and intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit. Allow the Spirit to guide, empower, and reveal the gifts within you. Spend time in prayer, worship, and meditation to enhance your spiritual sensitivity. Pray for discernment and seek God's guidance in understanding the specific spiritual gifts He has bestowed upon you. Ask for wisdom to recognize the purpose and potential impact of these gifts in your life and in the service of others.

Prayer Focus: Father, stir up within me a passion to actively engage with the gifts You have given me, using them for the common good and the edification of Your Church. Guide me in the proper use of these gifts.

Verse of the Day: 1Cor 14:1 Follow after charity [love], and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

Living the Word Today: Stirring up the gift is a call to action, a reminder to actively engage with the spiritual gifts bestowed upon us. As we reflect on these Scriptures, we recognize that this divine charge is not just an individual responsibility but a collective endeavor for the edification of the Church.

Keep Oil in Your Lamp

Matt 25:1-4 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

The parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25:1-13 underscores the critical need for spiritual preparedness. The distinction between the wise and foolish virgins lies in their readiness for the arrival of the bridegroom, symbolizing Christ's return. The wise virgins kept oil in their lamps, signifying their ongoing relationship with the source of light and life.

Keeping oil in our lamps implies a reliance on the Spirit's power rather than human strength. The ongoing infilling of the Holy Spirit is essential for spiritual vitality and preparedness.

Zech 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

Matt 24:42-44 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to keep oil in my lamp and prepare me for Your return. Help me to shine as a light for You in a dark world.

Verse of the Day: Phil 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.

Living the Word Today: The call to keep oil in our lamps extends beyond a one-time preparation; it speaks to the ongoing cultivation of our relationship with God.

Seeking the Kingdom

Matt 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Believers are to prioritize the eternal and spiritual, trusting that God will provide for our needs when we make His kingdom our primary pursuit. The parable of the hidden treasure in Matthew 13:44 illus-trates the incomparable value of the kingdom of heaven. The man in the parable recognizing the worth of the kingdom, willingly sacrifices everything to obtain it. This parable echoes the importance of prioritizing the kingdom above all else.

Matt 13:44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field, the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

The Lord assures us that as we prioritize His kingdom, He will generously provide for our material and spiritual needs. Seeking the kingdom is both a call to allegiance and a promise of divine care.

Luke 12:31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Prayer Focus: Father, give me the wisdom to seek first Your kingdom and your righteousness.

Verse of the Day: Psa 27:4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

Living the Word Today: The call to seek the kingdom is an invitation to align our priorities with God's purposes. Recognize the value of God's kingdom and the assurance that comes with placing it at the forefront of our lives.

Resisting Temptation

1 Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

God is faithful and will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we can bear. This promise includes the provision of a way to escape, emphasizing God's grace and the believer's capacity to resist temptation through His strength. Jesus faced temptation and demonstrated resistance by responding with Scripture. This serves as a model for believers, highlighting the power of God's Word as a weapon against temptation.

Matt 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Believers are instructed to flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, charity, and peace. The exhortation to "flee" stresses the proactive stance believers should take in resisting temptation by avoiding situations that may lead to compromise.

2 Tim 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Prayer Focus: Father, You are faithful, and with every temptation, You provide a way of escape. Give me the strength to resist temptation, following the example of Jesus in relying on Your Word.

Verse of the Day: Psa 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Living the Word Today: Stand firm, rely on God's Word, and actively flee from the allure of sin. Hide God's Word in your heart as a powerful weapon against temptation. As you immerse yourself in Scripture, may it become a source of strength and guidance, helping you stand firm against the schemes of the enemy.

Freedom in Christ

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Believers are called to stand fast in the freedom wrought by the sacrifice of Jesus, rejecting any attempts to return to the bondage of sin and legalism. Christ's work on the cross is the foundation of our liberty. The power of the Holy Spirit liberates believers from the shackles of sin and provides true freedom.

2 Cor 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:1 affirms the freedom from condemnation that believers experience in Christ. The sacrifice of Jesus not only pardons our sins but liberates us from the guilt and condemnation associated with them. In Christ, there is no condemnation for those who walk in the Spirit.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the freedom I have in Christ, secured through His sacrifice on the cross. Help me to stand firm in this liberty, resisting any attempts to return to the bondage of sin.

Verse of the Day: John 8:36 If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Living the Word Today: The theme of freedom in Christ is woven throughout Scripture, pointing to the power of salvation and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Live free in Christ.

The Fruit of God's Word

Psa 1:2-3 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The delight and continuous meditation on God's Word are likened to the sustenance a tree receives from being planted by rivers of water. It receives a constant source of nourishment and life. The promise is that this tree will bring forth fruit in its season, highlighting the divine timing and purpose in the believer's fruitfulness. The parable of the sower illustrates the impact of God's Word on receptive hearts. The seed that falls on good ground represents those who hear and understand the Word, producing abundant fruit—a testament to the transformative power of God's Word in our lives. The truth of God's Word produces fruit.

Matt 13:23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Col 1:5-6 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the richness of Your Word, which nourishes our souls and brings forth abundant growth. Help me to delight in Your law and meditate on it day and night.

Verse of the Day: Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Living the Word Today: Reflect on the nourishment and growth that come from immersing ourselves in God's Word. Allow His Word to produce fruit in your life.

Good Success

Josh 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

The foundational principle for good success is meditating on and obeying God's Word. Success, in God's eyes, is tied to a life deeply rooted in the principles and precepts found in His Word. The promise is that by doing so, one will experience prosperity and good success. True success comes when our endeavors are aligned with God's will, acknowledging His sovereignty and seeking His guidance in all that we do.

Prov 16:3 Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Psa 1:1-3 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

True success flows from a life that finds delight and meditation in God's Word.

Prayer Focus: Father, in my pursuit of success, let my heart be aligned with Your will, and my endeavors be guided by Your wisdom. Help me to prosper in accordance with Your divine principles.

Verse of the Day: Psa 20:4 Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfill all thy counsel.

Living the Word Today: Good success is deeply rooted in a life centered on God's Word, committed plans, and delighting in His law. Seek the kind of success that aligns with God's principles.

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ROMANS 3:23

> WE ARE ALL BORN AS SINNERS

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

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ROMANS 10:9

GOD OFFERS A FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOD LOVES US. HE SENT HIS SON TO DIE TO PAY THE PENALTY FOR OUR SINS

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

BELIEVE JESUS IS GOD'S SON, SAY IT, & RECEIVE SALVATION That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

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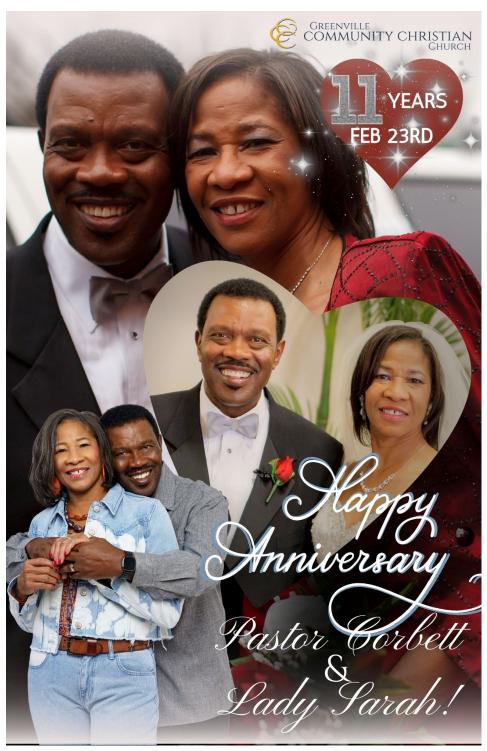
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