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QUIET TIME PROGRAMME

Good Morning Jesus	1Min
Praise And Worship (Hymns & Songs)	6Mins
Power Seeds & Bible Reading	7Mins
Prayer For Self & Family	12Mins
Prayer For Church & Others	7Mins
Spiritual Warfare	5Mins
Quiet Moment To Listen For Divine Direction	5Mins
Final Song and Closing	2Mins
Total	45Mins



▶ INTRODUCTION

“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.”

Mark 1:35

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During King David's reign, the tabernacle (the movable tent) that Moses had made was erected at the high place in Gibeon. This tabernacle represented the presence of God among the people.

At one particular time when David sinned, he needed a more immediate and convenient altar, so God sent him to Ornan and told David to build on Ornan's threshing floor. **1 Chronicles 21:26** says, “*And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on the LORD; and He answered him from heaven by fire on the altar of burnt offering.*”

Thanks to Jesus, the sacrificial system is out, the need to go through Levitical priests to get to God is out, and the need to stand before a particular altar whenever you pray is out. However, even though all those things are no more, the spirit of each part of David's worship is still necessary today.

You see, your body is now the temple. **1st Corinthians 6:19** says, “*Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit...?*”

It is your responsibility to build an altar to the Lord in your heart, maintain it, and visit it frequently! Receive grace!

Open your Bible and prepare to find the power of His presence as Pastor George Izunwa and Co-Pastor, Manuela Izunwa are set to take you on a journey through the Scriptures in this monthly devotional.



THE GATEWAY STRATEGY

This is Gateway International Church

Our mission is to help you genuinely encounter God.

There are three (3) values that drive everything we do in this church;

- i- We Love God Passionately,
- ii- We Love People Unconditionally, and
- iii- We Live Our Faith Intentionally!

There are four (4) things that define a true Jesus' follower;

- i- Every true disciple studies & **LEARNS** from the Bible!
- ii- Every true disciple **LIVES** in holiness before God!
- iii- Every true disciple **LOVES** & serves in the church!
- iv- Every true disciple **LEADS** others to Jesus Christ!

There are five (5) things that will help you get the best from this church;

- i- Always come expectant and worship with passion!



THE GATEWAY STRATEGY

- ii- Receive the man of God with an open heart!
- iii- Be regular and punctual in every church service!
- iv- Join a cell group & serve in a church department!
- v- Use our “Welcome Centre” for all your enquiries!

There are three (3) activities that define our God first culture as a church;

- I- God first quiet time!
- ii- God first yearly and monthly consecration!
- iii- God first tithing and first fruits!

2021

COVENANT CONFESSION

(Lift up your right hand and declare)

I AM GATEWAY!

God is first in everything in my life!

My covenant place is at the topmost top!

Today, I set my faith on Romans 10:9-10, which declares that a person is saved by believing in Jesus Christ!

Therefore, I confess that;

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for my sins!

He rose from the dead on the third day!

His blood cleanses me from all sin!

His righteousness secures my eternal destiny!

I live in Him, through Him and for Him!

Yes, Jesus Christ is my Saviour and Lord!

Again, the Bible declares in John 1:12, that receiving Jesus Christ makes me a child of God!

Therefore, I confess that;

I am in the God-class!

The DNA of greatness is in me!

I am an heir of God, of the riches of God!

Spiritual forces are assisting me!

I walk in peace, purity, power, prosperity and purpose!

I achieve results with ease and speed!

God's irrevocable covenant defends my destiny!

The power of sin, sicknesses, curses, poverty, barrenness, witchcraft, premature death and all evil are broken over my life!

I have the dominion mandate over the earth!

2021

COVENANT CONFESSION

I am above and ahead of my competitors!
Favour and diligence distinguish me amongst my colleagues!
I cannot fail!
I will never know shame!
Only good things happen to me!

In Isaiah 55:10-11, God promises that His word over my life will never return void!

Therefore, today, I set my faith in agreement with my man of God

The Prophetic word will locate me
The anointing will rest on me!
My story will change on this mountain!
I am in Gateway International Church to encounter God!
This is my El-Shaddai covenant year of the joyful sound!
I invoke the covenant blessings of tithing, soul winning and kingdom service!
My heart is open!
My faith is expecting!
Every good word sent by God, through Pastor George Izunwa, will be established in my life!
I will never, never, ever go back the same!
There shall be no loss nor evil report in my life!
I am the evidence of El-Shaddai

Amen!

Jesus Exceeds Expectations!

2021

▶ MONTHLY PROPHETIC DECLARATION

JUNE: CROWNS & THRONES

TEXT: ACTS 13:22

TAKEOVER WORD: IT IS NOW! MY WORD HAS COME! THE THRONE IS MINE!

PROPHETIC DECLARATIONS:

- Get set! Get set for an upward move! It is time for your lifting! It will be quick & enduring!
- Are you a worshipper? Does my heart live in your heart? Build me a throne in you & I will give you a throne!
- I am advertising vacancies in the spirit realm! Thrones are open! Are you ready to take your place?
- Men after my heart will be stepping up to replace old kings! My oil is looking for a 'David'!
- Find your place of kingdom service! My payment is in your service! I am a rewarder!
- Nothing matters to me more than the souls of men!

2021

▶ MONTHLY PROPHETIC DECLARATION

Give me souls & I will give you your hearts desires!

- Expect it! Expect money to come to you from anywhere & everywhere! Your journey to wealth is now!
- This month I will multiply your capacity for thought! I will give you discernment & sound judgment!
- I will strip you of your fears! I will give you a new heart of boldness! Life will not defeat you!
- Read the book Proverbs! Read it through! Meditate on my thoughts in it! My word for you is in it!

Jesus Exceeds Expectations!

KEEP MOVING FORWARD

KEY TEXT

Pro. 24:16, "For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief."

POWER THOUGHT

Failure is only a momentary setback for champions.

At some point in everyone's life, we face the 'F' word— i.e., failure. We get hit badly and find it difficult to get up. And even when we get back on our feet, we can't help but look back and remember the hurts of the past and the mistakes we made. God does not want you to go through life looking in the rearview mirror.

Failure is only a momentary setback for champions. In fact, show me a man who has never failed in life, and I will show you a man who has never tried anything great or significant. Everybody who desires to succeed in life must be prepared to fall because part of the journey of success is 'falling and rising'. If you are scared of failing in life, you will end up in mediocrity. The '7up' company derived its name from the fact that the owners failed six business attempts before they succeeded; hence the name '7up'. Thomas Edison failed in 999 trials before he succeeded in inventing the electric bulb. When he was asked, he said that he did not fail; rather, he discovered 999 ways how not to make the electric bulb. What a mindset!

God wants to do a new thing in your life. He has called you to do mighty things. He will even make a way when you feel lost, but you've got to keep on moving forward. You can't stay where you're at, nor can you go backwards. It's only in moving forward that you can accomplish what God has called you to. The only direction you should go is forward.



Today, I reject the spirit of rising and falling! I will advance and progress in life. I refuse to remain tied to my past failures and mistakes. I am made for so much more and I will become more, in Jesus' name.



Say to yourself, "it is time to rise".



1 Corinthians 7

I WON'T DIE SMALL

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

Isa. 54:2-3, "Enlarge the place of your tent ...; Do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited."

It is not the will of God for you to be small. To be small does not make you look like God at all. God wants you big in every area of your life—spiritually, financially, socially etc. Today, as you reach out to God, He will enlarge your coast, in Jesus' name.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. **Ecc. 3:1**— Father, I thank You because this is my appointed season to excel. I receive divine grace to break forth and increase on every side, in Jesus' name.
2. **Gen. 13:15**— I declare today, that my life dreams will be realized. Whatever I have seen in my spirit shall be my portion, in Jesus' name.
3. **Gen. 49:4**— I destroy any curse placed over my destiny to contain my rising and restrict my influence and achievements, in Jesus' name.
4. Today, I blind and paralyze every agent of hell monitoring my life to frustrate my progress! I cast you out of my space, in Jesus' name.
5. **Deut. 2:24**— I dispossess anyone occupying my promised land now! I occupy my place in God, in Jesus' name.
6. I rebuke every cycle of rising and falling and demonic subtractions in my family. Our progress shall be steady and continual, in Jesus' name.
7. Father, let today be the day of salvation for many. Let men encounter Jesus wherever they go today. Give us a mighty soul harvest!
8. Oh God, release the grace for speed upon Your Church. Let divine resources for kingdom projects and visions begin to flow from north, south east and west!
9. **Acts 2:22**— Lord Jesus, grant my man of God, Pst. George Izunwa, a fresh release of power. Let uncommon miracles follow his life and ministry, in Jesus' name.
10. Oh God, let Your hand rest upon Nigeria. Let there be a turnaround in our economy, government etc. Let there be a new season of prosperity for us, in Jesus name.

STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

KEY TEXT

Dan. 1:20, "And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm."

POWER THOUGHT

...if 'it' is not excellent, it is not good enough for our God.

Every Christian has a high calling—the call to excellence. It takes a special measure of dedication to be excellent, especially for the Christian life. Excellence in Christianity does not happen by accident. It requires commitment and strong motivation. Paul said, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (**Phil. 3:14 RSV**).

Paul was a man dedicated to excellence as a Christian. He did not believe in careless commitments. His goals were high, his standards were high and his purpose in life was to be the very best person in Christ Jesus that he could be. In the third chapter of Philippians, he shares his reasons for reaching for excellence. First, he said, "I press on...because Christ Jesus has made me His own" (**vs. 12**). The apostle chose excellence as a way of life! He understood that if 'it' is not excellent, it is not good enough for our God. Jesus Christ has chosen you and therefore you can't live a mediocre life; "You did not choose Me, but I chose you ...that you should go and bear fruit..." (**Jn. 15:16**). Reaching out for excellence demands that you are constantly and consistently growing. With each passing day, it becomes difficult to be excellent in this falling world, but remember that the Christian who thinks that he has arrived is only stagnated.

While the spark of excellence is undeniably resident within you, you must fan its embers to flame through a genuine commitment and determination to be the best at all times. Don't live in mediocrity, strive for excellence and stand out!



Today, I yield myself to the spirit of excellence. I declare that I am the best and ahead of the rest. I rebuke the attitude of nonchalance, in Jesus' name.



Whatever you have to do, do it diligently and perfectly.



1 Corinthians 9

LEAD LIKE JESUS

KEY TEXT

Jn. 13:4-5, "He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded."

POWER THOUGHT

Service adds value to people.

Jesus was the greatest leader of all time. The record of His life and ministry in the Bible still intrigues every reader till this day. It's fascinating how Jesus transformed twelve ordinary and unlikely people into the first generation of leaders of a movement that continues to affect the course of world history 2,000 years later. He gives a practical and effective leadership model for all organizations, for all people, for all situations.

Jesus' views on leadership are conspicuously out of step with the conventional wisdom of our age. According to Christ, then, the truest kind of leadership demands service, sacrifice, and selflessness. A proud and self-promoting person is not a good leader by Christ's standard. Leaders who look to Christ as their Leader and their supreme model of leadership will have servants' hearts. They will exemplify sacrifice. **Matt. 20:27-28**, *"And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."* Service adds value to people. When leaders serve, they add value to the people who receive their service. This value might be as simple as feeling worthwhile or special. It could be that the value is a resource we put in people's hands or a word of

encouragement we speak to them. Whatever it is, people always receive something and feel better about themselves because of their leader.

Cultivate the good habit of adding value to everyone you meet; try to add something to their lives rather than take away. Seek to replenish and resource them to live the higher life God has called them to.



Lord Jesus, bestow on me the grace for leadership. I receive the heart of servanthood and service today, in Jesus' name.



Serve in the house of God.



1 Corinthians 10

THE FULFILLING LIFE

KEY TEXT

Acts 13:36, "For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers..."

POWER THOUGHT

You can't do anything about the length of your life, but you can do something about its width and depth.

The life well-lived is the life that learns to embrace the law of the Creator. We can only find happiness, meaning, and contentment when we become what we are created to become. The best of life is to be found not in the accumulation of riches or in achieving fame. Such aspirations may lead to success by worldly standards, but real fulfillment comes from a life well spent.

If your prayer is "Father, make me a blessing to others" then you are on the path to true happiness and fulfillment. One distinctive command of the Bible is that the greatest joy is found in loving God with all your heart and treating others with compassion and charity (**Mk. 12:30-31**). There are many people who achieve success by worldly standards. Not all of them, however, may be said to have lived life well; some of them may achieve wealth, fame, and power, yet without living in conformity to the law of love for God and love for fellow humanity, all of their accomplishments mean very little. The Christian, in contrast, may experience many adversities and may still be expecting his/her breakthrough, yet when the love of God and love for fellow humanity governs the heart, such a life is most certainly worth living.

American humorist Evan Esar wrote, "You can't do anything about the length of your life, but you can do something about its width and depth." It is not what is etched upon a tombstone that is remembered most, but rather what is carved upon the hearts of others. Spend your life on giving out value and watch yourself enjoy fulfilment.



My Father, thank You for the entrance of Your Word into my heart today. Make me a person that this generation and those to come will not forget, in Jesus' name.



Be compassionate and intentionally add value to someone's life.



1 Corinthians 11

INCREASE YOUR CAPACITY

KEY
TEXT

Matt. 25:15, "And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey."

POWER
THOUGHT

No one can be the best who refuses to improve.

There is no ungifted person. God blesses people according to how prepared they are to receive. No one can be the best who refuses to improve. Capacity to be the best can be increased. Your blessing is given according to your capacity. When you increase your capacity, your blessing increases.

HOW TO INCREASE YOUR CAPACITY

- Change your thought pattern— **Pro. 23:7.**
- General personal development— **Jn. 7:15.**
- Seek counsel and guidance from mentors and role models— **Pro. 19:20**



PRAYER

Thank You, Father, for giving me abundance of grace for increased capacity. I will produce excellent results in my work and ministry by the power that's at work in me, in Jesus' Name.



ACTION
POINT

What area of your life do you need to get better? Work on it!



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

1 Corinthians 12

DON'T LET YOUR DREAM DIE IN THE VALLEY!

KEY TEXT

Eph 3:20, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,"

POWER THOUGHT

Nothing worth having ever comes easy or without opposition.

God puts dreams in our hearts and weaves a destiny over our lives. If we trust Him enough to take Him at His word, we will find ourselves on a journey toward the fulfillment of that dream. Unfortunately, the path that takes us to the promise is always fraught with thickets and thorns. Nothing worth having ever comes easy or without opposition. Storms will come, lions will roar, and our fears will be confronted.

God allows the path to be difficult because He intends on refining us and preparing us for our place of promise. So, as we follow His lead, we will, at different times, find ourselves in a valley – a valley of decision. In that valley, a lot of things happen— marriages die there; dreams die there too. The flesh and 'self' also die hard in there but unfortunately for many, they have opted to let their dream die before they allow their flesh to be confronted.

God wants to take you from strength to strength; from glory to glory. **Eph. 3:20** tells us that He wants to do abundantly above and beyond ALL that we could ever ask or think, but there's a condition in this verse "...it's according to His work *within us*". To the extent that He's allowed

to work in you, will be the extent that He does great things through you.

If you're in a season of refining, *lean in*. Trust the loving hand of your precious Saviour and know that He will lead you to the other side. Refuse a sense of entitlement and don't demand to be understood. Don't let your dream die in the valley!



PRAYER

Father, thank You for the great things You are preparing me for. Today, I receive the grace to keep moving, no matter the circumstances. My dreams and vision will not die! I will emerge gloriously, in Jesus' name.



ACTION POINT

Re-visit your dreams and work on them.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

1 Corinthians 13

MAKE AN IMPACT FOR CHRIST

KEY TEXT

Matt. 9:37-38, "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

POWER THOUGHT

No excuse is big enough to disqualify you

An anyone who loves Jesus, the Church, and loves the lost would want to make his or her life count for Christ. But sometimes we can become so full of knowledge, about the needs and opportunities out there, that we don't know where to begin!

From **Matt. 35-38**, there are four steps that will guide you in making a revolutionary impact for Christ.

- **SEE AS JESUS SAW** — When Jesus looked at the crowds, He didn't just see a clamouring group of people. He looked beyond the surface and realized they were spiritually depressed and downcast. When you look out at the world today — your neighborhood, your community, your country — what do you see?
- **FEEL AS JESUS FELT** — When Jesus saw the crowds, He was moved to compassion for them. He felt people's suffering. Once you begin to view the world through the eyes of Christ, it's only natural that you will begin to share His feelings about the world as well. Are you moved to compassion when you look at the world today?
- **PRAY AS JESUS PRAYED** — Jesus was saddened when He saw how much the people were suffering so He asked God to send His workers to work in the harvest field. When was the last time you asked God to send workers into the harvest field?
- **DO AS JESUS DID** — Jesus didn't just ask God to send workers, He got involved Himself. He rolled up His sleeves and got to work. Are you willing to get involved? Many of us put forward a number of excuses, but no excuse is big enough to disqualify you from doing the work of Christ.

You're never too young, too old, too poor, or too rich, to make an impact. You have been endowed with every resource you need. Touch your world for Jesus!



Today, I declare that I am a city that is set on a hill. My light can never go out.



Be intentional and make an impact.



1 Corinthians 14

WISDOM TO EXCEL!

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

Jam. 3:17 (NIV), "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

When the wisdom of God is operating in your life, blunders are minimized and victories become easier and cheaper. The God-kind of wisdom answers the hard questions of life and positions you for leadership and favour. Enough of the costly destiny mistakes; God is releasing covenant wisdom on you today!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, thank You for Your wisdom in me. I have the mind of Christ. I can handle whatever life brings. By Your wisdom, I will reign in life, in Jesus' name.
2. Today, I submit my academic knowledge, experiences, human counsel and common sense under the wisdom of God. I walk in the supernatural wisdom of God.
3. **Jam. 1:5**— Today, I receive quick understanding in every area of life: relationship, ministry, academics, business etc. I receive wisdom for increase and enlargement.
4. **2 Cor. 10:4-6**— I take authority over every stronghold of knowledge that has built a resistance against the wisdom of God in my life. I break the bondage of reasoning and over-rationalization, in Jesus' name.
5. **2 Tim. 1:7**— I rebuke dullness of mind, mental laziness and forgetfulness in Jesus' name. The spirit of a sound mind is operational in me, in Jesus' name.
6. Father, I surrender my entire family to You. Make us an exceptional and outstanding people. Lift us to the top in every sphere of life, in Jesus' name.
7. Father, let today be the day of salvation for many. Let men encounter Jesus wherever they go today. Give us a mighty soul harvest!
8. Oh God, release the grace for speed upon Your Church. Let divine resources for kingdom projects and visions begin to flow from north, south east and west!
9. **Acts 2:22**— Lord Jesus, grant my man of God, Pst. George Izunwa, a fresh release of power. Let uncommon miracles follow his life and ministry, in Jesus name.
10. Oh God, let Your hand rest upon Nigeria. Let there be a turnaround in our economy, government etc. Let there be a new season of prosperity for us,

in Jesus name.



1 Corinthians 15

JETTISON THE DISTRACTIONS

KEY TEXT

1 Cor. 6:12, "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any"

POWER THOUGHT

Maintaining focus is a battle you have to fight daily.

These are the last days, and Satan knows his time is up, so he is on the prowl, causing many more calamities (**Rev. 12:12**). His agenda is to kill, steal and destroy (**Jn. 10:10**) and one of his subtle weapons in this present time is distraction. Somehow, he finds a way to disguise a distraction and makes his victims get lost without their knowledge. This kind of vice is what I call 'Excusable Distraction'.

Excusable distraction is a distraction that sounds logical and acceptable; something that doesn't seem wrong at first but gradually works its way into your life and becomes a barrier to destiny momentum. As Christians, maintaining focus is a battle you have to fight daily because everything around you is seeking your attention. You can imagine how a man, who happens to be a believer striving and working hard to excel, quickly loses his drive when he is told that he is being manipulated by a witch. Then he starts fighting the witch and forgets to work on how to be great. This may not have looked like a distraction, but it has slowed down his destiny momentum.

God is focusing (paying close attention) to assist, bless and favour you. It is, therefore, important you focus on Him. **Col. 3:1-2** says, "*If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth*". Never allow the things that matter the most to be at the mercy of things that matter least. Ward off distractions today!



PRAYER

By fire today, I subdue every manipulative force against my destiny. No negative voice will distract me from my course, in Jesus' name.



Decide that whatever happens, you will not lose focus.



1 Corinthians 16

MAKE A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

KEY TEXT

2 Pet. 1:5-6, "But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,"

POWER THOUGHT

If you are not making positive changes, then negative changes are making you!

Great sportsmen and sportswomen are creatures of habit. They develop a habit of doing what they need to do to achieve their personal goals. Likewise, when God created mankind, He created you to be a creature of habits. Without the right habits in your life, you may never create a lifestyle that will usher you into the will of God for you.

The Bible records that Jesus Christ had a habit of praying at early hours of the morning every day. The prophet Daniel had a habit of giving thanks to God in prayer three times a day. (**Dan. 6:10**). David had a habit of praising God continually, **Ps. 34:1** says, "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth." These great men of the Bible stood out amongst others because they added value to themselves by cultivating positive habits! Some people get satisfied with 'who' they are and see no point in adding anything new to their lives. They just want to coast along in life. Don't forget that everything is changing, whether you like it or not. If you are not making positive changes, then negative changes are making you! You either grow or decay. That is why the Bible is urging you today to take the initiative and make every effort to add positive habits to your life.

God wants you to continue learning and never stop growing in knowledge. Keep finding ways to add to your strength and avoid stagnation. The Bible says it is not what you hear that makes you productive, it's what you do! "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says" (**Jam. 1:22**). Add value to your life today!



PRAYER

My Father, help me to keep becoming better as the days go by. I declare that I won't lose relevance to this generation, in Jesus' name.



ACTION POINT

Work at becoming a better version of yourself.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Psalm 31

WHAT DRIVES YOU?

KEY TEXT

Jer. 29:11, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

POWER THOUGHT

Spirit-driven people live purpose-driven lives.

Everyone's life is driven by something. Drive means to guide, to control or to direct. It can mean guiding and controlling something or directing it to the appropriate place at that moment. There are many circumstances, values, emotions that can drive one's life.

What is the driving force in your life? Some people are driven by a problem. They go to where ordinarily they would not have gone if things were normal. Others are driven by pressure or deadlines. There are people who are driven by painful memories or haunting fear or unconscious belief. There is another set driven by fear. These people cannot venture out. They fear further failure because they have failed before. Fear-driven people miss great opportunities. They play safe, avoiding risks. Materialism-driven people are driven by the desire to acquire and keep acquiring. They believe that having more will make them happy or important or more secure. They fail to remember that possessions provide temporary happiness. Then we have the Spirit-driven people. God's will and plan, right from the foundation of the world, is for His creation to be driven by His Spirit – The HOLY SPIRIT. Spirit-driven people live purpose-driven lives. A purpose-driven life is a life guided, controlled and directed by GOD's purpose for that life. Wealth,

fame, pleasure and success cannot be substitutes for this kind of life. This is the ultimate life that GOD desires for you.

God is Faithful; He never lies. He is not a man that lies or changes his mind anytime. You can allow Him drive your life to the expected end. Clock into His purpose for your life today.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I accept You into my life. I allow You to drive my life through Your Spirit. I surrender my life completely to You. Take control and drive me to my expected end.



ACTION POINT

Be honest with yourself, what drives you?



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Psalms 32-33

LIVING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

KEY TEXT

Gal 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

POWER THOUGHT

Making a difference is superior to making a living.

It's a huge jumble out there. You have been called by God to take the initiative, to do something, to make a difference. Making a difference is superior to making a living. What you get out of life is not as important as what you give to life. It's in you to change the world because Jesus created you to do so.

Three keys to making a difference —

- Fear God and obey Him — **Ps. 112:1-2.**
- Recognise the world's needs and respond with compassion — **Matt. 9:36.**
- Ask God for wisdom and direction on how to build a legacy — **Prov. 3:13-16.**



PRAYER

Lord, I am available. Please use me as a tool for impact in my generation, Lord, in Jesus' Name.



ACTION POINT

Be determined to swim against the tides and make a difference.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Psalm 34

SHINE YOUR LIGHT

KEY
TEXT

Phil. 2:15, "that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world."

POWER
THOUGHT

What's the use of a light that cannot give light?

Light is very important. In the Gospel of John, the Bible calls Jesus, "the true light, which gives light to everyone" (**Jn. 1:9**). Without light, life is unbearable because darkness will seize the opportunity to prevail. Little wonder why the followers of Jesus are called to be lights in the darkness.

To shine means putting yourself out there. Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others" (**Matt. 5:16a**). He explained that no one lights a lamp just to hide it under a basket. What's the use of a light that cannot give light? A lamp is meant to be placed on a stand to give light to everything around it. Whether you're timid or outgoing, you're called to be a light to the people around you. But then, until the light switch is on, light will not be effective. That's why Jesus said "let your light shine". At redemption, you were equipped with the capacity to subdue darkness through the light of God in you. So nothing should stop your shining.

The only solution to the earth's problem is the light of God but the light will not shine until God's children are willing to shine forth the light imbued in them. You may be the only representative of Jesus

Christ that your friends, your family, co-workers and your neighbours may ever meet. And they will evaluate the whole idea of Christianity and living for God on the basis of what they see in you. They will form an opinion about God based on your actions. So let your light shine.



My Father, let your Word today brighten the light in me. Help me to showcase You to my world; make me the evidence of El-Shaddai wherever I'm found, in Jesus' name.



Lift your right hand and declare, "My light will shine!"



Psalm 35

OVERCOMING FEAR

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

2 Tim 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

POWER THOUGHT

God is not the author of your troubles

Have you been in a situation where your circumstances appear to be completely hopeless? Where you felt immobilized and overwhelmed by the challenges surrounding you, with no way out or even a temporary respite in sight? That is exactly what happened to King Jehoshaphat and the small tribe of Judah when they were besieged on all fronts by three powerful and blood-thirsty armies rapidly advancing toward Jerusalem (**2 Chron. 20**). With their enemies mercilessly bent on annihilating them, they were facing a forlorn and hopeless situation.

When Jehoshaphat was informed that a great multitude was coming against him, his first reaction was fear! I'm so glad that the Word of God gives us an authentic portrait of who Jehoshaphat was. He wasn't a valiant warrior-king who was always full of faith and endowed with a disproportionate dose of fiery courage. No, he was a regular guy. He did what you and any of us would have done—he panicked. But what set Jehoshaphat apart was that even when he was fearful, the very first thing he did was to "set himself to seek the Lord" (**2 Chron. 20:3**). That is something you need to learn to do as well. When you are feeling overwhelmed by your circumstances, that is the time you need to seek the Lord. God is not the author of your troubles. He is the author and finisher of your faith, victory and success.

God doesn't condemn you when you are afraid. But when you receive a negative medical report or some bad news about your family or business, set yourself to seek the Lord. Jesus is your answer! His perfect love for you will cast out all fear.



PRAYER

Today, I declare that I have the spirit of power, love and a sound mind. I refuse to live in fear. I cast out the spirit of fear, in Jesus' name!



ACTION POINT

Seek God concerning that disturbing circumstance.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Psalm 36

HEAR MY CRY TODAY, OH LORD!

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY
TEXT

Phil 4:6, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

Have you ever been in a situation where you just don't know how to pray about a specific situation? Perhaps you are mentally and emotionally burnt out and feel hopeless. Declare these prayer points today and I believe that the Holy Spirit will meet you where you are and help you in your situation.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. **Ps. 16:11** — Heavenly Father, You are my way of life. Thank You for giving me joy through Your presence and never abandoning me. May I continue to enjoy Your presence, in Jesus' name.
2. Precious Father, help me to stay focused on You. I pray that my connection with You will only grow stronger giving me access to greater heights in life.
3. **Jam. 4:7**— Oh Lord, I put my complete trust in You. Endow me with the strength to stand firm against the wiles of the devil, in Jesus' mighty name.
4. Today, I declare that no weapon formed against me shall prosper. Every tongue that rises against me in judgement is condemned today, in Jesus' mighty name.
5. Today, I put on the whole armor of God and stand against and resist the rulers, powers, and spiritual forces of darkness. I will stand strong in times of battle.
6. Father, I surrender my entire family to You. Make us an exceptional and outstanding people. Lift us to the top in every sphere of life, in Jesus' name.
7. I take authority over every agent of darkness positioned to hinder the growth of Gateway Church. Father, expose them and disgrace them! Gateway cannot be small!
8. Father, let today be the day of salvation for many. Let men encounter Jesus wherever they go today. Give us a mighty soul harvest!
9. **Acts 2:22** — Lord Jesus, grant my man of God, Pst. George Izunwa, a fresh release of power. Let uncommon miracles follow his life and ministry, in Jesus' name.
10. Oh God, let Your hand rest upon Nigeria. Let there be a turnaround in our economy, government etc. Let there be a new season of prosperity for us, in Jesus' name.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Psalm 37

MAXIMIZE YOUR LIFE

KEY TEXT

1 Tim. 4:15. "Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all."

POWER THOUGHT

Tapping into the core essence of who you are makes you an asset.

Life is the state of existence. It is divinely ordained and sustained. It is thus important that it is managed properly and maximized. To maximize your life means to make the best use of your life—your potential, time and the opportunities available for you to become the person God made you to be.

Your life is sacred, connected with God and considered to be holy. When you make the most of your life, you will please God and obtain favour in His sight. Noah is an example of someone who maximized his life. He lived at a time when people lived recklessly without giving consideration to God. Noah chose to be different. Eventually, Noah pleased God and he was not destroyed (**Gen. 6:1-9**). When you maximize your life, you will be preserved from evil. There is no denying the fact that life is about influence, but then, your life will make little or no impact if not properly maximized. Tapping into the core essence of who you are makes you an asset, not a liability.

God is the only one whose existence is not influenced by time. And since we don't have all eternity, the time we have must be maximized. To maximize your life, you should have a plan and vision. Be diligent and seek to be the best in pleasing God. Don't be complacent or leave anything to chance. Improve yourself. God has imparted so much in you that the least you should do in return is to maximize it and bring glory to Him.



Oh God, help me to maximize my life to the fullest. I refuse to be a shadow of who You created me to be, in Jesus' name.



Think about three (3) of your strengths and begin working on them.



Psalm 38

THE FUEL FOR RIGHT LIVING

KEY TEXT

Eph. 2:8, 10" *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."*

POWER THOUGHT

Grace produces true holiness.

Merriam-Webster Online describes sanctification as "the state of growing in divine grace as a result of Christian commitment after conversion." While you have been justified and made righteous by the blood of Jesus and perfected forever, sanctification is an ongoing process in your growth as a Christian.

As a believer you cannot become more righteous but you can become more sanctified or holy in terms of how you live your life. Justification by faith happened instantaneously—the moment you received Jesus, you were forgiven, cleansed, perfected in righteousness, and saved. You were also sanctified in Christ (**Heb. 10:10**). However, it is important to understand that the revelation and outworking of your sanctification in Christ is progressive. This means that the more you grow in your relationship with the Lord Jesus, the more holy you will become in every area of your life. The revelation of forgiveness is the fuel that makes right living happen. Paul told Timothy to be "*strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus*" (**2 Tim. 2:1**). Peter encouraged believers to build a strong foundation with these closing words in his last epistle: "*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*" (**2 Pet. 3:18**).

Beloved, when you experience the grace of our Lord Jesus, the allure

and passing pleasures of sin fade in the light of His glory and grace. It will set you free to have the kind of relationship you've always longed for with God! But it doesn't end here. Grace produces true holiness. The more you grow in grace, the more you grow in sanctification and holiness. Grace is indeed the fuel for right living!



Thank You, Lord Jesus, for saving me and helping me to live a life sanctified and blameless before You. I receive the grace to live an uncompromised life in Jesus' name.



What are your values? Re-align them in your quest for living a sanctified life.



Psalm 39

IT BEGINS WITH YOU

KEY
TEXT

Col. 1:10, "that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;"

POWER
THOUGHT

The smallest crowd you will ever lead is you.

You desire to be the best leader you can be so you can maximize your influence and success. This is the desire of almost everyone but reality seems to be in sharp contrast to our desires. Until you learn to lead yourself first, you may not ascend to the zenith of your career, business, academics or even marriage.

Human nature seems to endow you with the ability to size up everybody in the world except yourself. The first person you must examine is yourself! If you don't look at yourself realistically, you will never understand where your personal difficulties are coming from. Development is a lifelong process and if you don't lead yourself, you will have stunted or no growth. David was a messy leader. He wanted to be a great leader, but like most of us, there was a gap between who he wanted to be and who he actually was. Despite his messiness, David led himself and others well. **Ps. 78:72 (NIV)** says, "And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them." Leading yourself well means that you hold yourself to a higher standard of accountability than others do. Leading yourself is paramount to your success in life.

The smallest crowd you will ever lead is you—but it's the most important one. If you do that well, then you will earn the right to lead others. On the days that you find it difficult to lead yourself, remember the parable of the talents—the servants who managed their affairs well received greater leadership responsibilities (**Lk. 19:17**). Lead yourself well, and God will reward your faithfulness.



Father, forgive my attitude of negligence. Help me to become a better version of who I am today; help me to lead myself, in Jesus' name.



How well are you leading yourself? In which area(s) do you need to lead yourself better?



Psalms 40-41

LEGACY

KEY
TEXT

Prov. 13:22. "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children..."

POWER
THOUGHT

Names carved on hearts are hardly erased.

Legacies are rare and special gifts from one person to another, or one generation to the next. Reputation is what people think of you now but LEGACY is what people think of you long after you are gone. As a believer, seek to leave a lasting legacy of godliness for the next generation. Names carved on hearts are hardly erased. Strive to build a legacy!

Three keys to living a life worthy of a lasting legacy—

- Fear God and obey Him— **(Ps. 112:1-2)**
- Recognise the world's needs and respond with compassion— **(Matt. 9:36)**
- Ask God for wisdom and direction on how to build a legacy— **(Prov. 3:13-16)**



Father, help me to build a legacy that will outlive me. This week, direct me and help me to impact my world, in Jesus' name.



Be intentional about making your mark in people's hearts.



Psalms 42-43

COMMIT TO YOUR PASSION

KEY TEXT

Phil. 3:16, "Nevertheless, whereof we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing."

POWER THOUGHT

Passion doesn't hide.

There are so many ways to succeed in life but no one can achieve success in any venture that he/she is not sold out to. To be sold out to an assignment simply means that you are dedicated and committed to it. It means to be determined to follow a project until it is accomplished.

You may not be an expert in a particular field but once you are willing to pursue it doggedly and unrelentingly, you will become a success within a short time. All you need is commitment and dedication. When you are sold out to something, you end up being a reference point in that subject matter, be it business, career, your job etc. Apostle Paul never saw Jesus Christ but because he was sold out to the gospel; he carried out 70% of the exploits recorded in the New Testament; his books also occupy 75%-80% of the New Testament. One of the characteristics of a person who is sold out is passion. Passion doesn't hide. For instance, you can't claim to take God and His kingdom seriously and give excuses about being involved in kingdom activities. When you are sold out to an assignment, it shows.

"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 ..."Phil. 3:13-14 Discover one thing, hold it passionately, commit your life to it and you will see results.



PRAYER

Today, I receive rekindling in my inner man; my passion, zeal and enthusiasm for life will not die. Life must answer to me, in Jesus' name



ACTION POINT

Are you passionate about your assignment?



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Psalm 44

MEDITATE ON JESUS

KEY TEXT

Rom. 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

POWER THOUGHT

When you have Him, you have everything.

Under the new covenant, we get to meditate on the **person of Jesus** when we meditate on the Word. Jesus is the Word made flesh and as you meditate on His love for you, on His finished work, on His forgiveness and on His grace, God guarantees that you will have good success.

No matter how short, when you meditate on Jesus, faith is imparted and your heart is encouraged with the reality that Jesus is with you. For example, you can begin to mutter **Psa. 23:1** under your breath: "The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want." As you meditate on this simple verse, you begin to realize that the Lord **is** (present tense) your shepherd. A shepherd provides for his sheep, feeds them, and protects them. Because Jesus is your shepherd, you shall not be in want for anything. You begin to see that Jesus is present with you, providing and watching out for you, and making sure that you and your family will have more than enough. Every time you meditate on God's Word, Jesus will propel you into success without you even realizing it! Without you having to scheme, devise, or make all sorts of plans, Jesus will direct your steps, lead you to the place that you are supposed to be at and cause doors of opportunity to supernaturally open wide for you.

Jesus is your good success; learn to meditate on Him. When you have Him, you have everything. Faith indeed comes by hearing. The more you hear of Jesus and the cross, the more faith will be imparted to you and you will experience good success in your life!



PRAYER

Father, thank You for the revelation of Your Word. Today, I receive Your sufficient grace to meditate on Your Word day and night. I ask that Your Word will guide me to greater heights, in Jesus' name.



ACTION POINT

Meditate on any scripture today.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Psalm 45

I AM SOARING HIGHER!

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

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."

An eagle is meant to fly in an unlimited atmosphere. God's desire is that you operate and function in an unrestricted domain in your potentials, gifts, skills and abilities etc. You cannot be limited because you must make a difference. Today, receive the capacity to soar higher!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, I thank You for the great things I have seen at this level of my life. I know You have great things in store for me and I know that I will walk into them!
2. Oh Lord, give to me the wings of an eagle to soar into my place of my nourishment and fulfilment in career, business, ministry, marriage, finances etc, in Jesus' name.
3. Oh Lord, make me a reference point for divine achievements in the mighty name of Jesus. Anointing for excellence, fall on me now!
4. Oh Lord, give me the wings of an eagle to soar into divine favour and multiple blessings. Let Your blessings invade my life so that I may possess all the good things in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.
5. Oh Lord, be my eternal helper. Unseat anyone occupying my seat of breakthrough. Shower upon me the grace of uncommon success in life and ministry.
6. Father, let today be the day of salvation for many. Let men encounter Jesus wherever they go today. Give us a mighty soul harvest!
7. I take authority over every agent of darkness positioned to hinder the growth of Gateway Church. Father, expose them and disgrace them! Gateway cannot be small!
8. Oh God, release the grace for speed upon Your Church. Let divine resources for kingdom projects and visions begin to flow from north, south east and west!
9. **Acts 2:22** — Lord Jesus, grant my man of God, Pst. George Izunwa, a fresh release of power. Let uncommon miracles follow his life and ministry, in Jesus' name.
10. Oh God, let Your hand rest upon Nigeria. Let there be a turnaround in our economy, government etc. Let there be a new season of prosperity for us, in Jesus' name.

ACCESSING THE BEST OF GOD

KEY TEXT

2 Pet. 1:8-9, "The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind..."

POWER THOUGHT

Good is the enemy of the best

“ The day you stop learning you start dying, either at the age of 20 or 80.” Those were the words of Abraham Lincoln, one of America's finest Presidents. Truly, good is the enemy of the best because there is a tendency for one to become complacent after getting a good result in one area and forget that life is a series of events that needs consistent commitment and not momentary or temporary attention.

In **Dan. 9:2**, Daniel said that he “*understood by books*” so the addition he needed to move to the next level came by reading books containing prophecies concerning himself and his people. Through the books he read, he understood the number of years they were to be in captivity and when their freedom was due. He had to take the responsibility to look for relevant information concerning himself and God's people. You will remain the same person you are today five years from now except you read relevant self-improvement books and meet people relevant to your goals and dreams. You must cultivate the habit of listening and reading for the purpose of learning and not just for pleasure.

There's only one way to continually access God's best for your life and that is through self-improvement. You are the custodian of your destiny. If you plan to move from point A to point B, you need to make a sincere

personal appraisal and check that what you possess will help your journey. You are the best person to improve yourself because you know where you want to be in life. Start working on yourself today.



PRAYER

Today, I receive the grace to continually improve myself. I declare that by my development I will stand before kings and not mean men, in Jesus' name.



What new thing have you learnt in the past few days?



Psalms 48-49

DILIGENCE, NOT EXCUSES

KEY TEXT

Pro. 26:13. "The slothful man saith, there is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets."

POWER THOUGHT

The 'diligent' look for reasons to do what's important.

Excuses are the language of the lazy. Instead of taking responsibility, they assign blame. "The weather disrupted a deadline; a vendor delayed; an illness struck a team member; traffic made me late; we need more resources' 'they' changed their mind, the company doesn't communicate, I am overwhelmed and I need more time." Where diligence is not in play, any excuse will do. Thus, we overcome our excuses with focused diligence on priorities.

Diligence is encouraged by what can be done, not discouraged by what can't be done. Instead of procrastination, there is 'proactivity'. The diligent are motivated by the outcomes that will make them better and those around them better. The motto of the diligent is no excuses, only ways to move forward. "Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest" (Pro. 6:6-8). Like the teeny tiny insignificant ant, we learn to prepare. We ask ourselves questions around what needs to be done. The 'diligent' look for reasons to do what's important.

Most importantly, we are diligent to grow our faith in God. No excuses, only creative ways to facilitate more of Christ in our character. We are industrious toward intimate encounters with Jesus; we calendar solitude to quiet our soul so we can hear the Lord. Our diligence to become a loving disciple of Jesus Christ benefits our whole being. So, we seek our Savior and He meets us on His terms. In humility, we receive His grace for living. Stop giving excuses and be diligent!



PRAYER

Heavenly Father, keep me diligently focused on Your priorities and deliver me from the habit of making excuses. I make a commitment to strive towards the greater glory ahead, in Jesus' name.



ACTION POINT

Be diligent.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Psalm 50

THE FULFILLED LIFE

KEY
TEXT

Eccl. 3:2, "A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;"

POWER
THOUGHT

God is purposeful; He did not send you here as a fan to other people.

As much as natality is on the increase, the records of mortality are also on the high rise. Every weekend across the world, someone is being lowered six feet beneath the ground. The focus of most attendees at such occasion is "how old did he or she live?" Only few go on to ask "how well did he live?" Friend, it is not how long you live, but how well you lived that matters.

In-between the day you were born and the day you will die, there is a small dash that defines all the days of your life. It is your responsibility to fill the gap with whatever you want. Please don't be like Solomon Grundy who lived for nothing. What does the dash in your time represent? God is purposeful, hence, He could not have sent you here as a fan to other people. But then, you must make a decision not to die ordinary. Do you know that even the cock has a duty to wake people up with its crow? What can you do to better the life of another person? What is your contribution to life? You can't die small!

It is good to live long on earth but what does living long mean

when you wake up each day? Jesus lived only 33 years on earth but lived a fulfilled life. Let there be a burning desire in you that will not allow you to be comfortable. Commit yourself to something worthwhile before you die. Do not live as if you have all the days on earth to waste. Invest your time meaningfully.



PRAYER

Oh God, by Your grace, help me to live a fulfilled life; may my days on earth not be wasted. I won't die small, in Jesus' name.



ACTION
POINT

Live from today with a sense of purpose.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

2 Corinthians 1

THE LEADER'S LIGHT

KEY TEXT

Matt 5:15-16, "Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

POWER THOUGHT

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People look up to Christian leaders, expecting that the loving grace of God will shine through them. God has called you to lead his church by example. Christians and non-Christians alike can pick up on the coldness or warmth of your heart. Remember that your actions contribute greatly to witnessing God. Let your light be the leading light.

HOW TO BECOME THE LEADING LIGHT—

- Spend more time with God— **Matt. 6:6**
- Seize every opportunity to talk about Jesus— **Rom. 5:8**
- Revolutionise your life through the Word— **Rom. 12:2**



PRAYER

Oh Lord, help me to continually shine my light. Take away everything that hinders and covers my light. I will shine!



ACTION POINT

Shine your light intentionally.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

2 Corinthians 2

REACH OUT!

KEY
TEXT

Luke 11:9, "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

POWER
THOUGHT

...abandon the ways we've been reaching out to the world for strength.

Today's discussion will begin with a familiar story. **Lk. 8:43-47**, "And a woman having a flow of blood twelve years, ... Came up behind Him, and touched the border of His garment: and immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Yeshua (Jesus) said, "Who touched Me? When all denied it, Peter and those that were with Him said, "Master, the multitude are crowding and pressing on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" And Yeshua (Jesus) said, "Somebody touched Me: for I perceive that power had gone out of Me..."

Isn't it interesting and quite impossible that of the multitudes thronging and pressing toward Jesus, only one really touched Him? What made Jesus notice her among all the rest? This woman was desperate! She had reached the end of her rope. She had spent all her money visiting every doctor she could find and done all she could do to be healed. But she finally realized that what she truly needed was a touch from the Lord. The word "power" in this passage, in Greek, is "dunamis". Dunamis is the word from which the word dynamite is derived. As she reached for Him, dynamite power flowed out of the Lord and radically healed and changed her! Somehow, the 'world' has us convinced that the solution to all our problems comes from it. We tend to look to

people and material things to satisfy our earthly desires instead of looking to the Lord!

Do you need a touch from the Lord today? Let's abandon the ways we've been reaching out to the world for strength -- and determine to reach out to the Lord in faith and believe!



PRAYER

Oh Lord, thank You for reminding me once again that there is no impossibility with You. Help me to persevere and reach out to receive my breakthrough, in Jesus' name.



What prophetic step have you been commanded to take? Do it now.



2 Corinthians 3

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST

KEY TEXT

Pro. 27:1, "Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth"

POWER THOUGHT

In the end, it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years

Usually, when we hear the statement, "Live like there's no tomorrow," it is spoken by someone who has a worldly, selfish perspective on life. An example in the New Testament comes readily to mind, given by Jesus while He was on the earth. The first example involved a man who experienced a windfall profit. In Lk. 12:16, Jesus speaks of a farmer who was already wealthy; he experienced a bumper crop harvest such that he couldn't store it all! Rather than share the wealth, he hoarded it all! As you read through this story, you find it filled with the words, 'I', 'my' and 'myself'. It's a sad story of a self-focused man, trying to make his own way and secure his own future with no help from anyone, including God. By relying solely on his own short-sighted selfishness and pride, this man left nothing behind at the end of his life, except a pile of grain.

Living like there's no tomorrow for the child of God, means to live each day to its fullest for the cause of Christ and the glory of God. It means making no decisions today that you will regret tomorrow! It means living every day, as if it could be your last, because it just might be!

Abraham Lincoln once said, "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years." Living like there's no tomorrow for God will insure that you give your life away in worthwhile causes, rather than hoard it to yourself and waste it!



Father, thank You for the life I live in You. I make a commitment today to put in my very best into all I do, now and always, in Jesus' name.



What things can you do to add value to your life and God's kingdom?



2 Corinthians 4

STEADY ADVANCEMENT AND PROGRESS

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

Pro. 4:18. *"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."*

God has ordained our paths as Christians to be filled with light and to get better with each passing day. Advancement and progress is God's perfect will for all His children; He has not ordained anyone of us to be stagnant in life. He disapproves of His children suffering in life. Today, every blockade on your way is uprooted by fire!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, I thank You for the great and mighty things You have done and are still doing for me and my family. Halleluyah!
2. Today, I decree and declare all-round advancement and visible progress into my life. I will move forward in every aspect of life, in Jesus' name.
3. Father, today, scatter and destroy any hindering spirit around or within me, in the name of Jesus. Every force of limitation over my destiny is broken!
4. Today, any negative decree made upon my feet and my movement in life, because I have come to Christ, let it be revoked in Jesus' name.
5. Father Lord, let my feet be anointed and washed by your blood to lead me to peaceful and ordered places, in the name of Jesus.
6. Today, by the Hand of God, I destroy the horns of enemies rising against my family. Any decree sponsoring satanic roadblocks in our way to breakthrough, be scattered by fire!
7. I take authority over every agent of darkness positioned to hinder the growth of Gateway Church. Father, expose them and disgrace them! Gateway cannot be small!
8. Father, let today be the day of salvation for many. Let men encounter Jesus wherever they go today. Give us a mighty soul harvest!
9. **Acts 2:22** — Lord Jesus, grant my man of God, Pst. George Izunwa, a fresh release of power. Let uncommon miracles follow his life and ministry, in Jesus' name.
10. Oh God, let Your hand rest upon Nigeria. Let there be a turnaround in our economy, government etc. Let there be a new season of prosperity for us, in Jesus' name.



Prayer Of *Salvation*

*Lord Jesus, I ask you to come into my life today and
forgive all my sins. I confess with my mouth that
You are the
Lord of my life and I believe with my heart that You
rose from the dead. I am saved! Thank You
Father for saving me in the
name of Jesus. Amen.*

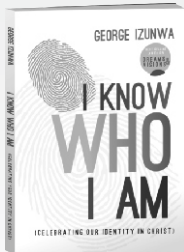
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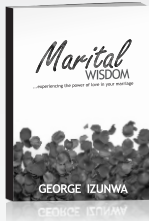
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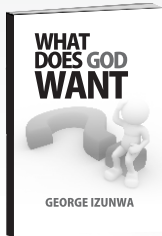
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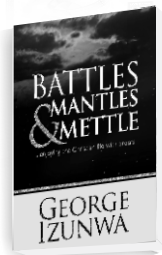
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