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DAILY DEVOTIONAL & GUIDE

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② 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



"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 Ocovenant 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 OMONTHLY PROPHETIC DECLARATION

NOVEMBER: WOW!

TEXT: EPH 3:20

TAKEOVER WORD: GRACE HAS FOUND ME! POSITIVE SUDDEN SURPRISES ARE COMING TO ME!

- Hear this: There will be no obstacle & no delaying of my work in your life! I gave my word & I will perform it! Believe for quick results!
- What are you expecting? Your results will exceed every expectation! It will be wow! I will use you to display my goodness! I will make you my testimony!
- Your gratitude for the little is your seed for the much! You are due for much more! New heights of grace & glory will open to you in this season!
- Open your heart to me afresh! Open your heart to my word anew! Refresh your spirit in my grace! I will put my new wine in your new vessel! Renew you!
- My favour will flow to you as you allow mercy & favour to flow to others! Go over & above in generosity! Open your hands in kindness to others & I will open my hands in blessing to you!
- Live out my love! Forgive the wrongs of others! Let the past go & I will open the doorways into your future! I will show you

2021 • MONTHLY **PROPHETIC DECLARATION**

greater things in the spirit realm! Love is your now key!

- As the year draws to an end, many will be seduced by the spirit of futility! Reject that spirit! Reject hopelessness! Reject unbelief! There will be a performance in your life!
- This season will never swallow your destiny! Come to the physical from the supernatural! Your case is different! The covenant is your cover! You will never know shame or darkness!
- Lift up your voice against evil! Rebuke the darkness!
 Command the light! Be my battle axe! Refuse to give place to the devil! You will see it as you say it!
- One question I have for you: how many souls are you bringing to me in 2021? Would you come to the end of the year empty handed? Go for me & I will bless you!

Jesus Exceeds Expectations!

THE 'KINGDOM HEIR' MENTALITY

KEY TEXT Hebrews 6: 17, "Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

POWER THOUGHT

Your belief should not be based on perceptions but on the Word of God.

ivine prosperity is a cocktail of certain right mindsets. In order words, it is a mindset. It means you have an understanding that you are a son of God. It is an understanding that you have a sure promise of an inheritance that far outweighs what is obtainable here on earth.

We are heirs to the promises of God, and nothing or no one can take that away from us. By reason of your position as a son of God, you have an inheritance that is sure and waiting to be claimed by you. For instance, if you are informed that you have been made the heir to an inheritance by an extremely wealthy relative who just passed away, I am quite sure you will be inquisitive as to know what was left for you. In this case, whatever is left for you is limited to the financial power of the benefactor – your wealthy relative. There is an inheritance that never finishes; there is an inheritance given to you by the One who owns the entire universe. He is wealthier than all the earth's richest men put together. He is the Lord God Almighty; the maker and possessor of the heavens and the earth. When you have this understanding, there is no chance on earth that you will ever be poor.

God is your Father. Don't live like those who do not understand that there

is so much kept in store for them. They find it difficult to believe because it sounds too good to be true. Your belief should not be based on how it feels or sounds but on the Word of God. Believe the Word, because its promises are sure and final. Claim your inheritance because it is yours.



O Holy Spirit, open my eyes to know more of who I am and what I have in You. Let Your power, and glory abide in me every day through Your Word, in Jesus Name.



List out what you believe is your inheritance and seize them by faith.



3 John 1

THE 'KINGDOM HEIR' MENTALITY (2)

KEY TEXT Galatians 4:7, "Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

POWER THOUGHT

Start living like the prince or princess you really are.

here is a very common way of thinking I notice among many people; I call it the small goat mentality. When I say 'small goat' mentality, I am referring to the smallness of their expectations.

A typical case study is the story of the prodigal son found in **Luke 15**. He went to his father and demanded for his inheritance. What's expected of such a son is to begin a new life and make worthwhile investments. However, he did the opposite and squandered it all. The father however had another son who wasn't prodigal; rather he was ignorant and lost. When his prodigal brother returned, his father ordered a feast for him. While the feast was ongoing, his elder brother - the 'good son' refused to join in the celebration. When his father asked him why, he replied in **Luke 15:29**, "I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends". He complained bitterly to his father and his father responded by explaining that all he had belonged to him, and he was at liberty at any point in time to choose whatever he desires as a son. But rather he chose to remain a servant and complain about a small goat.

How unfortunate! Many of us are struggling just to have enough, when the Lord has prepared a table of abundance for us even in the presence of our enemies. Beloved, stop struggling. Allow God love you the way He wants to. When it comes to your expectations,

raise the bar a little higher. You are better than a few loaves of bread just to get by. He has given you more than you could ask or think. God has made you a blessing to others. It's time to start living like the prince or princess you really are. God is eagerly waiting for you to claim the inheritance He has left for you. He wants you to live like someone created for signs and wonders.



Lord, give me a true understanding of my portion in Christ Jesus. I rebuke every mind-set of mediocrity, in Jesus name.



read and meditate on the key text.



Titus 1

THE UNCTION FOR CONNECTION

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. "Two are better than one: because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? and if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

n this season, it is the will of God that your destiny is enriched and enlarged by the right people. Commanded help and helpmeets are coming into your life! You will not walk alone!

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1. Father, I thank You for a year full of promise and grace. I thank You for everything You have used and will still use to enrich my life in this year 2021.
- 2. Today, I declare that my life opens up to new, God-honouring and destiny-enriching relationships! I call in covenant friends, helpers and destiny makers, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Right now, I tear off the evil veil from my face. I remove spiritual body odours by fire! I receive attractive and magnetic favour today. I command my face to shine!
- 4. By the power of God, I uproot the curse of rejection. I rebuke witchcraft monitors that sabotage relationships. The curse of delay is broken in my destiny connections!
- 5. Today, I invite people with resources and a willing heart into my life. No more promise and fail in my destiny!
- 6. Father, make me the answer to someone's relationship prayers. Oh Lord, bless me and make me a blessing and destiny helper to someone today.
- 7. Today, I command multitudes to gather to God in Gateway Int'l Church. May the light of God burn in the hearts of men! Let there be a harvest of souls all over the world.
- 8. Right now, may the amazing presence of God be made manifest in Gateway Int'l Church. Let membership and results multiply. Let the nations open up to Gateway Int'l Church.
- 9. May the blessings of God rest mightily on my man of God, Pst. George Izunwa. I declare that his oil will never run dry! May grace be multiplied in his life and ministry, in Jesus' name.
- 10. I bless Nigeria today. I speak peace, prosperity and protection over this nation. I attack the mystery destroying Nigeria. The gospel will prosper in this nation, in Jesus' name.

KEEP A SWEET FACE.

KEY TEXT Habakkuk 3:17-18, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat. Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

POWER THOUGHT

The greatest positive atmosphere is the presence of Jesus.

veryone carries an atmosphere or an aura around them that is either positive or negative, which attracts or repels people as the case may be. It is affirming or critical, optimistic or pessimistic, winsome or depressive. The atmosphere one radiates will either be the sunrise over his life or the dark cloud over his destiny. Attitudes are non-verbal, but they are very communicative. It is said that all communication is just about 7% in words, 35% in tone of voice, and 58% facial expression. A positive or negative facial expression can say much, without you speaking a single word.

Negative attitude corrupts action. It begins in the mind. Stinking thinking will always inspire trash talking, and trash talking always precedes objectionable action. There are two kinds of people you will encounter in life: those who see a silver lining on every dark cloud, and those who always see a dark lining on every silver cloud. It is a personality thing. It is the functioning of their minds. So the very important question here is do you have a negative or positive attitude?

The greatest positive atmosphere you can carry about is the presence of Jesus. If you go everywhere enveloped in His glory, you will always return a victor. So, make it a point of duty to put up a positive demeanour wherever you go, no

matter what you might be going through, good or bad. Troubles don't last a lifetime. They come, they wriggle their tails about, and then they go away! Learn to smile. Even if it is a cosmetic smile, smile anyway. The more you smile, the quicker you are able to get over what may be troubling you. Also, when you smile, it gives you confidence in the face of challenges. So smile sweetly!



Father, let Your countenance of joy shine upon me. Lord, baptize me with Your grace for victory today in Jesus' Name.



Keep a smile on your face today.



Titus 3

JUDGED BY **YOUR WORDS**

KEY TEXT Matthew 12:36, "But I say unto you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgement."

POWER THOUGHT

Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.

ne of the proofs of genuine salvation is the salvation of the tongue. Jesus said, every idle, unproductive and foolish word, will be judged. If you are the type with a quick temper, or you derive pleasure in abusing, mocking, and gossiping others, then you have not allowed Jesus to complete His sanctifying work in your life. Because, this is the truth: If you have been touched by Jesus, it doesn't matter how angry or excited you are, you will be able to put your tongue under control.

The Bible says that a spring does not produce bitter and sweet water at the same time (James 3:11). If any fountain produces bitter water, it means that bitterness is deeply rooted in it. Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth surely speaks. An unsanctified heart will produce only unsanctified words. If you talk anyhow, it means that God is not in control of your mouth. Remember you will be judged by the words you speak.

There is nothing as defiling as a mouth that speaks unwholesomely. To defile means to contaminate, spoil or pollute. That's what Jesus was referring to when He was speaking to His disciples; your words not only corrupt your mouth but also corrupt your heart. Many claim to be born again, but still carry a rotten tongue that continues to defile them. Hence,

they can't enjoy the grace and favour of God in their lives. You may be used to complaining, grumbling, gossiping, back-biting, insulting or verbally abusing people, but you can change. Ask the Holy Spirit to tame your tongue.



Lord Jesus, I cleanse my tongue and heart in Your precious blood and I destroy every negative influence that compels me to speak outside faith!



Ask the Holy Spirit to control and tame your tongue.



Philemon

GRACE - 'GOD' ÎN THE 'RACE'

KEY TEXT 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it."

POWER THOUGHT

Until you hand the baton of life over to Grace, you cannot win the prize.

ife is a race and as long as you are alive, you are in that race already. It is amazing that majority do not know that they are in a race. You are an athlete by default and the desire of every athlete is to win the prize. As a child of God, you are called to win only through the grace of God.

Grace is God running in your race. That is, God does for you what you cannot do for yourself. With Grace, you become qualified in areas you were unqualified. The Grace of God will present you before opportunities for success and help you maximise those opportunities. Thus, until you hand the baton of life over to Grace, you cannot win the prize. Elijah outran the chariot of Ahab because the Hand of God came upon him (1 Kings 18:45-46). A chariot of those days can be compared to the jet plane of this age. More so, a chariot used by the royal family was drawn by 4-6 horses and so the speed was really high. It will only take supernatural power for a man on foot to overtake a chariot like that. There are certain things you can't achieve except with the help of God.`

God wants you to enjoy the wonders of grace. His grace renews our soul, purifies our conscience, enlightens our mind, strengthens in us the faith

and directs our will to goodness. So, you cannot afford to run this race without God in it. Reach today to Him as you receive His grace.



Father, let Your Hand of grace continuously rest on my life. Let grace carry me beyond my natural capabilities, in Jesus' name.



Declare, "I am a beneficiary of the sufficient grace of God".



BE COMMITTED TO YOUR GROWTH

KEY TEXT 2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen"

POWER THOUGHT

Personal development keeps you focused and aligns you to God's plan.

very child of God is meant to live a progressive life. Personal development keeps you focused and aligns you to God's plan. Personal development is a necessity to fulfilling your assignment here on earth. When you engage in personal growth and development, you will attain tangible heights of success in life's pursuit and purpose.

Points to note on Personal Development:

- Have an understanding of your assignment.
- Utilise every season and opportunity for improvement.
- Connect with a mentor to receive guidance and counsel.



Today, I declare that I am what the Word of God says I am; I am an express image of God here on earth. My life is in line with divine purpose, in Jesus' name.



Draw or revisit your Personal Development Plan.



STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

KEY TEXT 2 Corinthians 12:9, "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

POWER THOUGHT

True strength is not found in us but through Christ...

veryone wants to be strong; whether it be physically or emotionally, we want to have what it takes to succeed, and nothing shouts success more than being strong. For the Christian, we find our strength in weakness. True strength is not found in us but through Christ and it works best in the areas where we are the weakest.

No one likes to talk about their weaknesses. We want to focus on our strengths and make excuses for our shortcomings. Society tells us that weakness is something to be ignored and those who admit them are inferior. In reality, we all have them, and for the Christian, we need to see Jesus in the areas where we struggle the most. It is at that point that we will see His power at the strongest. The problem is that we don't like to admit we have weaknesses and that is a difficult hurdle to overcome. But, it takes suffering to show us the power of grace. Paul knew this better than anyone else. He was not only persecuted during his missionary travels but also suffered a debilitating ailment that made him rely on Christ more than he would've liked. He prayed for the "thorn" to go away, but God showed him His grace is sufficient. Do you know the depths of God's

grace? Paul learned it in his weaknesses. Paul decided to boast about his weaknesses because that is where Christ got the most glory.

Do you want to see Jesus work in and through your life? If so, be prepared for it to happen in the areas you are the least comfortable.



Oh Lord, thank You for the availability of 100% sufficient grace! May Your power and strength be made manifest in every weakness in my life, in Jesus' name!



Tell God about those areas of your life that you need His strength.



ALWAYS PURSUE PEACE

KEY TFXT

Proverbs 17:14, "Starting a quarrel is like opening a floodgate, so stop before a dispute breaks out."

POWER THOUGHT

... in a trickle lies the potential for a torrent.

he word "peace" refers to a state of harmony and tranquility in one's relationships. In **Hebrews 12:14**, a clear-cut instruction is given to every believer concerning the word 'PEACE'. God wants us to be aggressive pursuers of peace in all our relationships.

One sure way to pursue peace is to always deal with conflict early. As a believer, you should not allow conflict to fester unresolved in your life. A conflict avoided is often a conflict postponed. This idea can be likened to building a dam in a stream that is flowing down a hillside. The idea is simple: if we block the stream, we can create a pool of water deep enough for a swim. It will definitely take some time to gather the stones and put them in place, but eventually the dam will be built. The pool is thereby formed, and the level of the water begins to rise. Time to get ready for a swim! But there might be a problem. If a small trickle of water finds its way through the rocks, before long the trickle will move a few small stones, releasing more water, which will have the force to remove some larger stones. What began as a trickle will end in a flood. The dam swept away, the pool emptied, and all work will be lost; just because of a trickle!

That's the picture God gives us in Proverbs. The beginning of strife is like the first trickle of water. It may not have seemed like much at the time, but in a trickle lies the potential for a torrent. So, deal with conflict early. The beginning of strife is like letting out water, so quit before the quarrel breaks out.



Father, I ask for Your mercy for every time I have festered conflicts in my life and around me. I receive Your grace and the spirit of wisdom to handle the relationships You have given me. I make a commitment today to always pursue peace, in Jesus' name.



Pursue peace always.



DIVINE ENLARGEMENT

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TFXT Psalms 92:12-14, "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing."

hen God anointed David with oil, he moved from the wilderness to the palace (territorial enlargement) and he began to swim in overflowing blessings. As you key into this prophetic season, you too will encounter the same anointing for your enlargement in Jesus mighty name.

PRAYER POINTS:

- I thank You Lord for the work of the Holy Spirit in breaking every limitation and barrier to my spiritual and all-round growth and enlargement.
- 2. Father, You are able to do exceedingly abundantly according to the power that works in me. I command that power in me to arise and begin to do exploits now in Jesus' name.
- 3. Father, anoint me for enlargement, and let me recover all my losses: spiritual, physical, marital, and financial in Jesus' name.
- 4. Holy Spirit, fall afresh upon me today and wake up the Goliath killer in me; wake up the giant destroyer in me in the name of Jesus. I destroy every blockage to my enlargement and expansion.
- 5. Father, anoint me for enlargement and terminate disgrace and dishonour from my life forever, in the mighty name of Jesus.
- 6. My head and feet (lay your hands on your head and feet) what are you waiting for? Receive the anointing to thread over all the power of the enemy and possess your possession, in Jesus' name.
- 7. Today, I command multitudes to gather to God in Gateway Int'l Church. May the light of God burn in the hearts of men! Let there be a harvest of souls all over the world.
- 8. Right now, may the amazing presence of God be made manifest in Gateway Int'l Church. Let membership and results multiply. Let the nations open up to Gateway Int'l Church.
- 9. May the blessings of God rest mightily on my man of God, Pst. George Izunwa. I declare that his oil will never run dry! May grace be multiplied in his life and ministry, in Jesus' name.
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DON'T MESS UP YOUR DESTINY

KEY TEXT Galatians 6:7-9, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life."

POWER THOUGHT

For every action there is a reaction.

very time you come to a fork in the road, or you have to make a decision, what or who do you turn to for the answer? Do you base your choices on what feels good? Do you ask your friends or family? Do you use your own logic and reason by following your heart? The world says, "listen to your heart" but God says, "The human heart is the most deceitful of all things and desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17:9)

One of the greatest gifts that God has given to us is the gift of choice. The success and failure of our life is made up of the little choices we make every day. For every action there is a reaction, and for every choice there is a consequence. As a Christian, God doesn't want you to lean on your own understanding. He wants you to lean on His. Many times in life you may feel lost, frustrated or confused, having no idea on which way to go. Instead of waiting for God's answer, you may try to figure it out all by yourself. But that is not how He wants you to make decisions in life. God wants you first and foremost to go to Him, and let Him lead you before you make a move.

By your choices, right now, you are planting the seeds of today that produce tomorrow's harvest. It is therefore up to you— what seeds are

you sowing today? Choose to allow God lead you in whatever decisions you have to make and trust Him to take you beyond your highest expectations.



Dear Lord, I submit my will to You; conform it to Yours. By Your Spirit, help me to make the right decisions in life, in <u>Jesus name</u>.



Talk to the Holy Spirit about any decision you are about to make right now.



THE PARALYSIS OF INDECISION

KEY TEXT Revelation 3:15-16, "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth."

POWER THOUGHT

You cannot have it both ways.

ost of us are familiar with the term, "straddling the fence." It means to be undecided, take a middle position, or be unwilling to take a position. William Safire records a historical usage of the phrase by Carl Schurz, who was a United States Senator from Missouri and the 13th Secretary of the Interior. Schurz described his position on an issue "as that of a man sitting on a fence, with clean boots, watching carefully which way he may leap to keep out of the mud."

This is a very pragmatic position, and it could be a wise position to take in regard to some issues. However, it is a suicidal position in spiritual matters because God hates 'lukewarmness'. Elijah challenged God's people on Mount Carmel by saying, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him" (1 Kings 18:21). God wants you to get off the fence. Ultimately, He wants you to follow Jesus Christ whole-heartedly (Luke 9:23-25). You've got to realize that you cannot have it both ways. You cannot have one foot on the side of Christianity and the other foot in the world.

To get off the fence, decide what you believe about Jesus Christ. Make your priorities and values clear enough for, not just you but, everyone

around you to know. Most importantly, actions speak louder than words; let your character, attitude and lifestyle reflect your beliefs. Stop straddling on that fence; make the ultimate decision today. Get off the fence and follow Jesus Christ whole-heartedly.



Lord Jesus, thank You for choosing me. I choose to follow You unreservedly. I rebuke the spirit sponsoring indecisiveness in my life; get out, in Jesus' name.



Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance in each decision.



SERVE WITH JOY

KEY TEXT Genesis 40:6 (NIV), "When Joseph came to them the next morning, he saw that they were dejected. So he asked Pharaoh's officials who were in custody with him in his master's house, "Why are your faces so sad today?"

POWER THOUGHT

If your answer hasn't come yet, it is for a greater testimony.

All through the story of Joseph, we are able to deduce his ability to serve with joy. His service with joy was his testimony. If you can maintain your excitement about your destiny, no power can steal it from you. Joseph was always excited whether he was in pain or not. Let it be your pattern in life that nothing steals your joy because with joy you shall draw water out of the wells of salvation (Isaiah 12:3).

Anyone who is always sad has no future. It doesn't matter what you are going through right now, let your life be a testimony of the joy of the Lord. Let your joy become so infectious and contagious that it rubs off on the people who come in contact with you. When people know you have challenges and can still see how excited you are about life, it serves as a source of encouragement. Always remember that if you faint in the day of adversity, then it means you are made of inferior material. Go through challenges with joy. There will always something to pray about or something you want God to touch.

Abraham at the age of seventy-five hadn't yet fulfilled his purpose, but in God's due time, God picked him up and used him. He didn't lose his peace; he kept his joy. There is a divine plan for your life and God is never late. If

your answer hasn't come yet, it is for a greater testimony. Living a life of sadness and trying to attract pity will only make the situation worse. Serve God with great joy and let the world see the brightness of Jesus in you.



Lord, thank You for the gift of Joy. Today, I destroy every form of depression in my life; May Your joy flow through me to my world, in Jesus name.



Maintain a joyful countenance today.



FRIENDSHIP

KEY TEXT

Proverbs 27:17, "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

POWER THOUGHT

... it is very dangerous and lonely to live in isolation.

od created us to live with companions because he is a social God. While the "lone wolf" mentality is often applauded in our society, it is very dangerous and lonely to live in isolation. Cutting off from people means cutting yourself off from your original intended design. Receive grace today to have friends and be a great friend to others.

WHY DO WE NEED GODLY FRIENDS?

- For accountability
- To keep us on track
- Help through dark times
- To make us better people



Father, thank You for Your Word. Bless our lives with your people and work in our hearts that we may also be the kind of godly friends others need.



Building long-lasting godly relationships



ENFORCE YOUR COVENANT RIGHTS

KEY TEXT

Psalms 82:6, "I have said, ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High."

POWER THOUGHT

Unenforced rights are worse than ignorance.

ave you ever asked yourself, "Why is it taking so long for my testimony to manifest? Why am I not seeing the results of my prayers right now? I know that God hears me but things are not changing. I am paying my tithes, going to church, walking in love... I am doing everything I know to do but things have not changed yet...." If this has been your thoughts, you are not alone; a lot of Christians feel this way. But then, there are two types of Christians—those who know their covenant rights and those who don't.

But, knowing that you have rights is not enough; you need to enforce them. Unenforced rights are worse than ignorance. It keeps you from what you know should be yours. There is nothing as devastating as being unable to lay hold of what is yours. David knew and enforced his rights. 1 Samuel 17:22-36, tells a familiar story. David went up against Goliath, who was a champion. But by David's standards, and God's, Goliath was an uncircumcised Philistine who did not have a covenant with God! In fact, David went on to say in 1 Samuel 17:36, "And this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God."

David knew his covenant with God. He understood that he did not have to be biggest or the most skilled soldier out there; he just had to have an agreement with God. What promises has God made to you in His Word and through His prophets? Hold on to them and enforce them today!



Father, thank You for Your covenants at work in my life. I cut off from whatever keeps me away from my inheritance, in Jesus name.



Declare your covenants in God today.



GOD IS TURNING IT AROUND

KEY TEXT Psalms 30:11, "You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,"

POWER THOUGHT

God will not change in your situation.

od has been and is still very much in the business of turning things around for the better in the life of His children. He is the kind of God that delights and specialises in doing the impossible. Elizabeth had been called barren but God refused to permit her to remain in that condition (Luke 1:5-7). He invaded her situation and moved her from barrenness to fruitfulness.

Similarly in the Old Testament, despite the 400 years of oppression, God moved the children of Israel out of bondage and into their promise. His Word tells us that He is the same, yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8) and He will not change in your situation. There are many issues that believers face in which they draw conclusions that their case is impossible. Anyone using the term 'impossible' to describe their situation simply proves beyond doubt that they do not know God! With God, nothing is impossible. In Isaiah 43:16 God announces Himself saying, "I am the Lord, who opened a way through the waters, making a dry path through the sea". When Jesus came, He announced for all to hear, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord has anointed me..." (Luke 4:18). Among other things, Jesus came with the divine mandate "...to give unto them beauty

for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, ..." (Isaiah 61:13). Jesus has come to put an end to your mourning. That circumstance or 'not-so-pleasant' situation you are facing now is not the end of your life. Brace yourself; it is your turn to dance!



Lord Jesus, thank You for ushering me into my season of joy! I break the cycle of repeat affliction in my life and family today.



Take a few steps to show that this your season to dance.



STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

Psalms 68:6, "God places lonely people in families. He leads prisoners out of prison into productive lives, but rebellious people must live in an unproductive land"

he connections you get in life are determined by the relationships you keep. No one has had a better connection by keeping bad relationships. Satan uses human agents, most times, to derail believers from the path of greatness. Today, by fire, every negative relationship is uprooted from your life. Destiny-defining relationships come into your life now!

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1. **Ps. 124:1-6** Father, I thank You for all You have done for me and my family. I thank You for the covenant of preservation. May Your name be praised, in Jesus name.
- 2. Lord Jesus, I thank You for the healthy relationships and destiny connections You have given to me in business, marriage, career etc. Thank You Jesus!
- 3. **Prov. 18:24** Oh Lord, as You connect me with great people in life, give me the wisdom required to maintain and grow positive destiny relationships, in Jesus name.
- 4. Today, I come against every demonic forces that will sabotage my relationship with the Holy Spirit. I rebuke you by the fire of the Holy Ghost!
- 5. Oh Lord, may I never suffer loss in my relationship. May every blessing and favour associated with relationships be given to me today, in the name of Jesus.
- Job 5:12— Every monitoring gadgets of the enemy monitoring my progress in life be condemned and destroyed. May their plans never work in my life, in the name of Jesus.
- 7. Today, I command multitudes to gather to God in Gateway Int'l Church. May the light of God burn in the hearts of men! Let there be a harvest of souls all over the world.
- 8. Right now, may the amazing presence of God be made manifest in Gateway Int'l Church. Let membership and results multiply. Let the nations open in Gateway Int'l Church.
- May the blessings of God rest mightily on my man of God, Pst. George Izunwa. I
 declare that his oil will never run dry! May grace be multiplied in his life and ministry,
 in Jesus' name.
- 10. I bless Nigeria today. I speak peace, prosperity and protection over this nation. I attack the mystery destroying Nigeria. The gospel will prosper in this nation, in Jesus'

name.



REMAIN STABLE WITH GOD

KEY TEXT Psalms 125:1, "They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abides forever."

POWER THOUGHT

To drift away is easy

ave you ever sat in a boat before at the waterside or shore, and you suddenly notice after a few minutes that you are no longer by the river bank but in the middle of the river? I have once been a victim; it happened "just like that" before I could realise what was going on. It then dawned on me that 'to drift away is easy'.

This is a physical experience, but the same thing applies spiritually. Remember the story of a man called Lot who followed Abraham when God called him? Lot had no plan to leave Abraham but he still left him all the same. While he was with Abraham, as God blessed Abraham, he also became rich. Then a time came when Lot felt that he was equal to his master; he became familiar and insensitive to the extent that he took his relationship with Abraham for granted. It ended with a separation and the Bible records that Abraham grew to become a very great man while Lot lost everything he had to a wrong turn in Sodom. Lot ended up living in a cave like a vagabond after Sodom was destroyed.

I want to challenge you today to remain unwavering and stable in God. It may not be very easy for you to see your equals advancing while you are

seem to be lagging behind. God has a plan! You are special and that is why your case appears to be different. Don't give up on yourself! Have you chosen God? You are on the right side! God will surely perfect everything that concerns you. Don't drift away!



Father, I receive the grace to remain stable in You. I rebuke every attempt of hell to paralyze my destiny. I declare that I am a burning and a shining light— I cannot be hidden!



Make a decision now; that no matter what happens, it will be you and God forever.



HAVE THE GOD-CAN MENTAUTY

KEY TEXT Matthew 3:9, "And think not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father; for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham."

POWER THOUGHT

If you put your God in a small container, you will only see small results.

aith is the only acceptable currency for purchasing or accessing any benefit from the kingdom of God. When you are expecting something from God and you are not real about it, it is as good as not even asking or praying at all. Any expectation not rooted in the 'God-Can Mentality' will only become an illusion. Someone once said that God is obsessed about being trusted. He truly wants to do the impossible but on the grounds that there is a man or woman to trust Him fully on that.

Intelligent risks are faith risks with realistic expectations. Take a little throwback to the account of the woman with the issue of blood in the Bible. For twelve years she lived with this challenge, but one day she woke up with a realistic expectation rooted in strong faith. She said to herself, "If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole" (Mark 5:28). Did her expectation see the light of day? Oh yes! She got her healing and was restored back to sound health.

Truly speaking, "... with God, nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37). But then, God expects you to have realistic expectations anchored on the 'God-can Mentality'. He is the God that has never, can never and will never

fail. If He didn't fail our covenant fathers, then He is too big to fail us in this era. The truth remains, if you put your God in a small container, you will only see small results, but if you think He CAN, with an audacious faith, then great things will surely happen in your life.



Father, I thank You for Your Word to me today. I open my heart to trust You for bigger things, in Jesus name.



Believe for the impossible.



THE ROUTE TO SUCCESS

KEY TEXT 2 Chronicles 29:2, "And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father David had done"

POWER THOUGHT

It is easier to locate an unknown destination through someone who has been there.

verything we desire in life has a path that leads to its accomplishment, so does success! Success has a road map. You can choose to either allow it lead you or you can choose to go astray. It is easier to locate an unknown destination through someone who has already been there than navigating on your own. Several kings had reigned in Israel. Only a few succeeded like King Hezekiah who did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. He thrived because he walked according to the pattern his forefather, King David, had laid down. He followed a successful, positive role model (2 Kings 18-20).

Hezekiah knew that for him to succeed as the king, he had to follow the footprint of one who had succeeded. He did just that. You need to locate somebody godly you can model your life after. A Christian's role model should be someone who has the fear of the Lord central in their value system. Such an individual should have distinguished himself/herself by diligence, discipline and doggedness in the pursuit of his success. If you want to succeed in whatever you do, look out for positive role models and get inspired. If God can help that person attain an enviable height of success, He can equally make you prosper as well.

No role model is flawless; they have made their mistakes. When you properly study and learn from their lives, you will be able to avoid their mistakes. As God raises you, remember your life is also supposed to be a good model. Become an example that men will see and give glory to God. Receive extraordinary grace today.



Precious Jesus, order my steps to the man or woman that would be my destiny role models. I receive seeing eyes, hearing ears and an understanding heart to guide me, in Jesus' name.



Think of three people today that you can pick as your role models and pray to God about them.



Joel 1

THE POWER OF GENEROSITY

KEY TEXT John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

POWER THOUGHT

...the more you give, the more you get back.

ife is all about giving. John Bunyan famously said: "You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." The amazing thing about generosity is that: the more you give, the more you get back. Receive the spirit of generosity today!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT —

- You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.
- Generosity is an irreplaceable quality of spirituality.
- We are most like God when we are generous.



Oh Lord, help me to become more and more like You each day. I receive the heart of generosity today, in Jesus' name.



Practice generosity this week.



Joel 2

MANIFESTATION OF SONS

KEY TEXT Romans 8:19, "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

POWER THOUGHT

You are a solution provider to the world's problems.

ur world today is full of uncertainties. There is terror and confusion all-round. Nobody knows what will happen next. But it is at such time that God steps up to demonstrate His supremacy on the affairs of the heavens and earth; **Psalms 46:6** records, "The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted." To that effect, God has given His sons the mandate to manifest His glory on earth.

The 'sons' here represent those who through salvation have been adopted by God. 'Son' in this context refers to both male and female. However, the factor that distinguishes you, as a son, from others is the Holy Spirit at work for in and through you. As a son of God, you are not expected to complain like others rather, you are a solutions provider to the world's problems. Why? Because you carry the Holy Ghost in you! The Holy Spirit was part of the creation. When God stepped out to solve the first problem encountered in Genesis, it was the Holy Spirit that moved upon the waters. It was the Holy Spirit that took the word of God and formed it into creative energy. Jesus told His disciples to wait until the Holy Spirit comes upon them because He is the power-house of the Godhead

(Acts 1:8).

Today, the Holy Spirit is still at work on earth. He is using Christians to demonstrate God's evidence on earth. Before this year is over, you will manifest as the Holy Spirit uses you to demonstrate God's evidence on earth in Jesus name.



Oh God, by Your mercy, take me to the highest level of divine manifestation. May every veil covering my glory be destroyed, in Jesus' name.



Expect God to use you wherever you are found.



Joel 3

REVIEW YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

KEY TEXT Proverbs 13:20 "He that walketh with wise men shall be Wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."

POWER THOUGHT

Compromise never works; it always burns!

he term 'company' can be likened to an association — a group of people who are working together to achieve a particular purpose. An association, for you, talks about the people you communicate with on a day-to-day basis; people that influence your life in one way or the other. Jim Rohn, rightly said, "You become like the five people you spend the most time with..."

In life, there are positive and negative associates. As much as you may want to doubt it, the company you keep does have an impact and influence on your life. Thus, you have a choice to make. Make it a personal resolution to stay detached from ungodly cliques. **Psalms 1:1** clearly states, "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." This implies that the blessing may not manifest if you keep company with the corrupt.

The effects of being in the company of corrupt people are quite numerous and worse still, unnoticeable. They are usually veered towards the negative and tend to breed pride in you. Such company exposes you to unhealthy competition that makes you vulnerable to devilish pressure. Ahitophel used to be a very good counsellor to David. His counsel was like the voice of God!

But he got corrupted by bitterness because of bad company (2 Samuel 15:12). Compromise never works; it always burns! Quitrationalizing your bad associations and cut them off before you destroy your life. Always remember that, "... bad company corrupts good morals" (1 Corinthians 15:33).



Today, I rebuke ungodly pressure. By virtue of Your righteousness, I repel evil company out of my life; I receive wisdom as I walk with the wise, in Jesus' name.



Review your relationships.



Psalms 126-127

KINGS ARE COMING TO MY RISING

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT Isaiah 60:1-3, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

t is time for you to arise and shine! You are that light and city that is set on the hill of visibility and you cannot be hidden. In this season, men of influence and affluence are rushing to your light!

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1. **Isa. 43:19** Father, thank You for this new season of grace. The challenges of the past cannot destroy my life. Hallelujah!
- 2. Today, I call forth a beginning of great increase in my life. I declare that I will not end at this level or lower! I am on my way to greater heights, in Jesus name.
- 3. Let the fire of revival break out in my life today. Whatever belongs to me that yesterday swallowed resurrects now, in Jesus' name!
- 4. By fire, I break every repeat cycle of old experiences, problems, failures and pains. I cannot be trapped in my yesterday, in Jesus' name.
- 5. **Ps. 25:2** Today, I take authority over every program of shame, failure, and destruction in my life. I judge every agent of shame and destruction with fire, in Jesus' name.
- 6. **Prov. 4:18** From today, my family will be progressively better and better. Everyday will reveal something better about lives. We will not die small!
- 7. Today, I command multitudes to gather to God in Gateway Int'l Church. May the light of God burn in the hearts of men! Let there be a harvest of souls all over the world.
- 8. Right now, may the amazing presence of God be made manifest in Gateway Int'l Church. Let membership and results multiply. Let the nations open up to Gateway Int'l Church.
- May the blessings of God rest mightily on my man of God, Pst. George Izunwa. I declare
 that his oil will never run dry! May grace be multiplied in his life and ministry, in Jesus'
 name.
- 10. I bless Nigeria today. I speak peace, prosperity and protection over this nation. I attack

the mystery destroying Nigeria. The gospel will prosper in this nation, in Jesus' name.



Psalms 128-129

WORKING ON YOUR HEART

KEY TEXT Luke 6:43-45, "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."

POWER THOUGHT

To improve the fruit, you must improve the tree.

ur Lord Jesus comes to the matter of the heart in the closing part of His famous sermon. He focuses our attention on the necessity of a good heart. What does He mean by 'heart' in this context? Obviously, He did not mean the physical organ that pumps the blood through your body. Rather, He referred to that inner you, the center of you as an intelligent, volitional, and emotional being. It is eternally important that the inner you be filled and overflowing with goodness.

Jesus turns to nature for an example of this law of the heart. "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit." The law of nature is that the nature of the tree will determine the fruit it bears. Jesus stated it emphatically that, "a good tree does not bear bad fruit." Man is like the tree. The condition of your heart determines your conduct. Just as the nature of the tree is so critical to its fruit, so the nature of the human heart is critical to conduct. We often blame our conduct on our circumstances. While circumstances can definitely influence conduct, our conduct is ultimately determined by the heart.

If conduct reveals a bad heart, a change of heart is the only remedy. It would be foolish to focus your attention on the bad fruit from the tree. To improve the fruit you must improve the tree. To get different conduct from your life, you must have a different heart. May the greatest heart Specialist change your heart today!



Lord Jesus, change my hearl! Make it ever new. Strengthen me beyond my natural capabilities and tendencies, in Jesus' name.



What can you change about you today, to improve the condition of your heart?



Psalms 130-131

FORGIVE AND BE FREE.

KEY TEXT Mark 11:25, "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."

POWER THOUGHT

Forgiveness is a decision to set a prisoner free, and discovering that the prisoner is 'you'.

hen someone hurts us, our natural response is to either hurt them back or hope they will suffer for what they have done to us. Yet as redeemed Children of God, for us, this is the wrong response. Although, it is easier said than done. Being able to constantly forgive someone doesn't come naturally or easily! It requires supernatural grace on our part. And where do we get that? Through prayer!

Jesus said, "When you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." Recalling God's grace toward you leaves you no choice but to extend that same grace toward someone who hurts you. Someone once said, "Forgiveness is a decision to set a prisoner free, and then discovering that the prisoner is you." So if you have a desire to forgive someone, get excited; the Holy Spirit has already done half the job. To complete the other half, humble yourself and pray: "Father, I turn from every desire I have to avenge this wrong. You saw the situation before it happened, and in Your infinite wisdom You allowed it to be so. Your Word says that "all things work together for [my] good" (Romans 8:28), so from this moment

on, with the help of Your Holy Spirit, I forgive them. I will not dwell on the situation but will declare Your Word instead." That's called "a prayer of release." And you're not just releasing your offender; you're releasing and repositioning yourself to walk in God's blessing. Whenever you think of a reason to forgive, remember these



Oh God, thank You for forgiving me despite my faults. I receive a heart that is like Yours today. Help me to forgive and release myself from any self-inflicted bondage, in Jesus' name.



Forgive whatever offence against you.



Psalms 132-134

PROVE**THE WORD**

KEY TEX1

1 Thessalonians 5:21, "Test all things; hold fast what is good."

POWER THOUGHT

God isn't afraid to be put on the spot.

oo many Christians go through life struggling and suffering, when they ought to be living in the transcendental blessings that have been made available to us in Christ Jesus. The reason for this is either because they're ignorant or just won't put the Word to work. You hear of a Christian who was so sick until he died, and some would say, "Well, sickness comes to everybody." No, that's not true! Hosea 4:6 says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...."

God gave you His Word so you can live by it. The Word of God has the capacity and ability to take you through any situation in life victoriously. However, you have a responsibility to prove the Word; to work out the Word in your life. It's either you're a Christian in truth or you're not. It's either what you believe works or it doesn't. If it works, then keep "working" it. You need to prove the Word of God in your own life. That way, you can neither be deceived nor miss your way in life. You have to know for yourself that the Gospel of Christ that you've believed is real.

God isn't afraid to be put on the spot. Dare to take Him at His Word. He said in **Malachi 3:10**, "... prove me now herewith...." A lot of people don't understand that their blessings aren't in God's hands, but it's in their own

hands. If you hear the Word and don't act on it, it'll not work, no matter how much that Word inspires you. You must take the next necessary step of acting accordingly for it to produce results in your life.



Dear Father, thank You for the power of Your Word. I'm a doer of the Word of God! As I look into the Word, I'm transfigured into the realities that I see, in Jesus' Name.



Pick 3 scriptures and call forth their manifestation.



Psalm 135

BUTIDING RELATIONSHIPS THAT LAST

KEY TEXT

Ephesians 4:3, "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

POWER THOUGHT

It is the people you meet in life that either make or mar your destiny.

ife in general is about relationships. It is the people you meet in life that either make or mar your destiny. God intends for you to build and commit to lifelong impactful relationships. Receive grace to build and commit to destiny relationships.

FEW POINTS TO NOTE ABOUT MAKING RELATIONSHIPS LAST —

- Not every good thing goes together.
- Every negative cycle is built on negative systems.
- You need to know when to let go.



Father, I thank You for connecting me to my destiny partners. I receive the wisdom to build, nurture and manage my relationships, in Jesus' name.



Commit more to building relationships.



Psalm 136

THE EXPRESS TMAGE OF CHRIST

KEY TEXT

Proverbs 16:3, "Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established."

POWER THOUGHT

In Christianity, we're called to express God.

he Lord Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. Thus, the only way to receive Him in your life is by receiving God's Word. When the Word gets into your heart, it imparts faith and effects changes. You become the express image of His person; God forms Himself in you through His Word. His words are His thoughts passed to your spirit. That's what the Spirit explains through Paul in **Ephesians 4:23** by telling us to be renewed in the spirit of our minds. **Romans 12:2** says, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." The renewing of your mind is simply exchanging your thoughts for His thoughts. In Christianity, we're called to express God; His thoughts, opinions, will and His righteousness. You replace your opinions with His, and see from His perspective.

1 Peter 2:21 says, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." The Father wants you to be like Jesus. He's the unveiling of the Father; the express image of His person. He was God in the body of a Jewish man from Nazareth. If you express His thoughts, will, ideas, opinions, and

righteousness, God also will be manifest in you.

This is what God wants. He not only wants you to have His life in you, He wants you to live it out. He doesn't just want to be there potentially; He wants to be there in reality, walking, talking, blessing lives and manifesting His glory through you.



Today, I declare that I'm born anew with the life and nature of God. I walk, talk, think and act like Him. I have the mind of Christ, and I manifest His wisdom and glory in everything that I



Declare, "I am made in the image and likeness of God".



Psalms 137-138

DO NOT NEGLECT THE ASSEMBLY

KEY TEXT Hebrews 10:25, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

POWER THOUGHT

For a body to function properly, all its members have to be present.

oing to Church and being around other believers doesn't make you a Christian. If you are a true Christian, you will have a desire to be around other believers on a regular basis. The bible tells us we need to have Christian fellowship so we can worship God with other believers and be taught His word for our Spiritual growth (Romans 10:17). When a person is born again, having received salvation, he becomes a member of the body of Christ. And so, for a body to function properly, all its members have to be present. All of you (believers) together are the one body of Jesus Christ, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it (1 Corinthians 12:27). If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. Suppose the whole body were an eye — then how would you hear? But that isn't the way God has made us. He has made many parts for our bodies and has put each part just where he wants it. What a strange thing a body would be if it had only one part! So he has made many parts, but still there is only one body (1 Corinthians 12:14-20).

As a child of God (a believer) you may not reach your full level of spiritual

maturity without the encouragement of other saints, believers. Do not forsake the gathering of the saints, have a desire to be around other believers who will encourage you in your walk of faith.



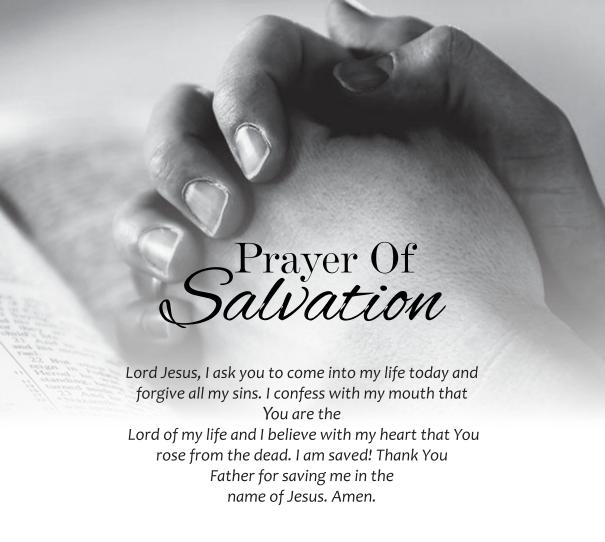
Father, take away anything in me that pushes away from the gathering of the brethren. My passion for Your house will never go down, in Jesus name.



Get involved in kingdom activities.



Psalm 139



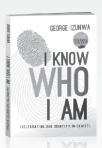
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