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A black and white illustration of dandelion seeds. A large dandelion head is on the left, with many seeds blowing away towards the top right. The seeds are depicted as small, fluffy spheres with long, thin stems.

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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!

A decorative background featuring several dandelion seed heads. Some are in sharp focus, while others are blurred, creating a sense of depth. The seeds are light gray, and the stems are dark gray.

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- 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!

A decorative background featuring several dandelion seed heads with their seeds blowing away, creating a sense of movement and light. The seeds are depicted in a simple, stylized manner, with some showing the seed head and others just the trailing seeds.

2022

COVENANT CONFESSION

(Lift your right hand and declare)

I am in covenant with The Almighty God!

My God is the "I AM!"

He is everything I will ever need Him to be!

Gateway International Church is my spiritual family!

2022 is my COVENANT YEAR OF SURE MERCIES!

Goodness & mercy follow me at all times!

Only good things are permitted in my life!

My covenant place is at the topmost top!

In Jn 1:12, the Bible declares, that those who receive Jesus Christ become the children of God!

Therefore, I confess that...

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is my Saviour & Lord!

He died for me & rose from the dead!

His ZOE is in me!

His DNA empowers me for greatness!

I love Him!

I believe in Him!

I will live for Him the rest of my life!

Again, in Matt 6:33, the Bible teaches that putting God first brings commanded blessings!

And so today, I vow to put God first in everything!

I walk in the covenant blessings of tithing, kingdom service & soul

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winning!

I am holy, healthy, happy & happening!

I have favour unlimited!

Wealth & riches answer to me!

Gates of nations open to me!

Powers of darkness submit to me!

I am free from sin, sicknesses, curses, poverty, barrenness, witchcraft, premature death & all evil!

The yokes of delay & denial are broken over my life!

Nothing good shall be withheld from me!

In Ps 84:7, the Bible reveals that appearing before God empowers destiny!

Therefore, as I appear before God on this mountain....

I declare in agreement with my man of God, (Pastor George Izunwa), that the "I AM" is at work in my life!

My sins are forgiven!

My strength is renewed!

I receive the blessing of God for a new level in life!

Today, I lay all my burdens & battles on the altar of God!

No good thing dies in my hands!

I will never be a victim of any form of wickedness!

There shall be no loss nor evil report!

I am a beneficiary of God's mercy!

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

KEY TEXT

Matthew 5:14-16 AMP, "You are the light of [Christ to] the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good deeds and moral excellence, and [recognize and honor and] glorify your Father who is in heaven."

POWER THOUGHT

...a candle placed under a bowl will soon suffocate and die.

Ever walked into a very dark room and try to turn on the light? Do you suddenly notice the warm glow that radiates all over, lighting up the room? Light has a purpose; a purpose to shine! And Jesus calls you "The Light"! What does this really mean to you?

Some lights are smoky and inefficient, while others are bright and cheery. But all have one thing in common: **they give light**. Light is quite remarkable if you think about it. It travels at 186,000 miles per second and behaves as if it were both a solid particle and a wave of energy. It always overcomes darkness--in fact, the darker the night, the more impressive even the slightest glow. And it exists by constantly giving itself away.

When Jesus Christ said, "You are the light of the world", He referred to the light within you; His light, the indwelling Christ, the Holy Spirit. What a special gift you possess! The above verses instruct you not to hide your light, but to let your light shine before others. One of the best ways to shine your light forward is through your good works. His light shines through your attitudes, words, and actions. I am a firm believer that actions speak louder than words. You need to lead life as one who knows the Redeemer, and have been redeemed! You should never have to declare you are a Christian, but through the life you lead, everyone should know.

A light is known for its ability to constantly give away. In fact, a candle placed under a bowl will soon suffocate and die. Learn to give your; time, resources, strengths, efforts etc to both the kingdom and to the betterment of mankind! Be the light today! Shine!



PRAYER

Father, thank You for making me the light to this world! Fan my light into flame. Help me remove the shades that hinder Your light from reaching every inch of my life. Help me to shine like never before, in Jesus' name.



ACTION POINT

Give something to someone today.



DAILY BIBLE READING

John 1 – 2

OH LORD, GUIDE ME INTO YOUR PERFECT WILL

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY
TEXT

Psalms 25:8-14

The greatest asset in destiny is the presence and help of God. A life guided by heaven escapes earth's snares and shame. It takes divine guidance to fulfill destiny with ease and speed!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, I thank You for thus far You have brought me. I have laid my life on Your altar and I am certain that You will not mismanage my destiny! Halleluyah!
2. There is a way to the topmost top: Oh God, show me the way to go! In career, business, ministry, academics etc show me what You want me to do and where You want me to be, oh Lord!
3. By the blood of Jesus Christ, I sanctify my thoughts, ideas and imaginations! I receive alignment to the perfect will of God.
4. I rebuke the strange voices, distractions, deception and destiny blunders. I receive access into the mind of God by divine voices, visions and visitations!
5. Today, I declare that life is not permitted to take me unawares. No strange forces are allowed into my destiny; nothing can tamper with my life!
6. Today, I reject and refuse the enforcement of any evil appointment set by family altars and covenants against my destiny! They are cancelled, in Jesus' name.
7. Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of salvation. You did not send Jesus into the world to judge it, but to save it. We declare that Your Word will move swiftly through the earth and save the lost.
8. Holy Spirit, thank You for Your presence evident in Gateway Church by signs and wonders. Let Your power and presence continually define this House, in Jesus' name.
9. Isa. 54:17—Today, I decree that Your hand continually rests on Your servant, Pst. George Izunwa. May the counsel of the wickedness against him come to naught, in Jesus' name.
10. Oh God, arise and change the story of Nigeria. Make Nigeria great again. Restore our nation's destiny, in Jesus name.



John 3 – 4

YOU ARE SPECIAL

KEY TEXT

Matthew 10:29-31, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows."

POWER THOUGHT

...no one else has your set of fingerprints...

Deep in the heart of most of us is a desire to feel and know that we are special. We sometimes look to other people to make us feel special and while this is important to our overall well-being, lost in this desire sometimes is the awareness that by ourselves we ARE special. Science tells us that no one else has your set of fingerprints and that the tongue is unique to every person with respect to its shape and surface textures. You can find someone who looks like you, walks like you, acts like you, and have any number of characteristics just like you, yet if a million babies are born into the world on that day that you leave it, none of them could take your place. In other words, you are not only special but also **irreplaceable**.

David – astonished at the admirable contrivance of his body, the composition of every part, and the harmony of it altogether – declared *"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made"* (**Psalm 139:14**). Every morning, just look into the mirror and say, "I am special, there is no one quite like me." You are not being vain because it is true. As a believer, you have even more reason to feel special; you have been chosen by God (**John 15:16**).

So before you run off and get discontented with your personality, your body or lack of talent in certain areas of your life, read **Isaiah 43:4NIV** which says, *"Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life."* You are special; don't let anyone or anything convince you otherwise.



Oh Lord, thank You for reminding me that I am not just anybody. I am fearfully and wonderfully made by You! I walk in that consciousness today. I am unique and chosen for a divine purpose. Help me to fulfill it, in Jesus' name.



Look into a mirror and say to yourself, "I am special; there is no one quite like me".



John 5 – 6

A HEALTHY SELF IMAGE.

KEY TEXT

Psalm 139:13–14. "For you created my innermost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

POWER THOUGHT

Your thoughts and words are incredibly important.

As Christians, we are called and privileged to lead a victor's life rather than a lowly, inferior life. In other words, God wills that you have a healthy self-image! He desires for you to truly love yourself for who you are—your personality, your gifts and talents, and even your quirks!

You see, we have an enemy, satan, who wants to constantly fill our minds with negative thoughts. He wants you to continuously focus on your weaknesses, meditate on them, then speak them out of your mouth. He'll play on your insecurities and, like a broken record, bombard you with the same things, over and over. He'll tell you things like: "You're always messing things up—how can God love you?" "You'll never be as good as your brother or sister." "You can't do that—you're not smart enough!" He wants you to feel bad about yourself, and then compare yourself with everybody else.

But here's the problem: If you don't recognize his lies and replace them with truth from God's Word, you will begin to believe these things about yourself and begin saying them out of your own mouth. Your thoughts and words are incredibly important. **Proverbs 23:7** tells us that as *he [a man] thinks in his heart, so is he...* (AMPC). **Proverbs 18:21** also tells us that, *Death*

and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life] (AMPC).

So, what are you saying?! Combat the "broken record" and replace it with words that will produce a healthy self-image. Remember, God loves you and one of His greatest desires is for you to love yourself.



PRAYER

Father, thank You for the privilege to be called into a life of victory! I refuse to bow my head to fear, insecurity or low self-esteem. Greater is He that is in me! I am more than enough! I am empowered for exploits and I will do great things, in Jesus' name.



ACTION POINT

Read any book by the Co-Pastor on self-esteem.



DAILY BIBLE READING

John 7 – 8

LET GOD HAVE YOUR HEART

KEY TEXT

1 Kings 4:29, "And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore."

POWER THOUGHT

God wants to rule and reign in your heart.

The Kingdom of God is the rule and reign of God in the heart of His people. God wants your heart. He doesn't just wish to rule over the fallen angels. He desires to direct your life by ruling over your heart. And why does God want your heart? Why does He want you to freely give your heart away to Him? When your heart is separated and not surrendered to God, it can cause pain and suffering in your life and in the lives of others; check out what **Matthew 15:19** says, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies."

Giving God your heart means a lot of things but first and foremost, it means giving Him your desires in life. If we are not careful, our desires will destroy us. You may be wondering and asking, "How can our desires be harmful to us and to others?" Truth is, wrong desires lead to wrong action. David's desire for Bathsheba destroyed Uriah's life and the life of Bathsheba and David's first son. It left David scarred for the rest of his life (**2 Samuel 11:1-24**). At some point or the other, negative thoughts and evil desires would spring up in your mind that shouldn't be ignored.

The power of the Holy Spirit can change your desires and habits if you give your heart to Jesus. It may be that you have very little else to give to the Lord - but you can give Him your heart. If you will do this He will exchange it, empower it, establish it and enrich it.



PRAYER

Father, thank You for Your word of light. I give You my heart Holy Spirit; have Your way in me, in the mighty name of Jesus.



ACTION POINT

Ask the Holy Spirit to come into your heart once again.



DAILY BIBLE READING

John 9 – 10

LET GOD'S WORD ABIDE IN YOU

KEY TEXT

John 15:7, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

POWER THOUGHT

When the word abides in you, it finds a place, a home.

Having the words of Jesus abide in you is more than just memorizing them. When the word abides in you, it finds a place, a home. You move other things around and even get rid of some things so that the word has room and "feels at home." If you can let His Words abide, they take root and bear the fruit of faith and holiness in you!

Why then should His words abide in you?

- His words are life-giving.
- His words conquer the devil!
- His word is our anchor.
- His word brings restoration.



Oh Lord, help me to make Your word an integral part of my existence. Give me an insatiable hunger for Your word. I receive the grace for Bible study and meditation. By Your word, my life is made whole, in Jesus' name.



Get committed to the Bible reading plan; jot down lessons learnt and steps to practice them.



John 11 – 12

WITH JOY WE DRAW!

KEY TEXT

ISAIAH 12:3 (NIV), "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation."

POWER THOUGHT

...you can't make others joyful until you're full of joy yourself.

From the moment you were born again, you were brought into a life of unending joy. The Bible says in **Romans 14:17**, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." Joy is an emotion evoked by satisfaction, appreciation and pleasure. God was joyful when He created the earth; He appreciated what He made and took pleasure in it (see **Genesis 1:31**).

The joy you have is not of this world, but of God; therefore, it's independent of external circumstances. Oh yes! The world you see around you today has got nothing on you! **1 Peter 1:8** describes it as "...joy unspeakable and full of glory." Everywhere Jesus went during His earthly walk, He brought joy to people, and He still does today. The joy that comes from your inner man (your spirit) transcends physical circumstances; it's permanent, and it will keep you strong and healthy. The Bible says, "A merry heart doeth good like medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (**Proverbs 17:22**).

Joy is a fruit of the recreated human spirit (**Galatians 5:22**), so you can be joyful at all times. Most importantly, God needs you to be joyful so you can transfer that same joy to your environment, for you can't make others joyful until you're full of joy yourself. Learn to be joyful and maintain a happy spirit always. Produce joy from your spirit by making melodies and singing new songs from your heart to the Lord. The Lord delights to hear your joyful praise. **Nehemiah 8:10** says "...for the joy of the LORD is your strength." May His joy continually be your strength!



PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank You for filling my heart with joy unspeakable. I live joyfully today, knowing that You are my God, and you delight in me, rejoicing over me daily with singing. Your joy is my strength!



ACTION POINT

Get a worship playlist and listen to throughout today (as much as you can).



DAILY BIBLE READING:

John 13 – 15

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

KEY TEXT

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

POWER THOUGHT

Giving is a key to receiving.

You would agree with me that giving to others almost always feels good! However, in our devotional on giving, we would focus on a unique Biblical quality of Christian giving. More specifically, let's take a look at what Paul means when he encourages each of us to be '**cheerful givers**'.

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul explains how giving to others (in a manner that pleases God) should never be done "reluctantly or under compulsion". But what does he mean exactly? Well, at the heart of it, Paul is saying that true cheerful giving must be carried out with genuine sincerity – without feeling pressured or coerced by external factors. For example, have you ever caught yourself thinking along the lines of "I'll give money to the Church... because I'm expected to do so". Or perhaps we may habitually guilt-trip ourselves with the idea that "If I don't give, people might think I'm a bad Christian." Don't get this wrong! Most acts of giving – whether legalistic or not – often result in receivers feeling blessed. However, in essence, Paul's description of cheerful giving really comes down to an internal heart issue. It takes both faith and love to be a cheerful giver.

If you don't care for others, at best, you might occasionally give reluctantly when it benefits you in some way. So cheerful and continued giving is a sign of love and evidence you care for others. Faith is also necessary to be a giver.

Without confidence that you will have enough in the future, it is unlikely you will give cheerfully.

According to God's Word, the person who gives has blessings headed their direction. Giving is a key to receiving. It is the law of God: in the measure we sow, we shall also reap.



Father, thank You for the opportunity and enablement to give and be a blessing! I receive Your sufficient grace to be a cheerful giver at all times, in Jesus name.



Think of one person you can make a sacrifice for. Take steps towards achieving that.



John 16 – 17

MY LEVEL AND STATUS MUST CHANGE

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

1 Samuel 2:6-9

No condition is hopeless and no one is helpless. One touch of God's mercy can make anyone a destiny celebrity!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, I thank You for Your consistent help in my life. For the constant support, sustenance, deliverance, protection, intervention, I thank You!
2. The God that raises a man from zero to hero; the God who moves a man from nothing to something, please help me! One moment is enough for a turnaround; I receive turnaround in my family, ministry, finances, business, marriage etc.
3. Every mystery holding my destiny down must break now! I receive divine help to break through and break forth in every aspect of life, in Jesus' name.
4. 2022, by fire, I refuse my expectations and pursuits to be denied in you! By the help of God, all my expectations are exceeded, in Jesus' name.
5. Father, show me a token for good. That strategic step I need to take, anything I need to do for my destiny shift; O Lord, show me!
6. Let the commanded agent and vehicle for my next level show up! I connect to my destiny helpers by fire!
7. Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of salvation. You did not send Jesus into the world to judge it, but to save it. We declare that Your Word will move swiftly through the earth and save the lost.
8. Holy Spirit, thank You for Your presence evident in Gateway Church by signs and wonders. Let Your power and presence continually define this House, in Jesus' name.
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DAILY BIBLE
READING:

John 18 – 19

HE SEES YOUR HEART

KEY TEXT

Jeremiah 17:10 (MSG), "But I, GOD, search the heart and examine the mind. I get to the heart of the human. I get to the root of things. I treat them as they really are, not as they pretend to be."

POWER THOUGHT

Be humble, and always be at your best.

There are remarkable instances in Scripture that help us understand that the Lord indeed tests men's hearts. Consider the story of David, how God chose him from the house of Jesse and the very significant rejection of his brother, Eliab. He (Eliab), from the outward appearance, was everything one would want in a leader. The moment he showed up, and Samuel the Prophet saw him, he said, "... Surely the Lord's anointed is before him" (**1 Samuel 16:6**). However, the Bible says, "But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him..." (**1 Samuel 16:7**). Notice God didn't say, "Don't anoint Eliab, for I have not chosen him." But the Lord said, "I have refused him." It means that God considered him and said, "No!" Did Eliab ever know that he was considered by God to someday be king over Israel? No! But God considered him and found him wanting. The story of Abraham is another case in point, this time, a positive one, because Abraham passed the test. After years of wanting a child, God blessed them. But one day, the Bible says God tested Abraham. He asked him to offer his only son, Isaac, as a sacrifice (**Genesis 22:2**). Abraham demonstrated his faith and registered his name in the sands of time.

You may never know when you're being tested or considered for the next level of your assignment and promotion. The important thing is for you not to be found wanting. It's the reason you must walk in faith, hope and love. Be humble, and always be at your best, not in hypocrisy, but in integrity of heart and in uprightness, for God indeed sees your heart.



Oh Lord, my desire is to please You always. I'm aligned with Your Word today, to know and walk in Your perfect will concerning all things, such that my life will bring You glory, in Jesus' Name.



Meditate on Proverbs 17:3



John 20 – 21

THE SOLUTION TO PRIDE

KEY TEXT

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

POWER THOUGHT

Selflessness is a 'pride expellant'.

What would cause God to be opposed to us? According to James, it is pride.

As fallen humans, our sins have separated us from God. He is holy and cannot abide with sin. To bridge that gap, we know that God came to us in human form to bear our iniquities and unite us back to Himself. In the same way that sin affronts a holy God, pride opposes God. **Proverbs 6:16-17** says that a proud look (or haughty eyes) is an abomination to Him (he detests it).

If Tarzan (the cartoon character) were to teach a Bible study, he might phrase it this way: "Humility, good. Pride...ba-aad!" Yes, humility is good, so that means you should concentrate on being humble, right? Not necessarily. I've found when I focus solely on being humble, I'm still focused solely on myself. At the end of the day, that's still pride. It's all about me. This can be a dangerous trap for Christians. Because you know that he who is greatest must be a servant (**Matthew 20:27**), you may tend to boast in a false sense of humility. Over time, this can lead to a lack of true servitude. We can acquire a mindset of, "I'm more important than you because I serve more than you".

So, what do we do in order to be genuinely humble? Love. Love takes your focus off of you onto somebody else. Humility is a result of true love. If you learn to love well, you won't brag about your actions. You won't be self-seeking or jealous. Your actions will be done in kindness. You will not be easily provoked, or be arrogant. It's important to note that these are all effects of love. Love is selfless in its very nature. Selflessness is a 'pride expellant'. Receive grace today for a selfless lifestyle.



Father, I ask You to perfect Your love in me. Please reveal pride in my life and allow me to humble myself by the power of Your Holy Spirit. I want more of Your grace, more of Your favour. Help me to love better, in Jesus' name.



Take out 5mins to pray in tongues about today's seed.



Acts 1 – 3

LET THE BLESSING FLOW

KEY TEXT

Jude 22, "And of some have compassion, making a difference:"

POWER THOUGHT

The first law of blessing— it must flow outwardly.

God's Word makes it crystal clear that you are blessed. But you have not been blessed for yourself alone. Neither have you been blessed to just feel good. You are blessed to bless others. God told Abraham in **Genesis 12:2(NIV)**, *"I will bless you ... and you will be a blessing"*. This scripture clearly states the first law of the blessing— it must flow outwardly.

There is nothing that God will not do for the person who really wants to help other people. When you consciously become a blessing to others, God remembers you and takes care of your needs. His Word promises that if you will concentrate on blessing others, life for you will become a walkover. God guarantees His blessing to those sold-out to His cause. In **Luke 18**, Jesus says, *"I guarantee this. Anyone who gives up anything for the kingdom of God will certainly receive many times more in this life ..."* You make a whole lot of difference when your style of Christianity is people-driven and saturated in compassion. This is what Jude tells us, *"And of some have compassion, making a difference:"*

Phil. 1:4(MSG) says, *"Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand"*. When you care about helping other people, God assumes

responsibility for your problems. And that's a real blessing because God is far better at handling your difficulties than you are. How do you bless others? Serve a need— whether physical, emotional, or financial; put a smile on someone's face. Become God's extended arm of help to everyone around you. More grace!



Father, open my eyes and heart to the needs of people around me. I rebuke self-centredness out of my life, in Jesus' Name.



ROAK season is here! Step out today and do something for at least one person.



Acts 4 – 5

LOOK BEYOND 'YOU'

KEY TEXT

Isaiah 32: 8, "But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand."

POWER THOUGHT

Stinginess keeps men in mediocrity.

The liberal person will stand out. He is always thinking about how to loosen his hand and be a blessing, but the stingy man is always thinking about how to acquire more, and to defraud people. Stinginess keeps men in mediocrity. You are part of the God tribe and our DNA carries generosity. Don't live for yourself only; begin to live for others.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT—

- Every life is higher than its pressing challenges.
- The purpose of every life is greater than 'self'.
- Anything released as a seed will come back as a harvest and anything released as a sacrifice will come back as an Altar.



Father, let the spirit of self-centredness be eradicated from my life! I am purposeful and impactful. I receive the heart of a giver. My world is blessed because of me!



Give something out before the week runs out.



Acts 6 – 7

FROM GRUMBING TO GRATITUDE

KEY TEXT

Luke 17:17-19, "Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

POWER THOUGHT

Gratitude unexpressed is ingratitude.

GratITUDE is very important. Luke has given us a story from the life of Jesus that helps us reflect on the importance of being thankful for God's goodness. This story shows the rarity of a thankful spirit. Jesus healed ten (10) lepers and out of them only one had taken the time to thank the person who had made his recovery possible. How often do you hear people express sincere gratitude? Try an experiment. Keep track of the number of complaints you hear each day, and compare that with the number of times you hear people express sincere words of gratitude. You will be amazed at your findings.

Gratitude unexpressed is ingratitude. Most believers limit their expression of gratitude to certain things such as receiving a big miracle. God doesn't want you to thank Him for just special events; He is honoured when we thank Him for His faithfulness to do the most little things such as providing for your daily needs. He also expects you to praise when it seems like everything around you is taking a nose dive. Your ability to express gratitude in troubling times shows that you trust God.

God never promised you smooth sailing, but He does promise that He will be right there beside you, restoring you and urging you onward. He is there to fill you up so you can continue to fill others. Become like David, who in the midst of a great time of distress, was able to believe, trust God and praise him even without receiving his deliverance. **Psalms 59:9-10, "Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence."** Show your gratitude by testifying of God's goodness in your life, and by the sacrifices of worship to God. Never stop expressing gratitude.



PRAYER

Father, I am grateful and thankful for the things You have done for me. Thank You for keeping me and all that concerns me in perfect peace.



What specific things are you grateful for today? Make a list of them.



Acts 8 – 9

REFUSE TO COMPROMISE

KEY TEXT

2 Timothy 3:1-5, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away"

POWER THOUGHT

...never follow the crowd.

We're in the last days, and you have to learn to walk in the knowledge of God's Word. We're in what the Bible shows as "difficult or perilous times." The question is—why is it going to be difficult for some? The answer is simple: **CHOICES**.

Some believers usually make unpopular choices. I'm talking about such choices as standing for truth and righteousness, refusing to compromise your faith, sticking to the Word—doing what the Word says—rather than what's convenient. There are those who are going to compromise and make decisions because of money and earthly favours. As a result, they'll do the wrong things; things that aren't consistent with the Christian walk. That shouldn't be you. Don't make a decision in life because it's popular opinion; never follow the crowd. Remember what Jesus said: "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (**Matthew 7:13-14**). This is very instructive.

Let the knowledge of God's Word—the wisdom of God—guide the choices and decisions that you make. It makes no difference that you're

the only one taking a stand for Jesus Christ and for the Gospel in your estate, neighbourhood, school or place of work; keep at it. Refuse to compromise. Rather, remain "...stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (**1 Corinthians 15:58**).



Dear Father, thank You for the grace to stand strong in the face of enticing distractions and attractions. I make a commitment today to Your Word and commands for my life and I receive the grace to live an uncompromised life, in Jesus' Name.



Do not compromise.



Acts 10 – 11

I RECEIVE HELP BY CONNECTION

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up."

Positive relationships are critical to achieving destiny fulfilment. God's intent for you is to have a strong support system. A financially challenged man surrounded by friendship, family and love will find more fulfilment than a rich loner. Today, as you pray, may divinely orchestrated relationships locate you!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, I thank You for the men and women You have brought into my life in time past. Thank You for giving me destiny uplifting relationships everywhere I go.
2. I repent and reject every negative attitude, habit or behaviour that destroys godly relationships. I receive grace to model everything I want in a good relationship.
3. **Eph. 4:7**— Oh God, make me a delightful land! Immerse me in the grace and favour that will command people to seek after me, in Jesus name.
4. **1 Sam. 10:3-4**— Today, I call in destiny enhancers, edifiers and beautifiers. I receive into my life men and women that are assets and destiny vehicles to my next level, in Jesus name.
5. **Rom. 8:28**— By the blood of Jesus, I rebuke the curses of disfavour, rejection and betrayal. I will never struggle in relationships ever again, in Jesus name.
6. **Gen. 39:21**— I declare that this is a season of favour for my entire family. Men will see us and give to us. The curse of disappointment is broken forever!
7. Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of salvation. You did not send Jesus into the world to judge it, but to save it. We declare that Your Word will move swiftly through the earth and save the lost.
8. Holy Spirit, thank You for Your presence evident in Gateway Church by signs and wonders. Let Your power and presence continually define this House, in Jesus' name.
9. **Isa. 54:17**— Today, I decree that Your hand continually rests on Your servant, Pst. George Izunwa. May the counsel of the wickedness against him come to naught, in Jesus' name.
10. Oh God, arise and change the story of Nigeria. Make Nigeria great again. Restore our nation's destiny, in Jesus name.

FIND OUT GOD'S PURPOSE

KEY TEXT

Ephesians 2:10(AMPC). "For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them"

POWER THOUGHT

God has gifted everyone.

The discussion about purpose is inexhaustible. As one who's born again, your life has been so excellently planned out and preordained by God. All He wants is that you follow the blueprint.

Does God have a purpose for your life? If you're asking yourself this question, I know from experience that it's likely causing you some stress. I want you to know that God wants you to rest in the knowledge of something beautiful: *"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made"* (**Psalms 139:13-14**). Does that sound like a God who wants you to live in stress and toil away missing your purpose? It certainly doesn't. The God described in that beautiful psalm is an intricately and intimately involved God. That is not the kind of God that doesn't have a plan for you, or is content to let you waste away your days in the worry of being unsure of your purpose. God has a plan for your life and guess what, it's a good plan. How can you find purpose? One pointer to God's purpose for your life is your gifts. God has gifted everyone. What's more? These gifts and talents are not for you. They tell you where and how you can fit into the business of the kingdom and how you can make the world a better place! Ask yourself—what am I good at or passionate about? What area of ministry in my life is God blessing?

There's not one person on earth that doesn't have a natural talent. It would be considered sinful if you let those gifts go to waste. Remember, God does not smile upon people doing nothing with their talents.



PRAYER

Father, thank You for creating me with a perfect plan! Today, open my eyes to my gifts, talents, passion and ministry. I speak life to every dormant or dying aspect of my purpose. Come alive, in Jesus' name.



ACTION POINT

Write down your gifts. Also, do a quick survey, ask your friends what they think you are good at. Pray about them and let the Holy Spirit guide you.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Acts 14 – 15

YOU CAN'T GIVE WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE

KEY TEXT

"That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus."

POWER THOUGHT

'what you did' and 'who you are' are two different things.

Love was one of Jesus' clear-cut instructions in the Bible. He, most definitely knew that for you to be able to show love to others, it must start from you. How can you love and accept others when you find it hard to love and accept you? God wants you to accept and love yourself; to like who you are and to learn to deal with your weaknesses. He doesn't want you to reject yourself because He loves you just the way you are!

The devil tries very hard, daily, to keep you from understanding and enjoying the freedom of self-acceptance. The Bible teaches us that Jesus understands our weakness, the Holy Spirit bears us in our weakness and God chooses the weak and foolish things of the world to confound the wise (**see 1 Corinthians 1:27**). Until you accept and approve of yourself, in light of what the Word of God says about you, you can't have a good sense of self-worth. When you are able to develop that positive attitude towards yourself, you will have faith in God to easily grow from glory to glory. Accept yourself! Don't allow yourself to be labelled by what has happened because 'what you did' and 'who you are' are two different things.

God has created you with some 'unchangeables' in life— Parents, gender, mental capacity, race or nationality, siblings, aging etc. Whenever you compare yours with that of another person or other people, you are tempted and tend to develop feelings of inferiority that challenges your self-acceptance. God loves you, and if He truly does, then you must be a very valuable person. Accept God's approval today; shun the comparison and hold on to what the Word says about you. Make the commitment to love yourself by learning to love and trust the God who created you.



Thank You Father, for who I am today, and for who You are raising me to be. Give me a deeper revelation of who I am in you. Help me to discover the strengths You have deposited in me, in Jesus name.



Memorize and recite the key text. Take a mental note of it and keep declaring it today.



Acts 16 – 17

FAITH WORKS BY LOVE

KEY TEXT

Galatians 5:6. "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love."

POWER THOUGHT

Faith—without love—is going nowhere.

The bible verse which says, *"The just shall live by faith and without faith it is impossible to please God"* describes the importance of faith. In the Kingdom, nothing works without faith. Another dimension to faith which most Christians are yet to come to terms with is the fact that faith does not work in the absence of love.

Faith works by love. It is energized by love. Why is that? Well, you are probably familiar with the Apostle Paul's teaching on love in 1 Cor. 13 (AMP), *"... If I [can] speak in the tongues of men and [even] of angels, but have not love...I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers...and if I have [sufficient] faith so that I can remove mountains, but have not love (God's love in me) I am nothing (a useless nobody)..."* Faith—without love—is going nowhere. God wants you to walk in love because love never fails. He wants the best for you, and since the best is found in love, you must walk in love in order to receive God's best. This includes honoring Him, forgiving and walking in the fruit of the Spirit.

Everything about God's Word is connected, and it all centers around love. Don't think that you can walk in true, God-designed love without walking in faith. Begin studying God's Word to find out about this connection and how to live it. When you bring love and faith together, your entire outlook will begin to shift, and you'll begin to view the world through God's eyes! Receive grace to walk in genuine godly love.



Lord Jesus, endow me with grace for unconditional love. May my faith be energized as I walk in the God-kind of love, in Jesus name.



Weigh all your thoughts and actions on the scale of love.



Acts 18 – 19

SHOWING KINDNESS

KEY TEXT

Acts 9:39b, "All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them."

POWER THOUGHT

When you are kind, others get to experience warmth...

When you think of kindness, what comes to mind? Kindness is a way for us to show love and keep the command to love others. When you are kind, others get to experience warmth, and whether they realize it or not, they are experiencing some of God's character. No wonder it's a fruit of the Spirit. Receive grace to be kind at all times!

What is expected of you in this season—

- Heed the call to reflect God's kindness
- Make efforts to cultivate kindness
- Take the initiative to show kindness



Father, thank You because kindness is a part of me. Take away the spirit of selfishness and greed from me. Help me to be like You at all times, in Jesus' name.



This is ROAK season! Don't end today without showing someone kindness.



Acts 20 – 21

EL-SHADDAI.

KEY
TEXT

Psalm 138:8, "The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; your mercy, O Lord, endures forever;"

POWER
THOUGHT

When you accept God as your All-Sufficient God, all that matters to you matters to Him.

El-Shaddai means "The GOD who is more than enough"; the all sufficient God. He is the High and Lofty One that inhabits eternity. All that He is comes from within Himself and no other. All things come from Him, and all things are held together by Him... from the lowest form of life to the highest... all have need of God.

When you accept God as your All-Sufficient God, all that matters to you matters to Him. David said: *"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want"* (**Psalm 23:1**). David is declaring that his personal concerns, problems or enemies has become God's. A sheep has the ability to follow a shepherd; thus, when the LORD is your Shepherd, you shall not want because you will find out that you have no deficits; the All-Sufficient God has made you sufficient. This implies that not only do you have what you need now; you have all you need now and later. He will take care of your present and future.

But then see God's heart for you today. He wants to prosper you. Don't settle for anything less, thinking that He only supplies your needs and your wants. If you need a job, know that He wants you to pray not just for a job, but for a position. When you have a position, you have influence and you are able to impact lives. Maybe what you need is a pay increment. Then, pray not just for that, but also to be in a position to give increments! You may start out poor when you follow God. But you cannot remain in lack when you follow the God of more-than-enough.



PRAYER

Thank You Lord for I know that You are my Elshaddai. Today, I lay claim on Your promise of abundance and I declare that I am blessed in all things, in Jesus' name.

ACTION
POINT

Make a move on your next target; God will provide.

DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Acts 22 – 23

LEARN TO SOW BOUNTIFULLY

KEY TEXT

Genesis 8:22. "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease."

POWER THOUGHT

To enjoy quality harvest, plant quality seeds.

One of the benefits of the covenant is supernatural prosperity. God has promised you a life enriched with divine provision, success and wealth in His Word (**3 John 2, Psalm 92:12-15**). Unfortunately, a lot of people, even believers, are operating far below the level of this promise. This is so because they look for 'short-cuts' and quick ways to manoeuvre around spiritual principles. To think that you can obtain the promises of God without obeying the spiritual laws that governs His reward system on this earth will be a height of self deception.

One of such principles established concerning prosperity is "the Law of Seedtime and Harvest." The law simply states that, "whatever you sow, in time, you will reap in multiples". A perfect analogy of this principle can be seen in Agricultural science. When a farmer needs maize, he sows healthy maize seeds into the soil. In a couple of months, the harvest will be ready and by then he won't be harvesting seeds; he will harvest at least 3-5 maize cobs per plant!

To enjoy quality harvest, plant quality seeds. If your harvest is below your desires and expectations, then change the quality and quantity of seeds you are currently sowing. In **2 Corinthians 9:6-7**, the scripture clearly emphasized this concept, "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly;

and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully..." As much as you can, sow financial seeds and seeds of kindness and love. Sow with understanding and keep your expectations in view because you will definitely reap in due time.



PRAYER

Father, thank You for the entrance of Your Word today. I receive the spirit of compassion and generosity. I declare that I will not eat my tomorrow today, in the name of Jesus.



ACTION POINT

What seeds will you sow today?



DAILY BIBLE READING

Acts 24 – 26

NOTHING GOOD WILL DIE IN MY HANDS

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

John 5:19-27

Blessed people are life givers! They are fertile grounds for good things indeed. A blessed hand redeems from death and destruction. This year, nothing will die in your hands or under your watch, in Jesus' name!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, I thank You for the spirit of life is in me; I am a Zoe distributor! Death is far from me! Nothing dies in my hands, in Jesus' name.
2. By the life of God at work in me, I declare that my relationships, business, ministry, finances, academics, family etc begins to flourish! Life flows in me and through me.
3. Jam. 1:5— God giveth wisdom to every man! Oh Lord, I receive Your wisdom to preserve what You have put in my hands. I will make the right decisions at all times.
4. Every mystery of death trying to destroy any good thing in my life: catch Fire! My life cannot come under the influence of any strange mystery, in Jesus' name.
5. Just like the Prophet Ezekiel, I declare that every dry bone around and within me, hear God in my voice: resurrect, now!
6. I declare that the life of God flows in me and through me to my household. We shall not die but live to declare the good works of the Lord!
7. Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of salvation. You did not send Jesus into the world to judge it, but to save it. We declare that Your Word will move swiftly through the earth and save the lost.
8. Holy Spirit, thank You for Your presence evident in Gateway Church by signs and wonders. Let Your power and presence continually define this House, in Jesus' name.
9. Isa. 54:17—Today, I decree that Your hand continually rests on Your servant, Pst. George Izunwa. May the counsel of the wickedness against him come to naught, in Jesus' name.
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DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Acts 27 – 28

YOU NEED A SUPPORT SYSTEM

KEY TEXT

Galatians 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

POWER THOUGHT

It's the sheep that strays from the fold that gets eaten by the wolf.

Everybody needs a support system. God created our physical bodies with internal systems that support each other. And it's the same in our relationships. Sometimes when others disappoint us, we say, 'From now on it's just going to be God and me!' That's a big mistake! It's the sheep that strays from the fold that gets eaten by the wolf. Satan will isolate you in order to destroy you.

'A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken' (Ecclesiastes 4:12, NLT) Studies show that people who have caring support live longer, recover from illness faster, and find life more meaningful. Support gives you a sense of connection and acceptance, which are core human needs. It provides an arena in which you can be vulnerable; a place where you can feel safe in saying, 'I don't know,' or 'Can you help me,' or 'I need a hug.' This is support—God's way. And if you can't find it in your own family, turn to the family of God.

And one more thought: don't forget to express your appreciation to those who support you. Tokens of gratitude go a long way in saying, 'I'm grateful for your help.' Support is not a one-way street: *'Share each other's burdens.'*

Don't get so engrossed in your own problems that you forget others have problems too. Take the time to inquire about their concerns. No one likes a taker. It's in the give-and-take of mutual support that we grow and fulfil our God-given potential in life. May God give you a good support system and may He make you a support for someone.



Father, thank You for the men and women you have brought my way. Thank You for every support they have rendered to me. I pray that you will continually bless them and cause them to never lack any good thing. Also, make me a good friend and support to others, in Jesus' name.



Intentionally build a support system.



Romans 1 – 3

OPTIMISM

KEY TEXT

Romans 8:28 "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

POWER THOUGHT

...where the majority says, "We can't," always remember that you can.

What is your challenge? Which giants make you feel like a grasshopper when you face them? What does your future resemble when you measure it on the basis of facts and figures? You'd like not to surrender, right? You'd like to be courageous, wouldn't you? There is a way through, but you'll need one essential quality—vision.

Vision is the one essential ingredient for being an original in a day of copies. Vision is the ability to see God's presence, to perceive God's power, to focus on God's plan in spite of the obstacles. When you have vision it affects your attitude. Your attitude is optimistic rather than pessimistic. Your attitude stays positive rather than negative. Not foolishly positive, as though in fantasy, for you are reading God into your circumstances.

So when a situation comes that cuts your feet out from under you, what do you do? Do you start focusing on the trouble? Do you start comparing the odds? Do you throw up your arms and panic? If you do, the result is predictable: you become intimidated and wind up *defeated*. But as a believer, what should you do? You don't give up! Instead, you say, "Lord, this is Your moment! This is where You take charge. You're in this." This is nothing more than having a strong belief in the power of God to always come through for you.

Refuse to give in to temptation, cynicism, and doubt. Don't allow yourself to become a jaded individual. Be determined to see only the best of this life. Even in a world that is negative and hostile, where the majority says, "We can't," always remember that you can. Trust God today and stay positive!



PRAYER

I bind every spirit of negativity in me. I refuse to be blinded by doubt and realism. I have a promise and I will see the manifestation, in Jesus' name!



ACTION POINT

Listen to the Co-Pastor's message titled 'I AM ANOINTED FOR THIS'



DAILY BIBLE READING

Romans 4 – 7

SET FREE TO SERVE

KEY TEXT

Exodus 8:1, "And the Lord spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me."

POWER THOUGHT

You have not been freed without a cause.

Frankly speaking, sin not only contaminates, it also subjugates. It enslaves. Like the hunter's net, the more you struggle against it in your strength, the more you find yourself entangled in it. It beats its victim into submission and causes servitude to be hard and inextricable. But as powerful as sin is, the Blood of Jesus Christ is more powerful still.

In Jesus Christ the chains of captivity have been broken, and the light of His grace has shone forth the way of freedom. The way of freedom is therefore, living a life in service to your Maker. You have not been freed without a cause. Just as there is no such thing as a non-functioning member of your human body, so there ought to be no such thing as a non-functioning member of the body of Christ. If God has saved you from your sin, He has called you to serve Him in some way in accordance with your gifts and abilities. Paul was at the height of pursuing his career as an unbeliever; he had no plans at all of becoming a Christian. But hear him introduce himself in 1 Tim. 1:1, *"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Saviour and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope"*; this shows you how God saves a man and conscripts him into service at once!

There is so much work to be done and there is no time to waste. You have been assigned to play a specific role/assignment in God's kingdom and service is the tool for getting that mission accomplished. Bring glory to God today by your service.



Dear Lord, thank for the privilege of salvation. I will serve You with every gift You have given me; I rebuke the spirit of negligence, in Jesus name!



Make a re-commitment to serve the interest of the kingdom today.



Romans 8 – 10

THE FAITHFUL STEWARD

KEY TEXT

Matthew 25:20-21, "And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

POWER THOUGHT

It's pointless holding on to what isn't yours.

God owns everything and if He is the owner, then you are the manager whom He has trusted with His property. God has called you to be a good steward, meaning you are to "utilize and manage all resources He provides for His glory and the betterment of His creation". God wants you to give back into His work on earth. It's pointless holding on to what isn't yours. Be a good steward today.

PRINCIPLES OF FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP —

- Giving your time
- Giving your talent
- Giving your treasures
- Serve with joy



Father, thank You for Your Word of empowerment. This week, I receive the grace to make an impact with all You have blessed me with, in Jesus' name.



Give today— to God or to someone who cannot repay you.



Romans 11 – 14

THE PROMISE OF PROVISION

KEY TEXT

Matthew 14:19-20, "And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full."

POWER THOUGHT

God is the source of every good thing...

God made everything. Everything you see and everything you can't see; everything on Earth and in the universe beyond. God is the source of every good thing and you can depend on Him. As you depend on God to be your source for everything, remember these truths:

Every good thing is a gift from God. You didn't earn anything. It's all a gift of God's grace. If God didn't want to give it, you wouldn't have it. The Bible says, *"Every good and perfect gift is from above"* (**James 1:17 NIV**). That's why the third phrase of the Lord's Prayer starts with the word "give"—*"Give us this day our daily bread"* (**Matthew 6:11 ESV**). Why? Because you can't earn the things God gives you—they're gifts from Him.

There's nothing you need that God can't provide. You don't know what you'll need tomorrow or the rest of this year. But whatever it is, God has the power to supply it. The Bible says in **Philippians 4:19**: *"My God will supply your every need according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus"* (NET). "Glorious riches" means God is lavish with what He provides. He has unlimited resources.

God is waiting on you. If you have needs in your life that aren't being met, it may be that God is waiting on you to ask! The problem isn't that God doesn't

want to meet your need; the problem could be that you haven't asked him to. **James 4:2** says, *"You do not have because you do not ask God"* (NIV).

What or who have you been counting on to meet your needs? If it's anything other than God, turn that around today. Trust God to be your source for everything.



PRAYER

Lord, thank You for Your promise to meet my needs. I trust You and I receive Your promise. Help me to see the needs of others also, and move me to be willing to help meet those needs in your name!



ACTION POINT

Read Philippians 4:19 in at least 3 other versions of the Bible and meditate on it.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Romans 15 – 16

WEALTH TRANSFER

KEY TEXT

Isaiah 45:3, "I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the Lord, who call you by your name, am the God of Israel."

POWER THOUGHT

Jesus is coming for a church in control.

Most of the time, the church's approach to wealth has been to 'have just enough funds' for its vision. But the enormity of the real mission of the church, both locally and globally, is to reach the world and make a huge impact. Therefore, we need money! We need to believe in God's supernatural provision to carry out His vision.

The church must realise that our competition is not another church; our competition is— anything that challenges the minds of our people, particularly young people. So, **why does the church need wealth transfer?** The church needs wealth transfer in order to reach the millennials and generation Z. This generation is made up of tech-savvy youths and therefore we must employ a relevant approach that is different from our regular screaming from the pulpit. We need quality, social media platforms that are effective. We need to use cutting edge, state of the art equipment in order to offer high-quality so these ones aren't lost to the devil. We don't just need wealth transfer for tech equipment and facilities; we need it for making social impact and taking over the gates of the enemy. God said to Abraham '*you will possess the gates of your enemies*'.

If you don't feel the need for finance, it means that you haven't met other people's needs. God told Abraham that He will bless him and He will enable him to be a blessing to others (**Genesis 12:2**). Jesus is not coming for a church in hiding but Jesus is really coming for a church in control. It is time to take charge.



Today, I position myself to receive an inflow of tremendous wealth. I will not be left behind; the Word must be fulfilled in my life, in Jesus' name.



What do you need wealth for? Answer this question today.



1 Corinthians 1 – 4

ALL-ROUND PEACE

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

2 Peter 1:2, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,"

Finding peace in everyday life can oftentimes seem impossible, with the challenges looming all around. Everyone and everything is on a 'rat race', struggles here and there; but if the peace of God is with you, it will ensure you arrive your destination in calmness and on time. Let that peace be your portion today!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. **Isa. 9:6** — Lord Jesus, thank You for being my Peace. In You, there is peace. By Your power, I can enforce peace! Halleluyah!
2. **Rom. 5:1** — Lord Jesus, thank You for peace in every aspect of my life. I receive divine peace in my relationships, marriage, business, career and ministry etc.
3. Oh God, I come before You today and I pour out my worries, anxieties, and fears at Your feet. I am claiming and declaring Your promises for blessings of peace and strength over my life, in Jesus' name.
4. **Jn. 10:10** — Today, I come against every power of hell that steals, kills and destroys my peace. No more turmoil, fracas or unnecessary drama in my life!
5. **Jam. 1:5** — Father, give me wisdom on how to walk and talk divine strategic steps that will give me peace. I will not walk out of Your purpose for my life, in Jesus' name.
6. Oh God my Father, release your power today to turn the situation of my family around for good. Let the peace that surpasses all understanding be our portion today!
7. Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of salvation. You did not send Jesus into the world to judge it, but to save it. We declare that Your Word will move swiftly through the earth and save the lost.
8. Holy Spirit, thank You for Your presence evident in Gateway Church by signs and wonders. Let Your power and presence continually define this House, in Jesus' name.
9. **Isa. 54:17** — Today, I decree that Your hand continually rests on Your servant, Pst. George Izunwa. May the counsel of the wickedness against him come to naught, in Jesus' name.
10. Oh God, arise and change the story of Nigeria. Make Nigeria great again. Restore our nation's destiny, in Jesus name.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

1 Corinthians 5 – 9



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.

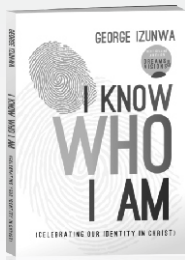
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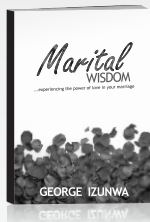
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