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WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: WHAT IT MEANS TO SERVE THE LORD

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Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. -COLOSSIANS 3:24

That you are a Christian doesn't necessarily mean that you serve the Lord. Just like in the natural, not all children are responsible to their parents. Not all children obey and honour their parents. Obeying your parents and being responsible and helpful to them is not automatic, otherwise God wouldn't instruct us to obey and honour our parents. Obeying, honouring and being responsible to your parents is a choice and a conscious effort. In the same way, you could be a Christian, born again and spirit-filled and you are not serving the Lord. Serving the Lord is not synonymous to Church attendance. The question is what do you do in Church that benefits God and others? Is there anything you do for God? Are you of help to Him in anyway? Or do you think He doesn't need your help?

The Bible is replete with information of how much God needs and depends on you to bring His plan and purpose to pass on earth. God cannot do anything on earth without a man. Just as businesses and organizations around the world were built by the efforts of dedicated individuals, that is how we contribute and advance the work of God. Some folks somewhere are brainstorming and having sleepless nights, working tirelessly to make their business or company work or sell.

In the same way, what is it that God or His Church depends on you for? What contribution do you make in the House of God? Do you count at all? Are you one of those loud fellows at work, home or school but very quiet in Church? Are you one of those that whether or not you come to Church no one would notice? Are projects successfully executed without your involvement? If your answer is 'Yes' to this question, it means you don't count much in the House of God. It means you are at ease or in a comfort zone in the Kingdom of God. If you are not investing your time, energy, and money in the Kingdom of God, the Bible reveals that terrible days await you. Amos 6:1 says, "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." Another

translation says, "How terrible it will be for you that have such an easy life in Zion." (Amos 6:1 GNB). How can you be so calm, quiet and keep to yourself with all that is happening around you in the house of God and you are not involved?

Serving the Lord is not cheap. If your service to God doesn't cost you anything then you are serving yourself and not God. What is the purpose or reward, and why did God promise us a reward if serving Him weren't expensive? The Christianity that doesn't cost you anything won't take you anywhere.

So what are you going to do? Start now, join an active department in Church, immediately become an active member. Go to Church everyday if need be. Give too. As you make up your mind and start out today; remember the Scripture that says, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ." (Colossians 3:23, 24).

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Galatians 6:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:58

PRAYER

Precious Father, I thank You for shedding your light in my heart today. Thank You for making me understand what it means to serve You. Help me by the power of the Holy Spirit to be more useful and helpful, serving You with my time, energy and resources for the rest of my days, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 16-18; Matthew 18:1-20

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THURSDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: YOU CAN MAKE YOUR LIFE EASY

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say, Rejoice.
-PHILIPPIANS 4:4

It is important you know that your life is in your hands. You have the power to control your life and your future. You are not at the mercy of your boss or that of the government. Your life and your future are within your power to control. You can be as prosperous and happy as you want to be. You can do anything and you can have anything. This is the conclusion you will arrive at: If you study the Word of God concerning your life as a Christian.

You can actually simplify your life. You can make your life easy. You can have a great day every day. There are lots of people who live a frustrated life. They are never happy, not because there is a particular problem or a challenge in their lives that you can point to but simply because they've refused to take charge of their lives. They have given the control of their lives over to someone else or to circumstances surrounding them. Understand that nobody on earth has the responsibility to make you happy, not even your spouse or friends. In fact, not even God has that responsibility. For someone to love you and for someone to make you happy are two different things. God loves all of us but we are not all happy. Being happy is your responsibility.

So why do we have Christians who live difficult and frustrated lives? It is simply because they have not learnt to take God at His Word. Make up your mind to let the Word of God and only the Word be that which defines your life. It doesn't really matter what anybody says or thinks about you; you are what God says you are. They may call you stupid; you don't have to react to that because that's not your name. If you heard someone yelling out 'Mohammed' in the street, I'm not too sure you'll turn to answer to that name, simply because you are not Mohammed. In the same way, you are not 'stupid', neither are you poor nor crazy. Whatever unpleasant name anyone calls, stay cool because you know who you are. You are a

new creature and your life is now defined by your new identity with Jesus Christ. Let the Word of God define your life and be in charge of your life and circumstances everyday.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Romans 8:28; Matthew 5:44

PRAYER

I am not moved by what I see and hear. I am only moved by the Word of God. I am a wonder to many, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. I know who I am therefore; I take full control of the circumstances of my life and my future by the Word of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit. I declare that I have a great day every day, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 25-26; Matthew 20:17-34

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FRIDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER 2023

THE SEED PRINCIPLE

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"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." -GALATIANS 6:7

It is interesting to know that you can be anything and have everything you want through the seed principle. The Bible says, "While the earth remaineth, SEEDTIME and HARVEST, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." (Genesis 8:22). Life runs on the principle of seed. Without seed everything will be barren and life will not exist. Seed is that which produces life. A seed does not just have life, but it has in itself the principle of life; that which produces life. A seed stands for origination, continuation and multiplication. God created everything: Man, animals, plants, with the ability to procreate through the seed principle. For example, God created the first Man, Adam, then Eve and put in them the ability to originate, multiply, and continually reproduce their kind. And just through Adam and Eve mankind has multiplied and increased all over the earth. If not for this principle God put in place, life would have ended with Adam and Eve.

The kingdom of God runs on the seed principle. Jesus told us a parable of a farmer who went out to sow, and as he sowed, some fell at the road side, stony ground, among thorns and some fell on good ground. And while Jesus was giving the interpretation of this parable, He said the seed is the Word of God. Seeds are kingdom principles. God does not give things to men; he gives them seeds for the things they need. It's your seed God multiplies:"Now he that ministereth seed to the sower...and multiply your seed sown..." (2 Corinthians 9:10).

Life is all about sowing and reaping. Anything you want in life, you sow the seed of it. The Bible says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7). So, it's not about believing God for something, it's not about praying to God about that thing you desire. It's not about wishing and hoping for good things to come to you. It says whatever you sow is what you reap.

Meaning, If you need shoe, you should sow shoe, if you want to reap cassava; sow cassava. If you need money, you sow money. In other words, sow the seeds of whatever you need or want. Now you may ask, what do I sow when I'm in need of a child or a promotion, or start up a business knowing fully well that I can't sow a child? This is where money comes in. The Bible says,"...money answereth all things." (Ecclesiastes 10:19). Money is one thing that can be converted to anything in this world. God said,"...money answereth all things..." this means, money can give you anything. According to the Bible, money is next to God, and powerful as God, except on one count.

Twice was money compared to God in the Bible. First, in Matthew 6:24, Jesus said,"...You cannot serve God and Money..." (Matthew 6:24 ERV). Secondly, Ecclesiastes 7:12 NLT says, "...Wisdom (God) and money can get you almost anything, but only wisdom can save your life." So, if I want a child or applied for a visa and it's not coming forth, I'm going to take a seed (money), name it, that is, call the seed the name of what you are in need of and give it. So, you can break out of poverty, lack, barrenness, sickness, or any unpleasant situation in your life and become all you want to be and have all you want to have through this seed principle.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 1 Corithians 9:6

PRAYER

My faith is alive and working. I activate the seed power in every seed I sow and I reap a multiplied harvest in return. Hallelujah!

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN Exodus 27-28; Matthew 21:1-22

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SATURDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: LAY ASIDE PRIDE

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom. -PROVERBS 13:10

According to the Bible, there are few people God cannot help no matter how much He tries. One of such is a proud man, a man that is full of pride, God can't help him. The fact that God can't help him is not even the big deal, God doesn't stop there, but He goes on to frustrate him. The Bible says, "...God resisteth the proud..." (James 4:6). The Amplified translation of the same portion says that, "God sets himself against the proud and haughty..." (James 4:6 AMP). So you see, it is not the devil that fights the man who is proud but God. God personally sits on his case, and delays his blessing, prosperity and promotion in life. No matter how he tries to make progress God continually resists him.

To be proud means to have a (too) high opinion of oneself, that is to think of oneself too highly. The Bible says, this attitude or character of pride goes before destruction (Proverbs 16:18). The reason for this is because, it is the most difficult thing in the world for a proud man to change. A proud man can't change because he can't accept correction; he is always right in his own eyes. So nobody can help him not even God, his situation is terrible.

This is why you must reject any form of pride in your life. One sure way to cultivate a humble heart is to maintain a teachable spirit. Can you be corrected without the conversation leading to an argument? How do you respond when you are rebuked, especially in the presence of others? A man who loves praises and does not like to be rebuked is a proud man, and he won't go too far in life. The Bible says, "The Scriptures are profitable for teaching, REBUKE, correction and training in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16). So rebuke is scriptural, there is absolutely nothing wrong when you are rebuked, even in the public because: "Open rebuke is better than secret love." (Proverbs 27:5). But a proud man can't take it when he is rebuked or reprimanded about something, he must of necessity have some

thing to say in defense. And if you are a proud person sooner or later you will be put to shame (Proverbs 11:2) because: "...a man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit." (Proverbs 29:23). You see, a proud man can't be in position of honour for too long, the crown will fall off his head, his pride will bring him low. Mind you, God will not humble you, it is something He told you to do: "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time." (1 Peter 5:6).

FURTHER INSIGHTS: James 4:6

PRAYER

God has a plan for my life, and He has a lot more to do in and with my life. I have not even started my journey of success. Therefore I humble myself, I receive the grace to humble myself more and more. Humility is a description of my personality, I refuse to be proud. I reject pride in its entirety. I can be rebuked and scourged without reacting in the flesh, in Jesus' Name. Amen

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN Ezekiel 33-34; 1 Peter 5

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SUNDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: GOD GUIDES YOU FROM YOUR SPIRIT, PAY ATTENTION

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly. –Proverbs 20:27

Man is primarily a spirit. When he is born again, he receives the life and nature of God into his spirit. The changes that are later observed in his character and behavior are actually activated from his spirit. This is why God wants you to cultivate and develop your spirit because it is only through your spirit you can make contact with God and have fellowship with spiritual realities.

One of the primary reasons why you must develop your spirit is the fact that God leads and guides you from within you-your spirit. That is what our opening Scripture is talking about: "The spirit of a man is the candle of the Lord, searching all inward parts of the belly." (Proverbs 20:27). This is of paramount importance. There are people who are always wondering and asking questions whether or not God wants them to take certain steps or make certain decisions The Bible says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14). You see, God's children are led by the Spirit of God that is within them. It did not say we should be led by prophets or whatever. Now there is nothing wrong with a man of God giving you a prophetic utterance by the Spirit. But the primary way God leads all His children is by the Holy Spirit through their own spirit. Whatever a man of God or a prophet of God tells you by the Spirit of God must be in conformity with what the Spirit is saying within you. It could be that you weren't really sure if it was God talking. Understand that the Spirit of God is one, and the Bible says, "...God is not the author of confusion, but of peace.. " (1 Corinthians 14:33). So no matter what anybody tells you by the Spirit of God, if you have the same Spirit within you, there must be of necessity a witness in your spirit that God is leading or speaking to you, because God's children are led and guided by the Spirit of God within their spirit. The Spirit of a man is the candle of the Lord, searching or browsing all the inward parts of the belly; and as many as

are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God. "What if I don't have a witness in my spirit about what so-and-so tells me?" You may ask. Very simple: Dump it, it's just trash. Be careful of how you accept "Thus saith the Lord", or who tells you what God said about His plans and purpose for your life.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Psalm 18:28, 1 Peter 3:4

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for shedding Your light in my heart today. I open my heart to Your leading today, as I listen to your Spirit within. Help me to be more sensitive. And I receive the grace to develop my spirit for Your guidance, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 29-30; Matthew 21:13-46

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MONDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: MAINTAIN A VIBRANT PRAYER LIFE

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And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray and not to faint -LUKE 18:1

As a Christian, praying ought to be your lifestyle. Throughout the Scriptures, we are admonished to pray, there is much emphasis on prayer than any other subject in the Word of God simply because prayer is not just a religious activity; prayer is a relationship. Your relationship with God can only be sustained by your prayer life. So prayer must be of necessity, a vital part of your everyday life.

Prayer is not just a means to get God to do something, rather, prayer is a means of fellowship with God. Every relationship is sustained and maintained through communication. Without a constant and regular communication with God, our relationship with Him dries up and gradually dies completely. The Bible says, "By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through the idleness of the hands the house droppeth through." (Ecclesiastes 10:18). Prayerlessness remains the number one reason why many Christians backslide all over the world today. Our relationship with God can only be sustained by our prayer life. Learn to pray whether or not you feel like it, pray because it is something you have to do, just like you go to work or school even when you don't feel like going. Over and over again the Lord Jesus instructed us to "watch and pray". In Matthew 26:41 He said, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation..." Also talking about the Rapture of the Church, He said, "Take ye heed, WATCH and PRAY: for ye know not when the time is." (Mark 13:33).

You see, the time is short and the Lord Jesus is coming very soon. How prepared are you for His return? "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the hour cometh, at evening, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly HE FIND YOU SLEEPING." (Mark 13:35-36). Prayer keeps you spiritually sensitive; it makes you aware of what God is doing. Prayer strengthens the one who prays. The Bible says, "Pray without ceasing." (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

"...men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). Prayerlessness is a sin because it is an act of disobedience to the Word of God. Prayer is your responsibility, so train yourself to pray often and regularly. It will make you sensitive and walk in the will of God for your life, and keep you alert to the Rapture of the Church. The Christian who doesn't pray will likely not go to heaven; if every Christian will go to heaven, then there is no point telling us to watch and pray. Maintain a vibrant prayer life every day in these last days.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Matthew 25:3-13

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for instructing me on my prayer life. Help me by - the power of the Holy Spirit to maintain a vibrant prayer life. I take up my responsibility in prayers today, forgive me for every time I should have prayed and I didn't. I receive the grace to run with this message today; and I give myself to prayers like never before, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 31-33; Matthew 22:1-22

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TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: THE KEY TO A SUPERNATURAL LIFE

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written. The just shall live by faith - ROMANS 1:17

You have to understand that the Christian life is a life of the supernatural, and walking in the supernatural becomes a reality in your life as a result of your faith, not someone else's faith but your faith. What is this faith? Faith means to have a great trust or confidence on something or someone. Faith is more than just believing; it is acting on what is believed. Take a look at the fishes. They have to remain in water because if they come out from the water they'd struggle to death.

On the other hand what other animals will struggle with when they encounter water, the fishes don't because it's a natural phenomenon for them to live in water. This is what the Christian life should entail; display-

ing the supernatural in a natural way.

Before Jesus came, people were already living, yet He said, "...I have come that they might have life..." (John 10:10). That tells us that He brought something different a life of the supernatural, and the supernatural life is the faith-life. If you want to walk in the supernatural, then you have to get to that level of life where your trust and confidence is on your source (God's Word). Because you actually came forth from God's Word, that is your origin. The Word of God gave birth to your spirit. The Bible says, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides forever." (1 Peter 1:23). This truth alone is enough reason why you should have faith in the Word of God because if the Word can give birth to you, then it can keep you healthy and keep you alive.

So make up your mind to take God at His Word. You are what He says You are, believe it and say it. Faith in God's Word is not an option if you'll experience and walk in the supernatural naturally: "For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7).

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 1 Peter 1:5

PRAYER

My faith in God's Word is coming alive. I am what God's Word says I am. I walk in the consciousness of this truth. I fix my gaze on the Perfect Law of Liberty. Yes, the Word produces in me what it talks about. Thank you precious Holy Spirit.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 34-35; Matthew 22:23-46

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WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: COMMIT YOUR RESOURCES TO SOUL WINNING

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

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

The Bible says "For God so love the world that He gave His only begotten son..." (John 3:16). In our opening verse, the Bible says "...the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; which when a man hath found, he hides, and for joy thereof goes out and sells all that he has to buy that field." (Matthew 13:44). The Bible tells us that the treasure is the souls of men and that field is he world (Matthew 13:38). God gave all that He had to get the world not because He was interested in the world itself but the treasure that is in it—the souls of men and women.

You have to understand God's passion for the kingdom, because that is what really matters in life. What else do you want to achieve with your life that has not be done before In your life, make up your mind to become relevant to the kingdom of God. On the last day, the Bible says we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ to give account of the kind of life we lived on earth (Romans 14:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10). God will only call you on that day in connection with the kingdom of God. You'll never be asked, how many houses you built, the number of children you had or how much money you had, but your contributions to the advancement of the kingdom of God. So make up your mind, be decisive, and be passionate about Jesus and His kingdom and the primary way to show your commitment is through your financial contribution because your money represents you. You are not committed to anything you don't give substantially into. It is self-deception to think otherwise. "For where your treasure is, here will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21).

This is why those whose hearts are sold out to God usually give the biggest, not necessarily because they have more money but because their hearts are sold out to God and His kingdom, the kingdom is their passion

for life. It reminds me of a guy who packed out of a duplex and moved into a flat in order to use the extra money for partnership in Church. Another had refused to furnish his house with the furniture allowance he got from his place of work because of the crusade the Church was holding. He invested the money into it. Listen, if you are playing about the Gospel, don't think everybody is playing like you. Some are very serious. What have you done for the kingdom of God and what are you going to do?

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Acts 4:36-37

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for making me Your out-stretched arm of help and salvation to the world. I was born for this purpose, as an answer to the cry of millions of souls in the world, and that fire is rekindled in me today more than ever before. I commit my life and all that I've got to soul winning activities, for I am your channel of blessing today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 36-38; Matthew 22:1-22

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THURSDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: THE LAW OF ATTRACTION

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he ... - PROVERBS 23:7

Your mind is one aspect of your life that you need to give adequate attention to if you must live and walk in the fullness of God's blessing perpetually. There are a lot of people who are miserable simply because of their mindset, your mind is one of your greatest assets; it could be a weapon in the hand of God or of the devil. The devil's primary way of entering people's lives to wreak havoc is through their minds, if you allow the devil run his thoughts through your mind, then he can have a field day in your life. So it is time to think about what you are thinking about; because the Bible says, "Keep and guard your heart with all diligence (and) AND ABOVE ALL THAT YOU GUARD, for out of it flows the spring of life." (Proverbs 4:23 AMP). You are to guard your heart; and the only way to do that is to guard your mind; because your mind is the door way to open your heart—your spirit.

Understand this, your mind has the ability to pull to you whatever it is you think about. Somebody once said, "Wherever the mind goes, the man follows." How true! God made your mind such that it acts like a magnet; this is what I call The Law of Attraction. There is a power and a force that work in your mind, attracting and pulling people, circumstances and things to your life (whether negative or positive).

This is the reason the Word of God has a lot to say about our minds. You can't just allow any thought penetrate through your mind. The Bible says, "...Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..." (Romans 12:2). After a man is born again, the next and most important thing is the renewing of his mind because when you got born again, your mind didn't change. It is the same old mind that has in it, the memory, the ways, tradition and culture of the old man. So to experience the glory of God, your mind—your way of thinking must change. This is why we study and read the Word of God, because it is God's material for changing our lives.

Nobody will live the right kind of life, until he speaks the right kind of words, and you will never speak the right kind of words until you think the the right kind of thoughts:: "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." (Matthew 12:34). To change a man, you have to change his thinking first. The Christian growth begins from the mind, if God through His Word can make you think differently, then the miracle and transformation has started.

God wants us to think His thoughts and think like Him, that is why He gave us His Word: the Word of God are the thoughts of God revealed to us. This is why Philippians 4:8 says, "...whatsoever things are TRUE, whatsoever things are HONEST, whatsoever things are JUST, whatsoever things are PURE, whatsoever things are LOVELY, whatsoever things are of GOOD REPORT, if there be any VIRTUE and if there be any PRAISE, THINK ON THESE THINGS." Don't sit down and be pondering over your sins and mistakes, there's nothing worthy of praise in that. As a matter of fact, you are even committing a sin by thinking such thoughts, because you are doing what God says you should not do. You don't know better than God, He has plans for your life, and He needs your cooperation. Don't frustrate His effort with your mindset. Take His Word; study it, and imbibe His thoughts; for you are what God says you are.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 1 Corinthians 2:16

PRAYER

I have the mind of Christ, and the wisdom of God is working in me, in the Name of Jesus. I close the door against every satanic attack through my mind. I reject thoughts of fear, worry, and depression. I fix my mind on God's Word today and always; because I'm what God says I am. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 1-3; Matthew 24:1-28

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FRIDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY 2023

A GOOD GOD THAT DOES GOOD

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? -ROMANS 2:4

Your personal opinion about God has a long way to determine the outcome of your life, and your life's experience in general. Who is God? What does He think about you? Is He out to frustrate you? What you know and think about God will determine the kind of results you'll get in your life. God is a good God; He does good and He seeks to do you good all the time, even when you go the wrong way or mess things up, He uses His goodness to cause you to repent and win you over to Himself. He never frightens or threatens anyone. Our opening Scripture says, "...knowing that the GOODNESS OF GOD LEADETH THEE TO REPENTANCE? (Romans 2:4). You see? This is the kind of God He is, He disciplines you with goodness, to the extent that you'd be ashamed of your wrong doings and repent from them.

Take quality time to meditate on the love and goodness of God, it will change many things in your life. You'll suddenly become success, promotion and favour conscious. Fear and the expectation of evil will be far from you. The Bible says, "In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee." (Isaiah 54:14). This is what your life will be like when you are established on the message of God's love and goodness. You've come to know for yourself that God loves you more than you could ever love yourself. He cares about you and wants you to be successful, prosperous and healthy more than you could ever desire for yourself. In addition to that, He is all-powerful and He is the greatest; and He loves you in spite of all your wrong doings and limitations. Your short comings can't short-circuit His love for you, because He already said, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." (Jeremiah 31:3). God loves you with an unending love; an undying and indestructible love.

If you meditate on the Word and get established on this message of His loving-kindness, the Bible says you'll be far from oppression; you will not be afraid of terror or disaster, for it will not come near you. Understand that there is a positive side of life, what you know and what you are aware of determine your expectations in life; and your expectations, whether good or bad, the Bible says won't be cut off. God is a good God, expect His goodness today.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Lamentations 3:22-23

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for bringing to my consciousness today that You are good and You seek my good. I am so grateful to You, it is because of Your mercy that I am not consumed, for Your steadfast love never ceases and Your mercy never comes to an end. Thank You Lord, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 39-40; Matthew 23:23-39

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SATURDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: INVEST IN SPIRITUAL THINGS

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding - PROVERBS 23:23

You've heard many times that it is said that: "If you think education is expensive then try ignorance." This statement is also true with spiritual education because the primary reason a lot of God's children are stuck in one position is due to their ignorance of God's Word, which they developed over a long period of constantly ignoring or rejecting knowledge.

The Bible says, "...my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." (Hosea 4:6). Now, if you read this portion of the Scripture and stop at that point, you'd think the lack of knowledge is due to the non-availability of knowledge, but the remaining part of that verse says, "...because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." (Hosea 4:6).

Our opening Scripture says, "Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding." (Proverbs 23:23). You see, spiritual training and education is not cheap; it will cost you something. If you are serious about becoming all that God has destined you to be, you'll have to learn to invest in spiritual things. You'll have to learn how to invest financially, to purchase Christian materials that will help you live a better life in God. You must invest your resources to attend Church conventions and conferences that will enhance your walk with the Lord and further position you for the higher life in Christ. Remember, life on earth is spiritual and the spiritual controls the physical world. If you don't want to be a victim of circumstances or climb up the ladder of success and come down again to the bottom, and later start wondering what happened, then invest in spiritual things. Educate yourself in the knowledge of God's Word; crave for it and go for it. Most people don't have a problem with spending money in taking good care of their bodies, their houses, cars, phones in order to have something better. As a matter of fact, they've upgraded just about everything except their own lives, and God is not happy about it. The Bible says, "Wisdom crieth

without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying, How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge...Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD." (Proverbs 1:20-22, 24-29). Never forget this: Ignorance of God's Word will cost you something. Invest in spiritual things today.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Proverbs 4:5-7

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You so much for imparting my spirit with wisdom today. My eyes are open to see the importance of investing in spiritual things. Thank You Lord for changing my attitude, I am not a fool and I do not hate knowledge. Guide me by the Holy Spirit to invest wisely in that which will enhance my walk with you, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 4-5; Matthew 24:29-51

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SUNDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: WE ARE A FAMILY

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For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. —EPHESIANS 3:14. 15

The Church is a family. Have and maintain the right attitude towards the Church of Jesus Christ. The Church is not a public place, neither is it a social gathering. It's the coming together of God's family members on earth. Notice what the opening Scripture says, "... the whole family in heaven and on earth...."God's children who have gone to be with Him make up the members of the family in heaven, while those of us here are members of the same family, but on earth.

Too many of God's children don't relate in Church as though we are a family, their minds haven't been renewed, that's the reason they don't participate as they should and in turn are not blessed as they should. We are a family and this union is stronger than the biological union with our earthly parents.

In the book of Acts we were given an account of how 3000 souls were won in a single meeting. And the Bible says, "They spent their time learning from the apostles, and THEY WERE LIKE FAMILY TO EACH OTHER. They also broke bread and prayed together. All the Lord's followers often met together, and they shared everything they had." (Acts 2:42, 44.CEV). This is the Bible example of what your attitude toward the Church and her members should be like....they were like family to each other... THEY OFTEN MET TOGETHER." This is why the Bible warns and encourages us not to get into the habit of neglecting our meeting together as brethren (Hebrews 10:25). Don't be the one who gives excuses every week why you weren't in a meeting you should attend. Sunday morning isn't enough, don't be a religious Christian. If you are serious about becoming all that God has destined for you to be, then have value for the Church and her meetings, attend your weekly meetings as well, those who do live a more stable life than those who don't.

Examine your life today and make the necessary changes, because you will never fulfill God's plan for your life or attain the level of success God planned for you, without your vital commitment to a particular Church where God's word and God's presence is.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Psalm 133:1-3

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I thank You because I have and maintain the right attitude. towards the Church, and it's a privilege to know and live in the consciousness of being a vital member of God's family on earth. Though I live in the world, I'm not of this world. I take seriously the Church, her meetings and activities, and I'm blessed in doing this. Amen!

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 6-7; Matthew 25:1-30

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MONDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEEDS OF OTHERS

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. -GALATIANS 6:2

As a child of God, it is important that you learn to look beyond your personal needs and reach out to help others. You have to be concerned about the needs of other people; and reach out to meet their needs. In the book of Genesis, God spoke to Abraham saying, "...I will make thee a great nation, and I will bless, and make thy name great; and THOU SHALT BE A BLESSING." (Genesis 12:2). And according to the Book of Galatians, the promise was made to Abraham and his seed: "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." (Galatians 3:29).

Now you can understand why you should be concerned about the needs of others. God's call on your life is that you become a blessing to those in your sphere of contact. Think about it for a moment: you are a blessing. Now, think about the poor folks around your vicinity, think about the little children who can't go to school because nobody is there to sponsor them. Do such things get your attention? Listen, the moment you start thinking of helping others solve their problems, you are actually enlarging your world and also expanding your capacity to have wealth. Do away with the 'me-myself-and-l' attitude.

In life money comes to each of us according to our dreams. Money is a slave of idea. Anywhere there is an idea, money will naturally go in that direction. The bigger your idea or dream, the bigger the finance you'll control.

God wants you to think big. Think of being a channel of blessing to the billions of people all over the world. Your success will never come to light until you reach out to help other people; because you are lifted as you lift others. The bible says, "The liberal person shall be enriched, and he who waters shall himself be watered." (Proverb 11:25). You see, this is a spiritual principle and law that God set on the earth. He that waters shall himself be watered also. Your promotion is in promoting others, so reach out

to help someone today. Make it your responsibility as a child of God to make the world a better place than you met it. Put a smile on faces and give lives a meaning. If you can help one; before you know it, you will be able to help ten, then a hundred, one thousand, and before long your impact will be felt all around the world. Praise God!.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Proverbs 11:24-25

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank you for putting in my consciousness today, my soul responsibility on earth. Thank you for choosing me out of darkness, and making me the light of the world. I consciously take a stand to reach out to help the needy and afflicted in my world. Give me the grace to do this continually, in Jesus' name, Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 8-10; Matthew 25:31-46

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TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: WORK ON 'BEING' AND NOT ON 'HAVING'

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth -LUKE 12:15

The Lord Jesus gave a parable to illustrate that a man's life is not defined by the abundance of things which he possesses. In other words, you are not what you have; your life is not defined by what you have. In His parable, He said, "...the ground of a certain man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself saying, what shall i do , because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, this I will do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." (Luke 12:16-21).

There is a principle of life in the portion of the Scripture we just read. God wants us to work on 'being' and not on 'having'. Many people are in pursuit of wealth and fame at the expense of their life, they want to have money, friends, degrees, jobs, etc. The question is, Who are you? What kind of stuff are you made of? How much have you invested in building your personality? When you open your mouth to speak, what comes out? What is your character like? So who are you? Only a fool will invest so much in things and not invest in himself. That is what God said to the man in the parable; He said, "...thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided" (Luke 12:20).

Think about several students in school; there are some who place their books first before God. They don't care about attending fellowship meetings but can't afford to miss a lecture. They put in so much into their academics but are not rich towards God, they forgot that God made this

world and that He was the One who sent them to this world; they also forgot that life is spiritual. Success in life does not come by having an "A" in the classroom, rather success in life is based on spiritual laws and principles from the Word of God. Only a few years after school, you'll be amazed at the difference between the wise and the foolish, you wouldn't believe they ever sat in the same classroom. A lot of them will still be looking for jobs while others will be giving out jobs.

What is the difference? The smart ones invested most of their resources and time in building themselves and learning the most important thing in life. The Word of God. The Bible says, "wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her." (Proverbs 4:7-8). Also, it says, "receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choose gold. For wisdom is better than rubies; and ALL THE THINGS THAT MAY BE DESIRED ARE NOT TO BE COMPARED TO IT." (Proverbs 8:10-11). You have a choice to make today, go for the knowledge of the Word today, and stop chasing shadows. If you are the kind that place more value on money, relationships, books than the Word of God, there is no doubt you'll have a hard time in the future ahead of you, so change and start working on 'being' and not on 'having' today. With this, the future is guaranteed

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Proverbs 4:20-22

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I love and worship You this day. I recognize You as God; the Creator of Heaven and earth. I give You first place in my life now and always. Help me to live a purposeful life, my heart is open to Your Word. I go for Your Word this day in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 11-12; Matthew 26:1-25

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WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: DO AWAY WITH SIN CONSCIOUSNESS

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

Confess your fault to one another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN availeth much. -JAMES 5:16

The Bible tells us that the prayer of a righteous man works. The Christian is righteous; righteousness is your nature if you are born again. The Bible says that Christ Jesus has been made unto us righteousness (1 Corinthians 1:30). Jesus is your righteousness; you are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

Now, it is not enough to know that you are righteous, you must be conscious of it. The devil's primary weapons he uses to defeat God's children are guilt, inferiority and condemnation. But the Bible says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh [meaning their senses], but after the spirit." (Romans 8:1). Condemnation is Satan's strategy. If he can get you to feel inferior or condemned before God, then he can defeat you, and it is sin consciousness that gives rise to inferiority complex.

Remember, righteousness gives you a right-standing with God; with this consciousness your faith will always be strengthened. This is what Abraham had. The Bible narrates how God wanted to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah and wasn't going to spare anything man or beast, but Abraham, taking advantage of his right-standing with God forbade God from carrying out His plans. He said to God, "Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt you also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? THAT BE FAR FROM THEE TO DO AFTER THIS MANNER, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked THAT BE FAR FROM THEE." (Genesis 18:24,25). Can you imagine a man talk to God in this manner? Abraham knew who he was, because before this time, he had been declared righteous by God for his faith: "Abraham believed in the Lord; and God counted it to him for righteousness." (Genesis 15:6). It does not matter what you've done

wrong; all your wrongs were charged to Jesus' account and His righteousness to your account. This is why we are admonished to ".come boldly into the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find help in time of need." (Hebrew 4:16). Sin consciousness is worse than sin itself; it weakens and makes your faith inoperative in prayer. God doesn't answer your prayer based on your deeds but based on what Jesus did. So be conscious of what Jesus did-this is righteousness consciousness.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Galatians 2:16; 1Peter 3:12.

PRAYER

I have been declared righteous; I have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. I reject inferiority, condemnation and guilt. I am conscious of my right-standing with God. Therefore; my faith is strengthened and my prayers are effective in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 13; Matthew 26:26-50

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THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: GOD LOVES YOU WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee -JEREMIAH 31:3.

Have you ever thought about the fact that God loves you more than you could ever love yourself? The day this becomes a revelation to you, all your struggles, efforts and suffering to make it in life will come to an end. You need to know that God loves you more than you love yourself. He wants you to be in health, peace and prosperity more than you could ever wish for yourself. He called you for His glory, for you were made for His glory (Isaiah 43:7).

All that God wants from you is that you serve Him with all your heart; surrender your will to Him for He knows what to do with your life. He knows everything you desire better than you do. And something else you have to realize is the fact that no matter how good and how great the plans that you have for yourself, God's plans for you are far better than any plan you could ever have for yourself. This is true because God is better than you. So it is wisdom to surrender to Him.

God can be trusted, He loves you the way you are, He never condemns you, neither does He count your sins against you; for the Bible says, "God commendeth His love towards us that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8). You see, He loves you, not because you are good and kind, for even while you were dead in sin He loved you. Now, there is absolutely nothing you could ever do wrong that can make God love you less, and there is nothing you could ever do right that'll make Him love you more. The love God has for you is called "perfect love" and if it is perfect, it means it can't get any better. Remember our opening verse which says, "...I have loved you with an EVERLASTING LOVE [meaning unending, indestructible and unfailing love]. Therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." (Jeremiah 31:3). Accept and embrace the love of God, and start experiencing the glory and power of this love today.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 1 John 4:9-10, Ephesians 3:19.

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for loving me so much and being so concerned about my life and total well-being. As I lay my life down and surrender my will to You, I know I'll live to fulfil my purpose and destiny in You and be everything You've planned for me to be, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 15-16; Matthew 27:1-26

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FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: GOD LOVES YOU WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE

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PRAYER

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DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 15-16; Matthew 27:1-26

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SATURDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 2023

JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep -JOHN 10:11

The Lord Jesus is the good shepherd. Notice that He didn't say a shepherd; that wouldn't be new because there are lots of shepherds all over the world. Also, He didn't say I'm a good shepherd, rather He said, "I am THE GOOD shepherd." Meaning, He is the only good shepherd there is. There is only one good shepherd in the whole world and His name is Jesus. He said, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd GIVETH HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP." (John 10:11, emphasis added). This is the point. No religious leader anywhere in the world ever laid down his life for his sheep. but He loved His own, to the point of laying down His own life for us. He said, "...he that is a hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP." (John 10:12-15 emphasis added).

Jesus is the Prince of peace, He is the good shepherd, and you can trust Him with your life. He will guide you, protect you and He is able to keep you from falling (Jude 24). The Bible says, "...he is able also to save them to the uttermost that comes unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:25). You see, not only has He laid His life for your salvation, but also, He watches over you to save you to the end, in order to present you Holy before God, His Father on that alorious day.

So, you never have to be afraid of falling in your life. Only believe in Jesus and in His word. And like David, you can say with confidence: "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou

art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." (Psalm 23:1-6).

FURTHER INSIGHTS: John 10:14; 1 Peter 2:25

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank You for being my Shepherd. I submit totally to you. I follow You whole-heartedly from today because I know You are able keep me from falling. I retain Your love and care today, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 19-20; Matthew 27:51-66

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SUNDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: HE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER AND FASTING

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting -MATTHEW 17:20, 21

In the account above, the disciples could not cast out a demon, and they asked the Lord why they could not cast it out. The Lord Jesus said, "Because of your unbelief...howbeit this kind goeth not out but by PRAYER AND FASTING." (Matthew 17:19-21 my paraphrase). Understand that faith needs prayer for it's development and full growth; in the same way prayer needs fasting for its full development and growth.

The importance of fasting when done in combination with prayer and faith can never be over emphasized; its results are always overwhelming. There are depths in God through prayers you'll never again until you fast. Now, to fast means to abstain from your regular activities for the sole purpose of giving attention to God and His Word. You can fast from food, which is very common to many, but you can also fast from watching TV, meeting with friends, even from making or receiving phone calls. All these will help you to fine-tune your spirit and get you in sync with God's Spirit. When you fast ensure you pray and feed on God's Word, for it to be effective; it is a spiritual exercise and has a lot of benefits with it.

Prayer and fasting helps you discipline your body and lets your spirit take control of it. It humbles your soul before God and chastises your soul (1 Corinthians 9:27). Prayer and fasting also crucifies the appetite and denies them of their cravings, it aids in victory over temptation and helps you hear the Spirit of God clearly. Understand that when you fast, you'll feel hungry. Someone said, "I was fasting and I felt hungry so I went to eat. "Anyway, if you fasted and you didn't feel hungry, then where is the fast? That is what fasting is, it means "I am hungry but I won't eat." Your fasting actually begins the moment your hunger starts. So practice this

often and watch yourself soar and take steps in the spirit with giant strives. Pick a day when you won't be so busy with visitors or other activities, put off the TV, turn off your cell phone and spend quality time in fellowship with God and His Word, and be ready to write down what the Holy Spirit is going to communicate to you, because at such time it's very easy to pick divine signals coming from the Lord to you. Praise God!

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Psalm 35:13; 1 Corinthians 9:27

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for revealing this truth to me today, I know I will accomplish more result and prevail with this knowledge. I am set to acquire result by the Holy Spirit, for it is not by might nor by power but by the Spirit. Therefore, I set myself to pray and fast. Thank You for the Inspiration to do this, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 21-22; Matthew 28

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MONDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: DO SOMETHING WITH THE ANOINTING

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee: -1 SAMUEL 10:7

The Scriptures admonished us not to receive the grace of God in vain. In other words, you are to do something with the anointing of the Holy Spirit on your life; the anointing is actually the grace of God your life. This is what makes you extra ordinary and gives you the advantage in life. But sadly, a lot of God's children function outside the anointing, they live like ordinary people, the anointing is on them but they don't use it so they struggle through life. According to the Bible, if you are born again and have received the Holy Spirit, then you are anointed. "Now he which ESTABLISHETH US with you in Christ, and HATH ANOINTED US, is God." (2 Corinthians 1:21).

Saul, by the Spirit of God was told thus: "And the spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy... and shalt be turned into another man" (1 Samuel 10:6). This was a prophetic utterance of what was going to happen to him in no distant time; the Spirit of God will come upon him and he shall be turned into another man. Then he was further instructed, "...let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee." (1 Samuel 10:7). This is where the difference lies; many receive the anointing and don't do anything with it, but the man of God, Prophet Samuel said to "...do whatever needs to be done for God is with you." (1 Samuel 10:7 AMP).

Understand that there is an anointing on your life; you are not an ordinary person. The Bible says, "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves, but our sufficiency [ability and enablement] is of God; Who hath made us able ministers of the New Testament." (2Corinthians 3:5-6). You can heal the sick and cast out devils by the anointing. Now you are in the position to help others live better lives; because that anointing on you is for breaking yokes and removing burdens, and the more you use the anointing to help people, the more of that anointing you'll have working in you.

Also, learn to teach and preach with the anointing. This is the only way lasting result is guaranteed. Remember the words of Jesus when He said without me ye can do nothing (John 15:5). So take the time to prepare yourself in prayers and do the extraordinary today.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 1 John 2:27; Zechariah 4:6

PRAYER

I am walking in the anointing of the Holy Spirit; for God has anointed me with the Holy Ghost and power. I am going about doing good, healing and helping all that are oppressed of the devil. By the anointing of the Holy Spirit nothing is impossible with me. I yield myself in prayer today and the supernatural is wrought through me today. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 23-24; Mark 1:1-22

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TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER 2023

LIVE WITH A PURPOSE

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

Lay not for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven -MATTHEW 6:19-20

The importance of living a purpose driven life can never be over emphasized. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ can give your life a meaning and a purpose for living. No man can truly have a meaning in his life outside this Gospel. God made you, and He had a plan before he did. You are not an accident in this world, so don't live like one. The Bible says, "...everything got started in Him [God] and finds its purpose in HIM." (Colossians 1:16NLT). The Lord Jesus tells a story of a certain rich farmer whose ground brought forth plentifully. "And he thought within himself, saying, what shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, this will I do: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there will I bestow all my fruits and goods. And I will say to my soul, soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." (Luke 12:16-19)

A lot of people live their lives like the man we just read about. Life on earth is not for accumulating wealth, running businesses, building houses, bearing children, getting old and thereafter you die. No, it is far from it. First and foremost, life is spiritual, and for that reason your life must of necessity have spiritual significance. Don't live for nothing; let your life be purpose driven. All these labouring and moving around that you're doing or maybe as a student, all these schooling and labouring of yours is useless if it isn't because of Jesus.

Remember the rich man laboured and gathered more than enough, but he didn't have a meaning in his life, nor did know God's purpose for wealth. The Bible says, "... God said unto him, thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? SO IS HE THAT LAYETH UP TREASURE FOR HIMSELF, AND IS NOT RICH TOWARDS GOD." (Luke 12:20-21).

God wants us to live a life that is driven by His divine plans and purpose. He wants us to have Him as our all in all, like the song says: "He is my everything; He is my all. He is my everything, both great and small. "God wants you to have wealth, but don't want wealth to have you, Serve Him with all that you have and all that you are, continually recognizing His Lordship and rulership over your life. He is the only reason for life. Do all that you can do to bring glory to His Name, and consistently be a part of the work of the kingdom with your resource, talent and time. This is what it means to be of spiritual significance. Praise God!

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 2 Timothy 1:9, 2 Timothy 3:10

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I worship You this day for You are my passion and my life. I love You with all that is within me. I surrender all to You. I give You everything for You are the reason for life and there is to me without You. Give me the grace to be driven by Your divine purpose continuously, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 25; Mark 1:23-45

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WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. -1 TIMOTHY 6:12

In Christianity we do not fight the devil; he has been defeated (Colossians 2:15). Also we have overcome the world and its system (John 16:33). And we have crucified the flesh with its affection and lust (Galatians 5:24). The only fight we've been called to fight is the fight of faith. "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life..." (1 Timothy 6:12). This is the fight of faith.

Firstly, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, he evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1). It is calling real, things that can't be perceived by the senses. Faith is the evidence or the proof that things we do not yet see exist. Faith is taking God at His Word, believing what God's Word says; thinking, talking and acting that way, without waiting to see any physical proof of it, because the Word itself is the proof. If the Word of God says you have something, you never have to ask for the proof. Do you understand? You can't prove "proof", the Word is the proof. If God's Word said it, then that settles it.

Think of this, you weren't there when Jesus was raised from the dead, yet you believed it to the point that if someone told you otherwise, you'll quickly want to prove that fellow wrong. How in the world will you do that? The truth is the only evidence you have for your claims is the Word of God. You'll tell that fellow over and over again. "The Bible said..." or "it is written..." with this you're fighting and standing your ground.

Do you know the same Bible says, "...by whose [Jesus] stripes ye were healed." (1 Peter 2:24). "...he became poor that ye through His poverty might be rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9). Why aren't you talking and acting these Scriptures. What other evidence do you need to prove that you're healed? Don't wait to see money in your wallet before declaring that

you're rich. It doesn't matter what comes your way, you're what God says you are. Fight the good fight of faith; refuse to be sick or diseased. Rather you say, "They that dwell in Zion shall not say I'm sick; therefore, I refuse to be sick, in the Name of Jesus, by the stripes of Jesus, I am healed." The pains might even increase, but hold on to your faith proclamations. You'd say, "...the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in me, and that same Spirit quickens my mortal body, in the Name of Jesus." This is the good fight of faith. It is called the good fight because you were declared the winner ever before the fight got started. Hallelujah!

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Acts 20:35

PRAYER

I Exercise my Faith against every negative circumstance in my life today, and it prevails because my Faith is the victory that overcomes the world. I'm walking in Health, Prosperity, Victory and Dominion in the Name of Jesus. I am a champion for life, for I'm what the Word God says I am. Praise God!

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 26-27; Mark 2

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TUESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. -1 CORINTHIANS 12:13

This is Christianity! Christianity is baptism into the body of Christ. The expression "baptism of the Holy ghost is largely misconstrued among Christians. A lot of them think it is just about the infilling of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. There is no place in the Bible that the infilling of the Holy Spirit with the experience of speaking in tongues was interpreted as the only manifestation of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

What is the baptism of the Holy Ghost? Throughout the Bible that expression always refers to the new birth-the born again experience. You got born again or saved the moment you were baptized into the body of Christ. And this baptism was done by the Holy Ghost. For it says, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body..." (1 Corinthians 12:13). Also in Galatians 3, the Bible says, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ (Verse 27). Have put on Christ? Think about it. Oh! No wonder He said, "...If they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them (Mark 16:18) Wow!

Now, the word "baptized" was derived from the Greek word "baptizo" which means to deep into completely. This is awesome! You have been completely immersed into Christ—that was when you got born again. The Bible says, Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are one with him by baptism into death: that LIKE AS CHRIST WAS RAISED UP FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, EVEN SO WE ALSO SHOULD WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE." (Romans 6:3-4). This is the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the new birth—the born again experience.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Romans 6:4; 2Corinthians 5:17

PRAYER

Thank You Heavenly Father for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I am completely immersed into Christ, and I have put on Christ. I declare by faith that I'm walking in the newness of life. I'm the new superman. Praise God forevermore!

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 1-2; Mark 3:1-19

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FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: BE FAITHFUL

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

As the cold of snow in time of harvest so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his master.
-PROVERBS 25:13.

To be faithful means to be loyal. It means to be consistent; to be diligent a constant application in business. A faithful person is dependable, he is reliable, he can be trusted, and sure enough he will deliver. And the Bible says such a person refreshes the soul of his master (Proverbs 25:13). As a child of God, God requires that you be faithful (1 Corinthians 4:2). Faithfulness is the number one key to promotion in the kingdom of God, and He requires it from His Children at different stages in our walk with Him. For example, there are some of God's children; all that is required of them at the moment is that they be faithful in coming to church regularly. I mean God is finding it tough to get them to come to church meetings, they are not faithful. On the other hand could be another guy, and what God is dealing with is that he comes early to church. He never misses meetings but is never faithful in coming early.

Something about faithfulness is that, it is what determines your rank with God. And the only way God rewards a faithful man is by giving him more responsibility and authority. There are God's children who have been born again for more than 10years and have never led anyone to Christ; and can't do so if he were called upon to do it; because he has never grown spiritually. Spiritual growth and development is the result of faithfulness. No Christian will grow spiritually and experience the higher life in Christ without faithfulness. Imagine a fellow who never shows up for Bible Study meetings, cell meetings and is generally unreliable. He cannot be trusted with just about anything. The anointing cannot stay on him; and God will never commit bigger responsibility to him, it's useless because he will blow it. The Bible says, the man who: "...is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." (Luke 16:10).

Don't pray that God should bless you or your job or family. No, just be faithful: "For a faithful man shall abound with blessings..." (Proverbs 28:20). So cultivate a faithful spirit, train yourself to be consistent, because there is so much God wants to do with your life. So be faithful today.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Matthew 25:21; Proverbs 25:19

PRAYER

Dear Heaven Father, I thank You for teaching me Your Word today. I commit myself to be faithful to Your Word and the work of the ministry. I choose to be faithful in the little things that You've committed to my trust. By the power of the Holy Spirit give me the grace to cultivate even more a faithful Spirit, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 3-4; Mark 3:20-35

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SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: KNOWLEDGE BEYOND THE SENSES

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil -HEBREWS 5:14

In the same way that we have our physical senses for physical perception, we also have spiritual senses for spiritual perception. The opening verse says, "...strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their SENSES exercised to discern both good and evil." (Hebrews 5:14).

Acts 27 accounts of Paul the Apostle and other prisoners being transported to Italy. After a great while in their journey, Apostle Paul "...said unto them, Sirs, I PERCEIVE that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives." (Acts 27:10). Nevertheless, the Bible says that the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship more than the words Paul spoke. And for that reason they got into serious trouble and lost everything except their lives.

This is the case many times, a man of the senses looks with his optical eyes and says, "From what I see, everything is ok, we can go ahead and invest in this business, everything is moving smoothly, and everything is alright." He is judging from the senses-the flesh. But a spiritual man who has developed his spirit can tell everything is not alright, how did he know that? From his spirit, he is picking the signal from his spirit. It is called spiritual perception-knowledge beyond the senses.

Also in Acts 14 the Bible says Paul was preaching at Lystra, and there sat a certain man, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, never walked from birth. "The same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him, and PERCEIVING that he had faith to be healed, Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked." (Acts 14:9-10). This is it again-spiritual perception. You can know or have knowledge about thing beyond what the physical senses can grasp.

Understand that we are men of the Spirit, and the Bible says as many as are led by the Spirit are the mature sons of God (Romans 8:14). So how can you get to have your spiritual senses exercised in this manner? Praying in other tongues will help you a great deal to achieve that. Secondly, often practice a little fasting, because it breaks down the defense of our flesh and gives rise to a release in our spirit. It sharpens our senses and raises our spiritual antenna.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Hebrews 5:11-14

PRAYER

I give myself to spiritual exercise. I press more into the Spirit, getting over and deeper in the realm of the Spirit. I put my body under, and I have my spiritual sense exercised. I receive that grace today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 5-6, Mark 4:1-20

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SUNDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER 2023

GOD'S FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

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

This simple but powerful verse of the scripture puts in a nutshell God's formula for success. If you understand it and put it to work, you would always win and live a life of constant victory and success. Some of God's children are in a dilemma on how to live according to God's word. They find themselves always struggling to obey God. But the bible shows us here that meditation on God's word will make you do "...according to all that is written therein...." Meditation will cause you to do the word without any effort on your part. You would not have to try to obey, you would just 'do.' Then in the next part of this scripture, the bible tells us something very striking, "...thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

Now, the actual Hebrew rendering of this portion says, "you shall burst forth into prosperity." This connotes something sudden and powerful like a mighty flood. In other words, as you meditate on God's word, you would burst forth into prosperity! Nothing would be able to hold back your success; just as the bible says in Ecclesiastes 11:3, "if the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth." This shows that you can actually choose the timing of your breakthrough as it were, and the way your life should go. You don't have to wait for anything or anyone, right where you are, by yourself, you can experience the supernatural intervention of God in any area of your life by meditating on God's word. It's absolutely up to you!

There is a kind of thinking you must have for a life of success and God knows that, so He's asked that we meditate day and night. This doesn't just mean in the morning and night time. It means throughout the 24 hour

period; when you are driving, when you're walking and in all you do! Meditation will cause you to think and act like God and when that happens, you cannot but produce results like Him! This is God's formula for a life of success.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 1 Timothy 4:15; Psalm 1:2, 3

PRAYER

Thank you precious father for your word, today, I commit myself to studying and meditating on Your Word every day. I burst forth into prosperity, and I have good success in all I do, in Jesus' Name. Amen

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 7-8, Mark 4:21-41

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MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: GOD IS NOT THE AUTHOR OF EVIL

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. -JAMES 1:17

Our personal opinion about God has a long way to determine the kind of results we'll produce in our lives as individuals. Your personal idea about God; what you think about His personality will always affect and reflect in your life. This is very important because there are lots of Christians whom due to their ignorance of the Word, subtly believe that God sometimes afflict people with sickness or some kind of evil in order to teach them a lesson. So when trouble comes, they are neither bold nor have faith in prayer, because they are not too sure now whether it is a Satanic affliction or if God is trying to teach them a lesson for the wrong they did. First, the Bible says, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man." (James 1:13). So God does not use evil to tempt anyone.

Secondly, the Bible says in our opening Scripture, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17). At this moment carefully examine this verse. This is the Word of God; it says, "Every good and every perfect gift..." Not 'some' good gifts, but 'every' good gift is from ABOVE, coming down from the Father of lights. The biggest part of it is the part that says, "...with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17). In other words, God is not vulnerable to change, there is no variableness with Him; meaning that only good and perfect gifts come from God. The Bible says, "...that God is light, and in him is NO DARKNESS AT ALL." (1 John 1:5). So understand the Person and nature of your heavenly Father; He loves you more than you could ever love yourself. The Bible says God desires above everything else that you prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

The primary reason Christians suffer is because of their ignorance of God's Word. You'll not struggle in your finances, business, family, relationships and in your health if only you'll keep the Word of God in that area. The man David said, "Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. Thou art good, and doest good..." (Psalm 119:67-68). You see, to keep God's Word is to see His goodness. Never should you sin in your heart or with your mouth to say God is the One behind your affliction or sickness: No! It's the devil and God is the One who wants to bring you out today. The Bible says, "...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil [not God]; for God was with him." (Acts 10:38). Every one Jesus ever healed was oppressed of the devil and not God. No matter how deep in the valley you've found yourself today, reach out to God in faith and expect a miracle today. He loves you and wants to help.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Psalm 68:19; Psalm 103:2,3

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for your love, mercy and grace towards me. I trust in Your unfailing love today. Guide me by the Holy Spirit into truths in Your Word that I might experience Your goodness more and more. I expect Your goodness today for You daily load me with benefits. Thank You Lord, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 9-11, Mark 5:1-20

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TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2023

YOU MUST BEAR FRUIT

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him. the same bringeth forth much fruit for without me ye can do nothing. -JOHN 15:5

As a Christian God expects you to produce fruits for the kingdom of God, fruits after your kind. There's no room for unproductivity. Remember, you were saved to save others. Of what purpose is a tree if it doesn't bear any fruit? A tree must produce fruits, in the same way, the true Christian must of necessity produce fruits.

In John 15:16, The Lord Jesus said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain..." You see, you were chosen by God and ordained, that is, anointed to produce fruits. Anything that doesn't grow is either dying or is already dead. The same applies to a Christian that doesn't bear fruits.

In Luke 13, The Bible says the Lord Jesus spoke a parable and said, "...a certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he CAME AND SOUGHT FRUIT therein, and FOUND NONE. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and found none: CUT IT DOWN; why en-cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down." (Luke 13:6-9).

Now you can see clearly that God doesn't tolerate unproductivity. After you have been born again, God expects you to bear fruit and start contributing to the work of the ministry. Spiritual growth is for responsibility and ministering. So if you are not bearing fruit sooner or later you'll be cut off. Remember how the Lord Jesus cursed a fig tree because it didn't have fruits. From afar the tree looked bounteous and was lavish with leaves, but it had no fruit, the tree had a deceptive look; Jesus approached it to

get some fruit, being very disappointed, He cursed the unfruitful tree. This shows the importance the Lord attaches to fruitfulness. How many souls have you won to Christ within the last one year? What impact are you making? You must bear fruit! It is a necessary requirement for everyone that believes in Jesus Christ. Otherwise, the Lord will number your days and cut you off. "Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit" (John 15:2 AMP). So start bearing fruits and more fruits today.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Mark 11:12-14

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for filling my heart with wisdom today. You've anointed me to bring forth fruit and by the power of the Holy Spirit I yield myself to Your will and I bring forth fruit and more fruits unto righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 12-14, Mark 5:21-43

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WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

—1 CORINTHIANS 6:19

TWe were told the story of a Chinese brother who was travelling in a train. In this train were three other guys who wanted to play a game of four people, but now they were just three, so they asked this Chinese brother to join in order for them to have a complete set. To their amazement, this Christian guy said, "I can't play with you because I didn't come with my hands." They were like, "You said what?" "I didn't come with my hands," he replied. I mean, that was about the funniest thing they ever heard. "What about these hands?" They asked him. "Anyways, they are not mine, someone bought me with a price; these hands belong to Him now, and they can only do what He wants them to do. I don't belong to myself." This was his response. Awesome!

This is the kind of attitude God wants us to have as His children. Our opening verse says, "...know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, AND YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN" (1 Corinthians 6:19). "Ye are not your own." Remarkable! Simply put, God is saying to you, "You are not the owner of yourself." You don't belong to you. Anyway, that is the reason for the judgment day; of what purpose is the judgment of God if you were your own?

So, you owe your life to God, you are responsible to God. The very life you are living now is a gift of trust from God, He expects you to live your life in accordance to His will and purpose. This you must do if you want to walk in the fullness of God's blessings and provision for you. There are lots of Christians who don't give thought as to what God wants them to do. You hear them say things like: "Next year I'll be travelling to America," or, "I want to relocate to Abuja," or, "I am geting married to that woman or that man." You can talk this way as long as you are a child, but when you grow up, you'd realize that you are not the owner of yourself. Paul the

Apostle said, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things." (1 Corinthians 13:11).

You see, when you grow up, you put away childish ways of thinking, you'd live with the consciousness that you are not your own; you don't belong to yourself anymore. Jesus bought you with a price, so from now onward you live and work for Him. Never again should you say, "My life is my own, I can do whatever I want with it." No! You are wrong, you belong to Jesus Christ. Study the Word of God and learn to listen to the Holy Spirit to know exactly what God expects you to do with the life He gave you.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 2 Corinthians 5:10; Galatians 2:20

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank you for filling me with wisdom today. Thank You for the life You gave me. I don't belong to myself anymore. i belong to you, and i'll serve you without reservation. help me to live my life fulfilling your plans and purposes on earth. i give my life and soul to you. have your way in my life, in Jesus' name. amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 15-16; Mark 6:1-29

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THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: STRIVE FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, and I have kept the faith. -1 Timothy 4:7

The Lord Jesus is coming very soon and there is so much left to be done, in reaching the world with the Gospel. And God is counting on you and I. A lot of people assume God is Almighty; He can do with or without us. For this reason they are not serious minded about the gospel as they should. But the Bible made it clear that God can't do without you. God needs you as much as you need Him. He is counting on you more than you could ever imagine. The Lord Jesus said, He is the vine, but "...ye are the branches" (John 15:5). The reality of how much God needs you is not far from this truth. We all know the branch is the fruit-bearing part of a tree, and Jesus said He is the stem, but you are the branch. You have a vital role to play in bringing God's plan on earth to pass, so get to work.

This is your hour, this is your moment, and this is your time. You are in that school, that office or that place of work for such a time as this, you are God's extension; you are His headquarters on earth. Stand for Jesus in your sphere of contact. Don't let the gospel suffer in your time. Like Paul the Apostle, will you be able to say you have fought a good fight? At the end of your tenure in the school or Job, will you be able to say you've fought a good fight? What will your testimony be?

In 1Timothy 6:12, Apostle Paul wrote to the young man Timothy "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." He said to fight the good fight, for himself, he said he had fought a good fight, finished his course, and have kept the faith. Are you fighting for the faith of the gospel in your sphere of contact? Or other non-Christian activities and organizations are pressing, and having stronger influence in your world? What are you going to do? The Bible says "...that ye stand fast in one Spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel"

(Philippians 1:27). Join force with other believers who are already on the "go;" in one Spirit, with one mind, strive or fight for the faith of the gospel in your world \(\text{\text{your sphere of contact}}, \text{ pray, preach, win souls and give for this cause like never before.} \)

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 2 Timothy 4:2; Acts 20:24

PRAYER

Precious Father, I thank you for the glorious privilege to herald this gospel to my world. I invest my time and substance in the gospel like never before and I make bringing men and women to the knowledge of Christ my number one priority, so that at the end like Paul I'll be able to say I have fought a good fight, I finish my cause and I have kept the faith. in Jesus' Name. Amen!

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 17-19; Mark 6:30-56

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FRIDAY, 1ST DECEMBER 2023

TOPIC: DOERS OF THE WORD

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves -JAMES 1:22

As a Christian we are not called to obey the Word of God, rather our calling is to do the Word of God. To obey the Word of God and to do the Word of God are two different things. In the Old Testament, God gave His people laws and commandments to obey and the Bible tells us the people could not obey the laws of God. Now, the law was not their problem, for there was nothing wrong with the law itself. The Bible says, "...the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." (Romans 7:12). What then was the problem? The problem was the fact that "...the law is spiritual: but I [the natural man] am carnal..." (Romans 7:14). This was their problem, the law was meant for spiritual men but they were carnal men, meaning they were earthly, ordinary and mere men. That was why nobody could obey or live according to the law in the Old Testament.

It's like trying to make a goat live like a dog by giving the goat laws and commandment to ensure it lives like a dog. That will never work because it takes a dog to live like a dog; you have to be born a dog to live like one. This is why the Old Testament didn't work. Then in the New Testament, God changed us and transformed our lives: "...if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Now, this new creature is not like the natural, carnal and earthly man. In our case, God doesn't expect us to obey His Word because we came from the Word, the very Word of God they were trying to obey in the Old Testament. We came from the Word of God, our lives came from the Word of God; the Word of God is our life. The Bible says, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." (1 Peter 1:23).

So, unlike the Old Testament folks, we do the Word of God because we are born of the Word. It's natural for us to live by the Word of God, for we

are the Word. If a cat gave birth to you, without any contradiction you'll definitely be a cat and if a dog gave birth to you, you are a dog and if the Word of God gave birth to you, you'll definitely be the Word of God. This is why Apostle Paul said, "Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart." (2 Corinthians 3:3). You see, he called us the Word of God. The reason we struggle in our lives sometimes is because we are trying to obey the Word of God. No, take out time to meditate on the Word, as you study the Word, see a picture of your life, for the Word is your life written in a book. So renew your mind and live out what you see in the Word, for you are a doer of the Word.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: John 1:14; 1 John 4:17

PRAYER

I am born of the Word of God, Jesus is the Word of God made flesh and I am the Word of God encased in flesh, as He is so am I in this world. I live by and do the Word naturally, for my origin is in the Word. I will never struggle in my life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 20-22; Mark 7:1-13

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SATURDAY, 2ND DECEMBER 2023

TOPIC: IT'S A NEW TESTAMENT

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the Old testament, which veil is done away in Christ. - 2 CORINTHIANS 3:14

We are in a New Testament, and there is a big difference between the New Testament and the Old Testament. Your ability to understand this truth will make you soar and fly on eagle's wings. The failure in the lives of many Christians today, is their failure to recognize that God has changed the order of worship and living. These folks often stir up strife and argument among Christians, teaching what they don't understand. They are trying to live the Old Testament life in the New Testament time.

The Bible says, "IF THAT FIRST COVENANT HAD BEEN FAULTLESS then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I WILL MAKE A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MIND, AND WRITE THEM IN THEIR HEARTS: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR INIQUITIES WILL I RE-MEMBER NO MORE. In that he saith, a new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away." (Hebrews 8:7-13). Hallelujah!

You see, the New Testament or covenant was not an addition but a replacement of the Old Testament; because the 13th verse says, "By coming up with a new plan, a new covenant between God and his people, God put the old plan on the shelf. And there it stays, gathering dust." (MSG Translation). In addition, this New Testament is in the blood of Jesus not that of bulls and goats. Also, according to the Bible, the New Testament actually started from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead: "For where a testament is, THERE MUST ALSO OF NECESSITY BE THE DEATH OF THE TESTATOR. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth." (Hebrews 9:16-17). In other words, it was the death of Jesus\(\text{\text{M}}\) the testator of the new testament\(\text{\text{M}}\) that empowered the New Testament. His resurrection ushered us into this glorious New Testament.

We cannot live in the Old Testament now, we can study it, learn some lessons from the way God dealt with those folks, but we can't live there. So take quality time to study and discover who you really are and your inheritance in Christ as you study the books of the New Testament, because they are the books that talk about you.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 2 Corinthians 3:7-11

PRAYER

I am a minister of the New Testament, not of the letter but of the Spirit, for the letter killeth, but the Spirit gives life. Therefore, I am full of life and I am a life giver; this is the blessing of the New Testament, and I am walking in it. Praise God!

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 23-25; Mark7:14-37

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SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2023

HEALING IS GOD'S WILL

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, pooreven as thy soul prospereth -3 JOHN 1: 2

There are people who constantly wrestle and ask questions whether or not God wants to heal them when they get sick. They question the will of concerning healing: "Is God willing to heal me?" They would ask, while there are many others who believe God sometimes afflicts His children with sickness in other to teach them a lesson.

The Bible is quite explicit regarding the will of God in healing the sick. God is more than willing to heal you if you are sick in your body today. He loves you and wants you well and strong, this is God's utmost desire, for He said, "... I wish ABOVE ALL THINGS that thou mayest prosper and BE IN HEALTH..." (3 John 2). There are people who struggle to have faith for healing, because they are not certain about God's willingness to heal them. The Bible says a leper once came to Jesus beseeching him, pleading and kneeling down to him and said, "...IF THOU WILT, thou canst make me clean." (Mark 1:40). The Lord was touched by the man's words, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." The man didn't say if you have the power you can make me clean, because the man knew Jesus had power, but the question was, "Is He willing to heal me?" "And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I WILL; be thou clean" (Mark 1:41). This is the highest demonstration of love anyone could ever show to a leper. Leprosy is a contagious disease; people could be affected by hanging around folks who are leprous. The Lord Jesus did not only minister to him but also touched him. Nobody ever went to a leprous man's house let alone touching him, but "...Jesus, moved with compassion, PUT FORTH HIS HAND, and TOUCHED HIM, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean." (Mark 1:41) Knowing God's willingness to heal the sick will boost your faith to receive healing. Something else you must realize is, not only is God willing to heal but the fact that He has already done it. God will not heal the sick today any more than He did 2000 years ago. In the same way that He does not save someone today; when people give their hearts to Christ and receive salvation, that doesn't mean God just saved them. Nobody ever has to be GIVEN salvation, rather we RECEIVE salvation. Legally speaking, the whole world is saved already; it's now up to individuals to receive what God gave. The same truth applies to healing because divine health is part of the package of salvation. God never has to do one thing to save us from sin and another to bring us out of sickness and diseases. So if you are sick in your body, stop hoping that God will do something to bring you out, no, you are making a mistake. The Bible says, "...by whose stripes YE WERE HEALED." (1 Peter 2:24). You see? You were healed! This is why it is called good news; that God will heal you is news, but not good news; that He has done it is the good news. Understand that the Gospel is not a message of hope but that of faith

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 2 Corinthians 4:13; Isaiah 53:5

PRAYER

I am not the sick trying to be healed; I am the healed in Christ. My health is perfected because I have the life of God in me; every fibre of my being and every cell of my blood is completely inundated with the life of God. No sickness or disease can have a place in my body; by the stripes of Jesus, I am healed. Praise God!

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 29-31; Mark 9:1-29

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MONDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: DEMONSTRATE YOUR LOVE FOR THE LORD

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead -1 CORINTHIANS 5:14

The Bible says the love of Christ compels, urges and controls us. Our love for Jesus compels us to go extra mile in our commitment to Him. Sometimes, there are people who complain and murmur when asked to do something in the house of God, particularly when they are instructed to give money, they complain. If you love Jesus, then you'll understand that

nothing is too much to give for love.

Apostle Paul said, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" (Romans 8:35). Demonstrate your love for the Lord, learn to show your love for Jesus openly; don't hide it, let the world know that you love Him. And one sure way to grow in your love for Jesus is by confessing it; learn to tell Him often that you love Him. And constantly fuel your love for Him by studying the Word and fellowshipping with the Lord in prayer, soon enough you'll be able to say like David who said to the Lord, "...thy loving kindness is better than life..." (Psalm 63:3). In other words, I'll rather stop living than to stop loving you.

So, you have a responsibility to grow your love for the Lord and demonstrate it in your commitment to the work of the ministry. There is no love that does not demonstrate itself in giving. King Solomon loved God and he gave Him an offering no one ever gave to God (2 Chronicle 1:7). Abraham loved God and obediently offered up his son as a burnt offering (Hebrew 11:17). What have you done and what are you going to do? The Bible says, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." (1 John 3:18). You see, God wants our love for Him to go beyond a mere talk of the mouth, but in action, reality and in

demonstration.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, Jesus so loved you and went to the cross. Love always has to be tested and proven. So demonstrate and prove your love for the Lord today.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: John 14:21-23

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I thank You for the love You have lavished on me; saving my soul and calling me Your own. I love You Lord and I demonstrate my love for You today through my commitment, devotion and giving, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 32-34; Mark 9:30-50

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TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 2023

THE CHURCH CONCEPT

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

For this cause I bow my knees unto the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named... -EPHESIANS 3: 14-15

Now that you're born again, it is of paramount importance that you belong to a local assembly where you are known and actively committed to. The Christian life has a prescribed order. There are those who ask questions like. "Must I go to Church?" Or "Must I belong to a Church?" The Bible says you are the light of the world; light repels darkness-sickness, poverty, death and all that the devil has to offer. What does belonging to a Church have to do with this? It's very simple.

The Church is to you what the lamp holder is to an electric bulb. Take a close look at the electric bulb in your house you'll understand what I'm talking about. Without a lamp holder the electric bulb can't display its brightness. This is what the Church is to the Christian. You need to be vitally committed to a particular local assembly. We grow in Christ by being in relationship with other Christians. Romans 12: 10 NIV says, "Be devoted to one another in love..."

A lot of Christians move from one Church to another, they are always on the go, never belonging to a particular Church, without any forms of identity, accountability and commitment. Christianity is more than just believing; it also includes belonging, yes! It's not only a calling to believe but also to belong. This is the reason why a lot of Christians live a very substandard Christian life. Meaning, they live far below their calling as Christians, because of their lack of understanding on what the Church is, and what the Church can do in their lives.

I believe the reason many aren't committed to a Church is their lack of understanding of what the Church is. You'll be amazed how the growth of your business, finances, etc are all connected to your participation in the Church of Jesus Christ. It's because you are a member of His body—the Church (Ephesians 5:30). And every member of that body gets their nourishment from the Body—the Church.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 1 Corinthians 12:14-16; Hebrews 13:17

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I thank You for revealing to me the truth about the Church of Jesus Christ. Help me to maintain the right attitude towards the Church of Jesus Christ as I serve you through the local Church. I thank You because my life and all that concern me radiate Your beauty and glory, in Jesus' Name. Amen

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 35-36; Mark 10:1-31

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WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: IDENTIFY WITH THE CALL OF GOD ON YOUR LIFE

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office... -ROMANS 12:4

Every Christian has the call of God on their life. This is the truth, God has a plan and a purpose for your life, and God's primary purpose for your life is ministering. The Bible says, "Ye are the light of the world..." (Matthew 5:14). Your very life is for the work of the ministry: to the world, to fellow Christians, and to God Almighty. It matters what defines your life. Some folks feel dignified to be called "the bank manager of "XY" bank," or "the

CEO of "XYZ" Company", etc. What is the meaning of your life?

The Bible says, "We are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." (Ephesians 5:30). This identity is greater than any other thing you could ever be called by. Then it says, "... all members HAVE NOT THE SAME OFFICE." (Romans 12:4). Meaning we don't all have the same calling, we all have a calling, but not the same calling. Your involvement, participation, contribution and your work of service in the Church of Jesus Christ is actually the meaning of your life on earth. The true meaning of your life is not what you do for your biological family or your company where you work. But it is what you do as your input in the work of the ministry. Don't take this lightly, be spiritually minded about the work of the ministry, and identify with it. This is the only reason God left you on earth. Take for example, the members of your physical body; your eyes, fingers, kidneys, etc; they all work together for one purpose-the total well-being of your body. They are one with you. So the meaning of each member of your body is easily seen; which is to contribute to the well being of your body. Your hand only makes sense and has meaning as long as it stays in your body. A hand separated from the body is useless, no matter what you do with it outside that body, it's meaningless. Members of a body derive their meaning from the body where they are members. So, when it dawns on you that you are a member of the body of Christ, then it is not difficult at all to know God's purpose for your life and to know what you ought to be doing with your life. What is the vision of the body to which you belong? You can't have a different dream from Jesus Christ. You are one with Christ, you are not what you used to be. So no matter what you do

the right kind of thoughts:: "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." (Matthew 12:34). To change a man, you have to change his thinking first. The Christian growth begins from the mind, if God through His Word can make you think differently, then the miracle and transformation has started.

God wants us to think His thoughts and think like Him, that is why He gave us His Word: the Word of God are the thoughts of God revealed to us. This is why Philippians 4:8 says, "...whatsoever things are TRUE, whatsoever things are HONEST, whatsoever things are JUST, whatsoever things are PURE, whatsoever things are LOVELY, whatsoever things are of GOOD REPORT, if there be any VIRTUE and if there be any PRAISE, THINK ON THESE THINGS." Don't sit down and be pondering over your sins and mistakes, there's nothing worthy of praise in that. As a matter of fact, you are even committing a sin by thinking such thoughts, because you are doing what God says you should not do. You don't know better than God, He has plans for your life, and He needs your cooperation. Don't frustrate His effort with your mindset. Take His Word; study it, and imbibe His thoughts; for you are what God says you are.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 1 Corinthians 2:16

PRAYER

I have the mind of Christ, and the wisdom of God is working in me, in the Name of Jesus. I close the door against every satanic attack through my mind. I reject thoughts of fear, worry, and depression. I fix my mind on God's Word today and always; because I'm what God says I am. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 1-3; Matthew 24:1-28

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THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 2023

A GOOD GOD THAT DOES GOOD

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? -ROMANS 2:4

Your personal opinion about God has a long way to determine the outcome of your life, and your life's experience in general. Who is God? What does He think about you? Is He out to frustrate you? What you know and think about God will determine the kind of results you'll get in your life. God is a good God; He does good and He seeks to do you good all the time, even when you go the wrong way or mess things up, He uses His goodness to cause you to repent and win you over to Himself. He never frightens or threatens anyone. Our opening Scripture says, "...knowing that the GOODNESS OF GOD LEADETH THEE TO REPENTANCE? (Romans 2:4). You see? This is the kind of God He is, He disciplines you with goodness, to the extent that you'd be ashamed of your wrong doings and repent from them.

Take quality time to meditate on the love and goodness of God, it will change many things in your life. You'll suddenly become success, promotion and favour conscious. Fear and the expectation of evil will be far from you. The Bible says, "In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear; and from terror; for it shall not come near thee." (Isaiah 54:14). This is what your life will be like when you are established on the message of God's love and goodness. You've come to know for yourself that God loves you more than you could ever love yourself. He cares about you and wants you to be successful, prosperous and healthy more than you could ever desire for yourself. In addition to that, He is all-powerful and He is the greatest; and He loves you in spite of all your wrong doings and limitations. Your short comings can't short-circuit His love for you, because He already said, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." (Jeremiah 31:3). God loves you with an unending love; an undying and indestructible love

If you meditate on the Word and get established on this message of His loving-kindness, the Bible says you'll be far from oppression; you will not be afraid of terror or disaster, for it will not come near you. Understand that there is a positive side of life, what you know and what you are aware of determine your expectations in life; and your expectations, whether good or bad, the Bible says won't be cut off. God is a good God, expect His goodness today.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Lamentations 3:22-23

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for bringing to my consciousness today that You are good and You seek my good. I am so grateful to You, it is because of Your mercy that I am not consumed, for Your steadfast love never ceases and Your mercy never comes to an end. Thank You Lord, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Exodus 39-40; Matthew 23:23-39

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FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: INVEST IN SPIRITUAL THINGS

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding - PROVERBS 23:23

You've heard many times that it is said that: "If you think education is expensive then try ignorance." This statement is also true with spiritual education because the primary reason a lot of God's children are stuck in one position is due to their ignorance of God's Word, which they developed over a long period of constantly ignoring or rejecting knowledge.

The Bible says, "...my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." (Hosea 4:6). Now, if you read this portion of the Scripture and stop at that point, you'd think the lack of knowledge is due to the non-availability of knowledge, but the remaining part of that verse says, "...because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy

children." (Hosea 4:6).

Our opening Scripture says, "Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding." (Proverbs 23:23). You see, spiritual training and education is not cheap; it will cost you something. If you are serious about becoming all that God has destined you to be, you'll have to learn to invest in spiritual things. You'll have to learn how to invest financially, to purchase Christian materials that will help you live a better life in God. You must invest your resources to attend Church conventions and conferences that will enhance your walk with the Lord and further position you for the higher life in Christ. Remember, life on earth is spiritual and the spiritual controls the physical world. If you don't want to be a victim of circumstances or climb up the ladder of success and come down again to the bottom, and later start wondering what happened, then invest in spiritual things. Educate yourself in the knowledge of God's Word; crave for it and go for it. Most people don't have a problem with spending money in taking good care of their bodies, their houses, cars, phones in order to have something better. As a matter of fact, they've upgraded just about everything except their own lives, and God is not happy about it. The Bible says, "Wisdom crieth

without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying, How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge...Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD." (Proverbs 1:20-22, 24-29). Never forget this: Ignorance of God's Word will cost you something. Invest in spiritual things today.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Proverbs 4:5-7

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You so much for imparting my spirit with wisdom today. My eyes are open to see the importance of investing in spiritual things. Thank You Lord for changing my attitude, I am not a fool and I do not hate knowledge. Guide me by the Holy Spirit to invest wisely in that which will enhance my walk with you, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 4-5; Matthew 24:29-51

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SATURDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: WE ARE A FAMILY

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. —EPHESIANS 3:14. 15

The Church is a family. Have and maintain the right attitude towards the Church of Jesus Christ. The Church is not a public place, neither is it a social gathering. It's the coming together of God's family members on earth. Notice what the opening Scripture says, "... the whole family in heaven and on earth...."God's children who have gone to be with Him make up the members of the family in heaven, while those of us here are members of the same family, but on earth.

Too many of God's children don't relate in Church as though we are a family, their minds haven't been renewed, that's the reason they don't participate as they should and in turn are not blessed as they should. We are a family and this union is stronger than the biological union with our

earthly parents.

In the book of Acts we were given an account of how 3000 souls were won in a single meeting. And the Bible says, "They spent their time learning from the apostles, and THEY WERE LIKE FAMILY TO EACH OTHER. They also broke bread and prayed together. All the Lord's followers often met together, and they shared everything they had." (Acts 2:42, 44.CEV). This is the Bible example of what your attitude toward the Church and her members should be like....they were like family to each other... THEY OFTEN MET TOGETHER." This is why the Bible warns and encourages us not to get into the habit of neglecting our meeting together as brethren (Hebrews 10:25). Don't be the one who gives excuses every week why you weren't in a meeting you should attend. Sunday morning isn't enough, don't be a religious Christian. If you are serious about becoming all that God has destined for you to be, then have value for the Church and her meetings, attend your weekly meetings as well, those who do live a more stable life than those who don't.

Examine your life today and make the necessary changes, because you will never fulfill God's plan for your life or attain the level of success God planned for you, without your vital commitment to a particular Church where God's word and God's presence is.

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FURTHER INSIGHTS: Psalm 133:1-3

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I thank You because I have and maintain the right attitude. towards the Church, and it's a privilege to know and live in the consciousness of being a vital member of God's family on earth. Though I live in the world, I'm not of this world. I take seriously the Church, her meetings and activities, and I'm blessed in doing this. Amen!

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 6-7; Matthew 25:1-30

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SUNDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEEDS OF OTHERS

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. -GALATIANS 6:2

As a child of God, it is important that you learn to look beyond your personal needs and reach out to help others. You have to be concerned about the needs of other people; and reach out to meet their needs. In the book of Genesis, God spoke to Abraham saying, "...I will make thee a great nation, and I will bless, and make thy name great; and THOU SHALT BE A BLESSING." (Genesis 12:2). And according to the Book of Galatians, the promise was made to Abraham and his seed: "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." (Galatians 3:29).

Now you can understand why you should be concerned about the needs of others. God's call on your life is that you become a blessing to those in your sphere of contact. Think about it for a moment: you are a blessing. Now, think about the poor folks around your vicinity, think about the little children who can't go to school because nobody is there to sponsor them. Do such things get your attention? Listen, the moment you start thinking of helping others solve their problems, you are actually enlarging your world and also expanding your capacity to have wealth. Do away with the 'me-myself-and-l' attitude.

In life money comes to each of us according to our dreams. Money is a slave of idea. Anywhere there is an idea, money will naturally go in that direction. The bigger your idea or dream, the bigger the finance you'll control.

God wants you to think big. Think of being a channel of blessing to the billions of people all over the world. Your success will never come to light until you reach out to help other people; because you are lifted as you lift others. The bible says, "The liberal person shall be enriched, and he who waters shall himself be watered." (Proverb 11:25). You see, this is a spiritual principle and law that God set on the earth. He that waters shall himself be watered also. Your promotion is in promoting others, so reach out

to help someone today. Make it your responsibility as a child of God to make the world a better place than you met it. Put a smile on faces and give lives a meaning. If you can help one; before you know it, you will be able to help ten, then a hundred, one thousand, and before long your impact will be felt all around the world. Praise God!.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Proverbs 11:24-25

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank you for putting in my consciousness today, my soul responsibility on earth. Thank you for choosing me out of darkness, and making me the light of the world. I consciously take a stand to reach out to help the needy and afflicted in my world. Give me the grace to do this continually, in Jesus' name, Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 8-10; Matthew 25:31-46

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TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: WORK ON 'BEING' AND NOT ON 'HAVING'

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth -LUKE 12:15

The Lord Jesus gave a parable to illustrate that a man's life is not defined by the abundance of things which he possesses. In other words, you are not what you have; your life is not defined by what you have. In His parable, He said, "...the ground of a certain man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself saying, what shall i do , because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, this I will do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." (Luke 12:16-21).

There is a principle of life in the portion of the Scripture we just read. God wants us to work on 'being' and not on 'having'. Many people are in pursuit of wealth and fame at the expense of their life, they want to have money, friends, degrees, jobs, etc. The question is, Who are you? What kind of stuff are you made of? How much have you invested in building your personality? When you open your mouth to speak, what comes out? What is your character like? So who are you? Only a fool will invest so much in things and not invest in himself. That is what God said to the man in the parable; He said, "...thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided" (Luke 12:20).

Think about several students in school; there are some who place their books first before God. They don't care about attending fellowship meetings but can't afford to miss a lecture. They put in so much into their academics but are not rich towards God, they forgot that God made this world and that He was the One who sent them to this world; they also forgot that life is spiritual. Success in life does not come by having an "A"

" in the classroom, rather success in life is based on spiritual laws and principles from the Word of God. Only a few years after school, you'll be amazed at the difference between the wise and the foolish, you wouldn't believe they ever sat in the same classroom. A lot of them will still be looking for jobs while others will be giving out jobs.

What is the difference? The smart ones invested most of their resources and time in building themselves and learning the most important thing in life. The Word of God. The Bible says, "wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her." (Proverbs 4:7-8). Also, it says, "receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choose gold. For wisdom is better than rubies; and ALL THE THINGS THAT MAY BE DESIRED ARE NOT TO BE COMPARED TO IT." (Proverbs 8:10-11). You have a choice to make today, go for the knowledge of the Word today, and stop chasing shadows. If you are the kind that place more value on money, relationships, books than the Word of God, there is no doubt you'll have a hard time in the future ahead of you, so change and start working on 'being' and not on 'having' today. With this, the future is guaranteed

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Proverbs 4:20-22

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I love and worship You this day. I recognize You as God; the Creator of Heaven and earth. I give You first place in my life now and always. Help me to live a purposeful life, my heart is open to Your Word. I go for Your Word this day in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 11-12; Matthew 26:1-25

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WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 2023

DO AWAY WITH SIN CONSCIOUSNESS

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

Confess your fault to one another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN availeth much. -JAMES 5:16

The Bible tells us that the prayer of a righteous man works. The Christian is righteous; righteousness is your nature if you are born again. The Bible says that Christ Jesus has been made unto us righteousness (1 Corinthians 1:30). Jesus is your righteousness; you are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

Now, it is not enough to know that you are righteous, you must be conscious of it. The devil's primary weapons he uses to defeat God's children are guilt, inferiority and condemnation. But the Bible says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh [meaning their senses], but after the spirit." (Romans 8:1). Condemnation is Satan's strategy. If he can get you to feel inferior or condemned before God, then he can defeat you, and it is sin consciousness that gives rise to inferiority complex.

Remember, righteousness gives you a right-standing with God; with this consciousness your faith will always be strengthened. This is what Abra-

ham had. The Bible narrates how God wanted to destroy

Sodom and Gomorrah and wasn't going to spare anything man or beast, but Abraham, taking advantage of his right-standing with God forbade God from carrying out His plans. He said to God, "Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt you also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? THAT BE FAR FROM THEE TO DO AFTER THIS MANNER, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked THAT BE FAR FROM THEE." (Genesis 18:24,25). Can you imagine a man talk to God in this manner? Abraham knew who he was, because before this time, he had been declared righteous by God for his faith: "Abraham believed in the Lord; and God counted it to him for righteousness." (Genesis 15:6). It does not matter what you've done wrong; all your wrongs were charged to Jesus' account and His righteousness to your account. This is why we are admonished to

".come boldly into the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find help in time of need." (Hebrew 4:16). Sin consciousness is worse than sin itself; it weakens and makes your faith inoperative in prayer. God doesn't answer your prayer based on your deeds but based on what Jesus did. So be conscious of what Jesus did-this is righteousness consciousness.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Galatians 2:16; 1Peter 3:12.

PRAYER

I have been declared righteous; I have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. I reject inferiority, condemnation and guilt. I am conscious of my right-standing with God. Therefore; my faith is strengthened and my prayers are effective in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 13; Matthew 26:26-50

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THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: GOD LOVES YOU WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee -JEREMIAH 31:3.

Have you ever thought about the fact that God loves you more than you could ever love yourself? The day this becomes a revelation to you, all your struggles, efforts and suffering to make it in life will come to an end. You need to know that God loves you more than you love yourself. He wants you to be in health, peace and prosperity more than you could ever wish for yourself. He called you for His glory, for you were made for His glory (Isaiah 43:7).

All that God wants from you is that you serve Him with all your heart; surrender your will to Him for He knows what to do with your life. He knows everything you desire better than you do. And something else you have to realize is the fact that no matter how good and how great the plans that you have for yourself, God's plans for you are far better than any plan you could ever have for yourself. This is true because God is better than you. So it is wisdom to surrender to Him.

God can be trusted, He loves you the way you are, He never condemns you, neither does He count your sins against you; for the Bible says, "God commendeth His love towards us that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8). You see, He loves you, not because you are good and kind, for even while you were dead in sin He loved you. Now, there is absolutely nothing you could ever do wrong that can make God love you less, and there is nothing you could ever do right that'll make Him love you more. The love God has for you is called "perfect love" and if it is perfect, it means it can't get any better. Remember our opening verse which says, "...I have loved you with an EVERLASTING LOVE [meaning unending, indestructible and unfailing love]. Therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." (Jeremiah 31:3). Accept and embrace the love of God, and start experiencing the glory and power of this love today.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 1 John 4:9-10, Ephesians 3:19.

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for loving me so much and being so concerned about my life and total well-being. As I lay my life down and surrender my will to You, I know I'll live to fulfil my purpose and destiny in You and be everything You've planned for me to be, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 15-16; Matthew 27:1-26

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FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: GOD LOVES YOU WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE

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DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 15-16; Matthew 27:1-26

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SATURDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 2023

JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep -JOHN 10:11

The Lord Jesus is the good shepherd. Notice that He didn't say a shepherd; that wouldn't be new because there are lots of shepherds all over the world. Also, He didn't say I'm a good shepherd, rather He said, "I am THE GOOD shepherd." Meaning, He is the only good shepherd there is. There is only one good shepherd in the whole world and His name is Jesus. He said, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd GIVETH HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP." (John 10:11, emphasis added). This is the point. No religious leader anywhere in the world ever laid down his life for his sheep. but He loved His own, to the point of laying down His own life for us. He said, "...he that is a hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP." (John 10:12-15 emphasis added).

Jesus is the Prince of peace, He is the good shepherd, and you can trust Him with your life. He will guide you, protect you and He is able to keep you from falling (Jude 24). The Bible says, "...he is able also to save them to the uttermost that comes unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:25). You see, not only has He laid His life for your salvation, but also, He watches over you to save you to the end, in order to present you Holy before God, His Father on that

alorious day.

So, you never have to be afraid of falling in your life. Only believe in Jesus and in His word. And like David, you can say with confidence: "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou

art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." (Psalm 23:1-6).

FURTHER INSIGHTS: John 10:14; 1 Peter 2:25

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank You for being my Shepherd. I submit totally to you. I follow You whole-heartedly from today because I know You are able keep me from falling. I retain Your love and care today, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 19-20; Matthew 27:51-66

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SUNDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: HE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER AND FASTING

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting -MATTHEW 17:20, 21

In the account above, the disciples could not cast out a demon, and they asked the Lord why they could not cast it out. The Lord Jesus said, "Because of your unbelief...howbeit this kind goeth not out but by PRAYER AND FASTING." (Matthew 17:19-21 my paraphrase). Understand that faith needs prayer for it's development and full growth; in the same way

prayer needs fasting for its full development and growth.

The importance of fasting when done in combination with prayer and faith can never be over emphasized; its results are always overwhelming. There are depths in God through prayers you'll never again until you fast. Now, to fast means to abstain from your regular activities for the sole purpose of giving attention to God and His Word. You can fast from food, which is very common to many, but you can also fast from watching TV, meeting with friends, even from making or receiving phone calls. All these will help you to fine-tune your spirit and get you in sync with God's Spirit. When you fast ensure you pray and feed on God's Word, for it to be effective; it is a spiritual exercise and has a lot of benefits with it.

Prayer and fasting helps you discipline your body and lets your spirit take control of it. It humbles your soul before God and chastises your soul (1 Corinthians 9:27). Prayer and fasting also crucifies the appetite and denies them of their cravings, it aids in victory over temptation and helps you hear the Spirit of God clearly. Understand that when you fast, you'll feel hungry. Someone said, "I was fasting and I felt hungry so I went to eat. "Anyway, if you fasted and you didn't feel hungry, then where is the fast? That is what fasting is, it means "I am hungry but I won't eat." Your fasting actually begins the moment your hunger starts. So practice this often and watch yourself soar and take steps in the spirit with giant strives. Pick a day when you won't be so busy with visitors or other activities, put

off the TV, turn off your cell phone and spend quality time in fellowship with God and His Word, and be ready to write down what the Holy Spirit is going to communicate to you, because at such time it's very easy to pick divine signals coming from the Lord to you. Praise God!

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Psalm 35:13; 1 Corinthians 9:27

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for revealing this truth to me today, I know I will accomplish more result and prevail with this knowledge. I am set to acquire result by the Holy Spirit, for it is not by might nor by power but by the Spirit. Therefore, I set myself to pray and fast. Thank You for the Inspiration to do this, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 21-22; Matthew 28

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MONDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: DO SOMETHING WITH THE ANOINTING

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee: -1 SAMUEL 10:7

The Scriptures admonished us not to receive the grace of God in vain. In other words, you are to do something with the anointing of the Holy Spirit on your life; the anointing is actually the grace of God your life. This is what makes you extra ordinary and gives you the advantage in life. But sadly, a lot of God's children function outside the anointing, they live like ordinary people, the anointing is on them but they don't use it so they struggle through life. According to the Bible, if you are born again and have received the Holy Spirit, then you are anointed. "Now he which ESTABLISHETH US with you in Christ, and HATH ANOINTED US, is God." (2 Corinthians 1:21).

Saul, by the Spirit of God was told thus: "And the spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy... and shalt be turned into another man" (1 Samuel 10:6). This was a prophetic utterance of what was going to happen to him in no distant time; the Spirit of God will come upon him and he shall be turned into another man. Then he was further instructed, "...let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee." (1 Samuel 10:7). This is where the difference lies; many receive the anointing and don't do anything with it, but the man of God, Prophet Samuel said to "...do whatever needs to be done for God is with you." (1 Samuel 10:7 AMP).

Understand that there is an anointing on your life; you are not an ordinary person. The Bible says, "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves, but our sufficiency [ability and enablement] is of God; Who hath made us able ministers of the New Testament." (2Corinthians 3:5-6). You can heal the sick and cast out devils by the anointing. Now you are in the position to help others live better lives; because that anointing on you is for breaking yokes and removing burdens, and the more you use the anointing to help people, the more of that anointing you'll have working in you.

Also, learn to teach and preach with the anointing. This is the only way lasting result is guaranteed. Remember the words of Jesus when He said without me ye can do nothing (John 15:5). So take the time to prepare yourself in prayers and do the extraordinary today.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 1 John 2:27; Zechariah 4:6

PRAYER

I am walking in the anointing of the Holy Spirit; for God has anointed me with the Holy Ghost and power. I am going about doing good, healing and helping all that are oppressed of the devil. By the anointing of the Holy Spirit nothing is impossible with me. I yield myself in prayer today and the supernatural is wrought through me today. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 23-24; Mark 1:1-22

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TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER, 2023

LIVE WITH A PURPOSE

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

Lay not for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven -MATTHEW 6:19-20

The importance of living a purpose driven life can never be over emphasized. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ can give your life a meaning and a purpose for living. No man can truly have a meaning in his life outside this Gospel. God made you, and He had a plan before he did. You are not an accident in this world, so don't live like one. The Bible says, "...everything got started in Him [God] and finds its purpose in HIM." (Colossians 1:16NLT).

The Lord Jesus tells a story of a certain rich farmer whose ground brought forth plentifully. "And he thought within himself, saying, what shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, this will I do: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there will I bestow all my fruits and goods. And I will say to my soul, soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." (Luke 12:16-19)

A lot of people live their lives like the man we just read about. Life on earth is not for accumulating wealth, running businesses, building houses, bearing children, getting old and thereafter you die. No, it is far from it. First and foremost, life is spiritual, and for that reason your life must of necessity have spiritual significance. Don't live for nothing; let your life be purpose driven. All these labouring and moving around that you're doing or maybe as a student, all these schooling and labouring of yours is useless if it isn't because of Jesus.

Remember the rich man laboured and gathered more than enough, but he didn't have a meaning in his life, nor did know God's purpose for wealth. The Bible says, "... God said unto him, thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? SO IS HE THAT LAYETH UP TREASURE FOR HIMSELF, AND IS NOT RICH TOWARDS GOD." (Luke 12:20-21).

God wants us to live a life that is driven by His divine plans and purpose. He wants us to have Him as our all in all, like the song says: "He is my everything; He is my all. He is my everything, both great and small. "God wants you to have wealth, but don't want wealth to have you, Serve Him with all that you have and all that you are, continually recognizing His Lordship and rulership over your life. He is the only reason for life. Do all that you can do to bring glory to His Name, and consistently be a part of the work of the kingdom with your resource, talent and time. This is what it means to be of spiritual significance. Praise God!

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 2 Timothy 1:9, 2 Timothy 3:10

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I worship You this day for You are my passion and my life. I love You with all that is within me. I surrender all to You. I give You everything for You are the reason for life and there is to me without You. Give me the grace to be driven by Your divine purpose continuously, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 25; Mark 1:23-45

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WEDNESDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. -1 TIMOTHY 6:12

In Christianity we do not fight the devil; he has been defeated (Colossians 2:15). Also we have overcome the world and its system (John 16:33). And we have crucified the flesh with its affection and lust (Galatians 5:24). The only fight we've been called to fight is the fight of faith. "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life..." (1 Timothy 6:12). This is the fight of faith.

Firstly, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, he evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1). It is calling real, things that can't be perceived by the senses. Faith is the evidence or the proof that things we do not yet see exist. Faith is taking God at His Word, believing what God's Word says; thinking, talking and acting that way, without waiting to see any physical proof of it, because the Word itself is the proof. If the Word of God says you have something, you never have to ask for the proof. Do you understand? You can't prove "proof", the Word is the proof. If God's Word said it, then that settles it.

Think of this, you weren't there when Jesus was raised from the dead, yet you believed it to the point that if someone told you otherwise, you'll quickly want to prove that fellow wrong. How in the world will you do that? The truth is the only evidence you have for your claims is the Word of God. You'll tell that fellow over and over again. "The Bible said..." or "it

is written..." with this you're fighting and standing your ground.

Do you know the same Bible says, "...by whose [Jesus] stripes ye were healed." (1 Peter 2:24). "...he became poor that ye through His poverty might be rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9). Why aren't you talking and acting these Scriptures. What other evidence do you need to prove that you're healed? Don't wait to see money in your wallet before declaring that you're rich. It doesn't matter what comes your way, you're what God says you are. Fight the good fight of faith; refuse to be sick or diseased. Rather you say, "They that dwell in Zion shall not say I'm sick; therefore, I refuse to be sick, in the Name of Jesus, by the stripes of Jesus, I am healed." The

pains might even increase, but hold on to your faith proclamations. You'd say, "...the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in me, and that same Spirit quickens my mortal body, in the Name of Jesus." This is the good fight of faith. It is called the good fight because you were declared the winner ever before the fight got started. Hallelujah!

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Acts 20:35

PRAYER

I Exercise my Faith against every negative circumstance in my life today, and it prevails because my Faith is the victory that overcomes the world. I'm walking in Health, Prosperity, Victory and Dominion in the Name of Jesus. I am a champion for life, for I'm what the Word God says I am. Praise God!

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Leviticus 26-27; Mark 2

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THURSDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. -1 CORINTHIANS 12:13

This is Christianity! Christianity is baptism into the body of Christ. The expression "baptism of the Holy ghost is largely misconstrued among Christians. A lot of them think it is just about the infilling of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. There is no place in the Bible that the infilling of the Holy Spirit with the experience of speaking in tongues was interpreted as

the only manifestation of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

What is the baptism of the Holy Ghost? Throughout the Bible that expression always refers to the new birth-the born again experience. You got born again or saved the moment you were baptized into the body of Christ. And this baptism was done by the Holy Ghost. For it says, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body..." (1 Corinthians 12:13). Also in Galatians 3, the Bible says, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ (Verse 27). Have put on Christ? Think about it. Oh! No wonder He said, "...If they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them (Mark 16:18) Wow!

Now, the word "baptized" was derived from the Greek word "baptizo" which means to deep into completely. This is awesome! You have been completely immersed into Christ—that was when you got born again. The Bible says, Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are one with him by baptism into death: that LIKE AS CHRIST WAS RAISED UP FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, EVEN SO WE ALSO SHOULD WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE." (Romans 6:3-4). This is the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the new birth—the born again experience.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Romans 6:4; 2Corinthians 5:17

PRAYER

Thank You Heavenly Father for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I am completely immersed into Christ, and I have put on Christ. I declare by faith that I'm walking in the newness of life. I'm the new superman. Praise God forevermore!

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 1-2; Mark 3:1-19

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FRIDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: BE FAITHFUL

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

As the cold of snow in time of harvest so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his master. -PROVERBS 25:13.

To be faithful means to be loyal. It means to be consistent; to be diligent. a constant application in business. A faithful person is dependable, he is reliable, he can be trusted, and sure enough he will deliver. And the Bible says such a person refreshes the soul of his master (Proverbs 25:13).

As a child of God, God requires that you be faithful (1 Corinthians 4:2). Faithfulness is the number one key to promotion in the kingdom of God, and He requires it from His Children at different stages in our walk with Him. For example, there are some of God's children; all that is required of them at the moment is that they be faithful in coming to church regularly. I mean God is finding it tough to get them to come to church meetings, they are not faithful. On the other hand could be another guy, and what God is dealing with is that he comes early to church. He never misses

meetings but is never faithful in coming early.

Something about faithfulness is that, it is what determines your rank with God. And the only way God rewards a faithful man is by giving him more responsibility and authority. There are God's children who have been born again for more than 10 years and have never led anyone to Christ; and can't do so if he were called upon to do it; because he has never grown spiritually. Spiritual growth and development is the result of faithfulness. No Christian will grow spiritually and experience the higher life in Christ without faithfulness. Imagine a fellow who never shows up for Bible Study meetings, cell meetings and is generally unreliable. He cannot be trusted with just about anything. The anointing cannot stay on him; and God will never commit bigger responsibility to him, it's useless because he will blow it. The Bible says, the man who: "...is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." (Luke 16:10).

Don't pray that God should bless you or your job or family. No, just be faithful: "For a faithful man shall abound with blessings..." (Proverbs 28:20). So cultivate a faithful spirit, train yourself to be consistent, because there is so much God wants to do with your life. So be faithful today.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Matthew 25:21; Proverbs 25:19

PRAYER

Dear Heaven Father, I thank You for teaching me Your Word today. I commit myself to be faithful to Your Word and the work of the ministry. I choose to be faithful in the little things that You've committed to my trust. By the power of the Holy Spirit give me the grace to cultivate even more a faithful Spirit, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 3-4; Mark 3:20-35

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SATURDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: KNOWLEDGE BEYOND THE SENSES

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil -HEBREWS 5:14

In the same way that we have our physical senses for physical perception, we also have spiritual senses for spiritual perception. The opening verse says, "...strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their SENSES exercised to discern both good and evil." (Hebrews 5:14).

Acts 27 accounts of Paul the Apostle and other prisoners being transported to Italy. After a great while in their journey, Apostle Paul "...said unto them, Sirs, I PERCEIVE that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives." (Acts 27:10). Nevertheless, the Bible says that the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship more than the words Paul spoke. And for that reason they got into serious trouble and lost everything except their lives.

This is the case many times, a man of the senses looks with his optical eyes and says, "From what I see, everything is ok, we can go ahead and invest in this business, everything is moving smoothly, and everything is alright." He is judging from the senses-the flesh. But a spiritual man who has developed his spirit can tell everything is not alright, how did he know that? From his spirit, he is picking the signal from his spirit. It is called spiritual perception-knowledge beyond the senses.

Also in Acts 14 the Bible says Paul was preaching at Lystra, and there sat a certain man, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, never walked from birth. "The same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him, and PERCEIVING that he had faith to be healed, Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked." (Acts 14:9-10). This is it again-spiritual perception. You can know or have knowledge about thing beyond what the physical senses can grasp.

Understand that we are men of the Spirit, and the Bible says as many as are led by the Spirit are the mature sons of God (Romans 8:14). So how can you get to have your spiritual senses exercised in this manner? Praying in other tongues will help you a great deal to achieve that. Secondly, often practice a little fasting, because it breaks down the defense of our flesh and gives rise to a release in our spirit. It sharpens our senses and raises our spiritual antenna.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Hebrews 5:11-14

PRAYER

I give myself to spiritual exercise. I press more into the Spirit, getting over and deeper in the realm of the Spirit. I put my body under, and I have my spiritual sense exercised. I receive that grace today, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 5-6, Mark 4:1-20

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SUNDAY, 24TH DECEMBER, 2023

GOD'S FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

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

This simple but powerful verse of the scripture puts in a nutshell God's formula for success. If you understand it and put it to work, you would always win and live a life of constant victory and success. Some of God's children are in a dilemma on how to live according to God's word. They find themselves always struggling to obey God. But the bible shows us here that meditation on God's word will make you do "...according to all that is written therein...." Meditation will cause you to do the word without any effort on your part. You would not have to try to obey, you would just 'do.' Then in the next part of this scripture, the bible tells us something very striking, "...thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Now, the actual Hebrew rendering of this portion says, you shall burst forth into prosperity." This connotes something sudden and powerful like a mighty flood. In other words, as you meditate on God's word, you would burst forth into prosperity! Nothing would be able to hold back your success; just as the bible says in Ecclesiastes 11:3, "if the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth." This shows that you can actually choose the timing of your breakthrough as it were, and the way your life should go. You don't have to wait for anything or anyone, right where you are, by yourself, you can experience the supernatural intervention of God in any area of your life by meditating on God's word. It's absolutely up to you!

There is a kind of thinking you must have for a life of success and God knows that, so He's asked that we meditate day and night. This doesn't just mean in the morning and night time. It means throughout the 24 hour period; when you are driving, when you're walking and in all you do! Meditation will cause you to think and act like God and when that happens, you cannot but produce results like Him! This is God's formula for a life of success.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 1 Timothy 4:15; Psalm 1:2, 3

PRAYER

Thank you precious father for your word, today, I commit myself to studying and meditating on Your Word every day. I burst forth into prosperity, and I have good success in all I do, in Jesus' Name. Amen

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 7-8, Mark 4:21-41

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MONDAY, 25TH DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: GOD IS NOT THE AUTHOR OF EVIL

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. -JAMES 1:17

Our personal opinion about God has a long way to determine the kind of results we'll produce in our lives as individuals. Your personal idea about God; what you think about His personality will always affect and reflect in your life. This is very important because there are lots of Christians whom due to their ignorance of the Word, subtly believe that God sometimes afflict people with sickness or some kind of evil in order to teach them a lesson. So when trouble comes, they are neither bold nor have faith in prayer, because they are not too sure now whether it is a Satanic affliction or if God is trying to teach them a lesson for the wrong they did. First, the Bible says, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man." (James 1:13). So God does not use evil to tempt anyone.

Secondly, the Bible says in our opening Scripture, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17). At this moment carefully examine this verse. This is the Word of God; it says, "Every good and every perfect gift..." Not 'some' good gifts, but 'every' good gift is from ABOVE, coming down from the Father of lights. The biggest part of it is the part that says, "...with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17). In other words, God is not vulnerable to change, there is no variableness with Him; meaning that only good and perfect gifts come from God. The Bible says, "...that God is light, and in him is NO DARKNESS AT ALL." (1 John 1:5). So understand the Person and nature of your heavenly Father; He loves you more than you could ever love yourself. The Bible says God desires above everything else that you prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

The primary reason Christians suffer is because of their ignorance of God's Word. You'll not struggle in your finances, business, family, relationships and in your health if only you'll keep the Word of God in that area. The man David said, "Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. Thou art good, and doest good..." (Psalm 119:67-68). You see, to keep God's Word is to see His goodness. Never should you sin in your heart or with your mouth to say God is the One behind your affliction or sickness: No! It's the devil and God is the One who wants to bring you out today. The Bible says, "...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil [not God]; for God was with him." (Acts 10:38). Every one Jesus ever healed was oppressed of the devil and not God. No matter how deep in the valley you've found yourself today, reach out to God in faith and expect a miracle today. He loves you and wants to help.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Psalm 68:19; Psalm 103:2,3

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for your love, mercy and grace towards me. I trust in Your unfailing love today. Guide me by the Holy Spirit into truths in Your Word that I might experience Your goodness more and more. I expect Your goodness today for You daily load me with benefits. Thank You Lord, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 9-11, Mark 5:1-20

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TUESDAY, 26TH DECEMBER, 2023

YOU MUST BEAR FRUIT

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him. the same bringeth forth much fruit for without me ye can do nothing. -JOHN 15:5

As a Christian God expects you to produce fruits for the kingdom of God, fruits after your kind. There's no room for unproductivity. Remember, you were saved to save others. Of what purpose is a tree if it doesn't bear any fruit? A tree must produce fruits, in the same way, the true Christian must of necessity produce fruits.

In John 15:16, The Lord Jesus said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain..." You see, you were chosen by God and ordained, that is, anointed to produce fruits. Anything that doesn't grow is either dying or is already dead. The same applies to a Christian that doesn't bear fruits.

In Luke 13, The Bible says the Lord Jesus spoke a parable and said, "...a certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he CAME AND SOUGHT FRUIT therein, and FOUND NONE. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and found none: CUT IT DOWN; why en-cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down." (Luke 13:6-9).

Now you can see clearly that God doesn't tolerate unproductivity. After you have been born again, God expects you to bear fruit and start contributing to the work of the ministry. Spiritual growth is for responsibility and ministering. So if you are not bearing fruit sooner or later you'll be cut off. Remember how the Lord Jesus cursed a fig tree because it didn't have fruits. From afar the tree looked bounteous and was lavish with leaves, but it had no fruit, the tree had a deceptive look; Jesus approached it to get some fruit, being very disappointed, He cursed the unfruitful tree. This shows the importance the Lord attaches to fruitfulness.

How many souls have you won to Christ within the last one year? What impact are you making? You must bear fruit! It is a necessary requirement for everyone that believes in Jesus Christ. Otherwise, the Lord will number your days and cut you off. "Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit" (John 15:2 AMP). So start bearing fruits and more fruits today.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Mark 11:12-14

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for filling my heart with wisdom today. You've anointed me to bring forth fruit and by the power of the Holy Spirit I yield myself to Your will and I bring forth fruit and more fruits unto righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 12-14, Mark 5:21-43

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WEDNESDAY, 27TH DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

—1 CORINTHIANS 6:19

TWe were told the story of a Chinese brother who was travelling in a train. In this train were three other guys who wanted to play a game of four people, but now they were just three, so they asked this Chinese brother to join in order for them to have a complete set. To their amazement, this Christian guy said, "I can't play with you because I didn't come with my hands." They were like, "You said what?" "I didn't come with my hands," he replied. I mean, that was about the funniest thing they ever heard. "What about these hands?" They asked him. "Anyways, they are not mine, someone bought me with a price; these hands belong to Him now, and they can only do what He wants them to do. I don't belong to myself." This was his response. Awesome!

This is the kind of attitude God wants us to have as His children. Our opening verse says, "...know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, AND YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN" (1 Corinthians 6:19). "Ye are not your own." Remarkable! Simply put, God is saying to you, "You are not the owner of yourself." You don't belong to you. Anyway, that is the reason for the judgment day; of

what purpose is the judgment of God if you were your own?

So, you owe your life to God, you are responsible to God. The very life you are living now is a gift of trust from God, He expects you to live your life in accordance to His will and purpose. This you must do if you want to walk in the fullness of God's blessings and provision for you. There are lots of Christians who don't give thought as to what God wants them to do. You hear them say things like: "Next year I'll be travelling to America," or, "I want to relocate to Abuja," or, "I am geting married to that woman or that man." You can talk this way as long as you are a child, but when you grow up, you'd realize that you are not the owner of yourself. Paul the Apostle said, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things." (1 Corinthians 13:11).

You see, when you grow up, you put away childish ways of thinking, you'd live with the consciousness that you are not your own; you don't belong to yourself anymore. Jesus bought you with a price, so from now onward you live and work for Him. Never again should you say, "My life is my own, I can do whatever I want with it." No! You are wrong, you belong to Jesus Christ. Study the Word of God and learn to listen to the Holy Spirit to know exactly what God expects you to do with the life He gave you.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 2 Corinthians 5:10; Galatians 2:20

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank you for filling me with wisdom today. Thank You for the life You gave me. I don't belong to myself anymore. i belong to you, and i'll serve you without reservation. help me to live my life fulfilling your plans and purposes on earth. i give my life and soul to you. have your way in my life, in Jesus' name. amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 15-16; Mark 6:1-29

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THURSDAY, 28TH DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: STRIVE FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, and I have kept the faith. -1 Timothy 4:7

The Lord Jesus is coming very soon and there is so much left to be done, in reaching the world with the Gospel. And God is counting on you and I. A lot of people assume God is Almighty; He can do with or without us. For this reason they are not serious minded about the gospel as they should. But the Bible made it clear that God can't do without you. God needs you as much as you need Him. He is counting on you more than you could ever imagine. The Lord Jesus said, He is the vine, but "...ye are the branches" (John 15:5). The reality of how much God needs you is not far from this truth. We all know the branch is the fruit-bearing part of a tree, and Jesus said He is the stem, but you are the branch. You have a vital role to play in bringing God's plan on earth to pass, so get to work.

This is your hour, this is your moment, and this is your time. You are in that school, that office or that place of work for such a time as this, you are God's extension; you are His headquarters on earth. Stand for Jesus in your sphere of contact. Don't let the gospel suffer in your time. Like Paul the Apostle, will you be able to say you have fought a good fight? At the end of your tenure in the school or Job, will you be able to say you've

fought a good fight? What will your testimony be?

In 1Timothy 6:12, Apostle Paul wrote to the young man Timothy "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." He said to fight the good fight, for himself, he said he had fought a good fight, finished his course, and have kept the faith. Are you fighting for the faith of the gospel in your sphere of contact? Or other non-Christian activities and organizations are pressing, and having stronger influence in your world? What are you going to do? The Bible says "...that ye stand fast in one Spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27). Join force with other believers who are already on the "go;" in one Spirit, with one mind, strive or fight for the faith of the gospel in your world \(\text{\text{Myour sphere of contact, pray, preach, win souls and give for this cause like never before.} \)

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 2 Timothy 4:2; Acts 20:24

PRAYER

Precious Father, I thank you for the glorious privilege to herald this gospel to my world. I invest my time and substance in the gospel like never before and I make bringing men and women to the knowledge of Christ my number one priority, so that at the end like Paul I'll be able to say I have fought a good fight, I finish my cause and I have kept the faith. in Jesus' Name. Amen!

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 17-19; Mark 6:30-56

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FRIDAY, 29TH DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: DOERS OF THE WORD

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves -JAMES 1:22

As a Christian we are not called to obey the Word of God, rather our calling is to do the Word of God. To obey the Word of God and to do the Word of God are two different things. In the Old Testament, God gave His people laws and commandments to obey and the Bible tells us the people could not obey the laws of God. Now, the law was not their problem, for there was nothing wrong with the law itself. The Bible says, "...the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." (Romans 7:12). What then was the problem? The problem was the fact that "...the law is spiritual: but I [the natural man] am carnal..." (Romans 7:14). This was their problem, the law was meant for spiritual men but they were carnal men, meaning they were earthly, ordinary and mere men. That was why nobody could obey or live according to the law in the Old Testament.

It's like trying to make a goat live like a dog by giving the goat laws and commandment to ensure it lives like a dog. That will never work because it takes a dog to live like a dog; you have to be born a dog to live like one. This is why the Old Testament didn't work. Then in the New Testament, God changed us and transformed our lives: "...if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Now, this new creature is not like the natural, carnal and earthly man. In our case, God doesn't expect us to obey His Word because we came from the Word, the very Word of God they were trying to obey in the Old Testament. We came from the Word of God, our lives came from the Word of God; the Word of God is our life. The Bible says, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." (1 Peter 1:23).

So, unlike the Old Testament folks, we do the Word of God because we are born of the Word. It's natural for us to live by the Word of God, for we are the Word. If a cat gave birth to you, without any contradiction you'll definitely be a cat and if a dog gave birth to you, you are a dog and if the

Word of God gave birth to you, you'll definitely be the Word of God. This is why Apostle Paul said, "Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart." (2 Corinthians 3:3). You see, he called us the Word of God. The reason we struggle in our lives sometimes is because we are trying to obey the Word of God. No, take out time to meditate on the Word, as you study the Word, see a picture of your life, for the Word is your life written in a book. So renew your mind and live out what you see in the Word, for you are a doer of the Word.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: John 1:14; 1 John 4:17

PRAYER

I am born of the Word of God, Jesus is the Word of God made flesh and I am the Word of God encased in flesh, as He is so am I in this world. I live by and do the Word naturally, for my origin is in the Word. I will never struggle in my life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 20-22; Mark 7:1-13

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SATURDAY, 30TH DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: IT'S A NEW TESTAMENT

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the Old testament, which veil is done away in Christ. - 2 CORINTHIANS 3:14

We are in a New Testament, and there is a big difference between the New Testament and the Old Testament. Your ability to understand this truth will make you soar and fly on eagle's wings. The failure in the lives of many Christians today, is their failure to recognize that God has changed the order of worship and living. These folks often stir up strife and argument among Christians, teaching what they don't understand. They are trying to live the Old Testament life in the New Testament time. The Bible says, "IF THAT FIRST COVENANT HAD BEEN FAULTLESS then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I WILL MAKE A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MIND, AND WRITE THEM IN THEIR HEARTS: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR INIQUITIES WILL I RE-MEMBER NO MORE. In that he saith, a new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away." (Hebrews 8:7-13). Hallelujah!

You see, the New Testament or covenant was not an addition but a replacement of the Old Testament; because the 13th verse says, "By coming up with a new plan, a new covenant between God and his people, God put the old plan on the shelf. And there it stays, gathering dust." (MSG

Translation).

In addition, this New Testament is in the blood of Jesus not that of bulls and goats. Also, according to the Bible, the New Testament actually started from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead: "For where a testament is, THERE MUST ALSO OF NECESSITY BE THE DEATH OF THE TESTATOR. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth." (Hebrews 9:16-17). In other words, it was the death of Jesus\(\mathbb{\text{M}}\) the testator of the new testament\(\mathbb{\text{M}}\) that empowered the New Testament. His resurrection ushered us into this glorious New Testament.

We cannot live in the Old Testament now, we can study it, learn some lessons from the way God dealt with those folks, but we can't live there. So take quality time to study and discover who you really are and your inheritance in Christ as you study the books of the New Testament, because they are the books that talk about you.

FURTHER INSIGHTS: 2 Corinthians 3:7-11

PRAYER

I am a minister of the New Testament, not of the letter but of the Spirit, for the letter killeth, but the Spirit gives life. Therefore, I am full of life and I am a life giver; this is the blessing of the New Testament, and I am walking in it. Praise God!

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 23-25; Mark7:14-37

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SUNDAY, 31ST DECEMBER, 2023

TOPIC: FILL YOUR CLOUDS WITH RAIN

PST KINGSLEY C. NMAKWE

If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth... – Ecclesiastes 11:3

You're responsible for the circumstances of your life. Your success is your responsibility. The day you received Christ into your life was the day you got back the dominion of the circumstance of your life from the devil.

No matter the situation you find yourself in, everything around you may be in disarray and all hope seems lost. You may have been praying and speaking God's word, and there seems to be no change as yet. Listen, no matter how big and impossible your situation may seem, in the view of your present condition, keep on declaring God's word. The Bible says, "...that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises" (Hebrews 6:12). In other words don't be sluggish, don't give up in speaking faith-filled words.

I remember several years ago, as a teenager, in attempting to clean my ears; I hurt one of my ears with the object I had in my hand, which lead to partial deafness in the ear. I couldn't hear with it much except I had to use my finger to forcefully open it for sound to go through it. The beautiful part of it was that, at that time in my life, I had learnt the secret of speaking God's word, I knew there was power in my words. So I began talking to my ears almost every day. Each time I stood by the mirror, I'd quickly remembered my condition. I had said, "I receive hearing in my ear, in the name of Jesus. I declare that I hear perfectly, in the name of Jesus." This I did over a period of time—several months, only God can tell how long I did. Several months later, I began to hear perfectly as I did with the other ear; because that was what I confessed and declared almost every day. But I'd realized it still had a blockade, nothing could go through it, the passage was barred, but the miracle was that I could hear perfectly. And then I changed my confession, I began to declare that there is a free passage in my ear and I declared that the blockade was out. Then, one evening I felt an itch inside the ear, and as I made an attempt to scratch it, a massive thick substance fell out from the ear. That was it. That is what our opening verse says; "if the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth..." The Lord Jesus said "you shall have whatsoever you say" (Mark 11:23). Keep speaking the word of God to your situation, speak to your health, never give up, don't settle for defeat, poverty, sickness, don't get used to it, and don't give up on your faith proclamation. The Bible says; "so mightily grew the word of God and prevailed." (Act 2:32). Fill the clouds of your life with rain everyday and when those clouds get filled up, they will begin to rain down the blessings and results of your confessions, Praise God!

FURTHER INSIGHTS: Isaiah 55:10-11; 2 Corinthians 4:13

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I'm strengthened and encouraged by your word and your spirit in the face of any situation. In all these things I am more than a conqueror. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. I am walking in glory in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURES READING ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Numbers 26-28; Mark 8

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