

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

VOLUME 2

The "seeds" for this project were planted as far back as 1982 as the Lord led me to various writings by many men and women who had one thing in common: they loved the Lord their God with every fibre of their being. Because of this, they were used greatly by the Father to speak *[write]* the deepest thoughts and intentions of His heart - and, thus, paint a "clear" and "true" picture of His highest Will and purpose for the Body of Christ.

I perceive, by the Spirit of God, that it is important at this time to state emphatically that the foremost priority of every child of God is to continually place the Word of God first in their lives - and, thus, remain faithful to God's requirement to "meditate on it day and night" *[Joshua 1:8]*.

The writings contained in this volume of work are not meant to stand on their own - apart from the revealed Word of God - but, rather, the words found within are simply an expansion and confirmation of God's Word - a revealing of the thoughts and intentions of the Father's Will and purpose for His Church - a running commentary expressed by God, Himself, through His anointed bondservants and handmaidens.

It is my fervent prayer that as you read this volume of work you will "allow" the Holy Spirit to reveal to your heart the fullness of the Divine Requirement *[Luke 10:27]* concerning your life and ministry. For, as you do, you shall surely be brought to the place of "abiding" in Christ - and, from that holy place, you shall surely fulfill the Father's highest Will and purpose for your life and ministry in your remaining time on earth.

The words contained in "Meditations on the True Christian Life" are anointed by God to help lead His precious children into the "fullness" of their inheritance *[salvation]* in Christ.

Therefore, let us receive freely all that the Father has given to us in this last hour that we might be those who are found living *[demonstrating]* the "true" Christian life in the midst of a "crooked and perverse generation".

A word from the Father:

...."The purpose of "Meditations on the True Christian Life" is so that My children might experience a "cross-section" of the anointed words *[absolute truths - "patterns"]* that I have passed on to My consecrated ones down through the ages.

Truly I say to you, there would not be time for all those of My children, who seek only to walk in the "fullness" of their inheritance in Christ, to read all of the books that I have instructed

you to "glean".

Therefore, continue on with great diligence and never underestimate the great importance of any aspect of My Will. For all those who desire to walk in the "fullness" of the Kingdom-position and destiny, in Christ, that I have called them to must be introduced to, and taught, the "absolute" truths and principles contained in the "writings" that I have instructed you to place in this volume of work"....

DEDICATION:

This book is dedicated first, and always, to the glory of God, but it is also dedicated to the memory of all those saints - both men and women - who, through their faithfulness to the uncompromised Word of God and their obedience to the Holy Spirit throughout their time on earth, made possible the writings contained in these volumes. Writings which *[by the power of the Holy Spirit]* paint a true picture of God's Will for "all" of His children - and which, once and for all, disprove the "lies" of Satan which state that the "true Christian life" is something "less" than a heart and life "wholly" given to, and empowered by, God.

JANUARY 1ST

- * Discipline is God's favour, not His animosity.

...."For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives".... Hebrews 12:6 NASB

JANUARY 2-ND

- * All the discipline of God is educational; it is given for our profit. If one continues to think of God's discipline in terms of vengeful punishment it serves only to show that their mind is still under the bondage of the law. For God has only one purpose in mind and that is He desires His children to be partakers of His holy Character.

... "Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He [disciplines us] for [our] good, so that we may share His holiness".... Hebrews 12:9-10 NASB

JANUARY 3RD

- * "Peace" is righteousness. If one's inward fruit is peace their outward manifestation will be righteousness.

...."All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness".... Hebrews 12:11 NASB

JANUARY 4TH

- * When Satan tempts people, he does not attach a label saying "this is Satanic temptation"! For if believers knew it was Satan they would resist him. All the Evil One's temptations are formulated so as not to easily arouse the Christian. He does not want them to suspect him; he

would rather have them deceived into thinking that the thought he has placed in their mind is a product of their own "wisdom". For once they have accepted the thought as their "own" *[thus putting themselves in agreement with Satan's lies]*, the Evil One has a foothold in them from which to work.

*.... "We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ [by continually speaking words that correspond with a "revelation" of the Father's Word - Will]2
Corinthians 10:5 NASB*

JANUARY 5TH

* The difference between a conscience under accusation by Satan and the conviction of the Holy Spirit is this. Satan's accusation is never clear and distinct, whereas revelation from God through the Holy Spirit distinctly places one's sin before them in the light of God's Word. The conviction of the Holy Spirit is positive in nature and is to edify and strengthen the child of God.

Satanic accusation or condemnation produces the reciprocal effect and causes the believer to experience weakness and the feeling of being overwhelmed so that one cannot pray or even draw near to God. The conviction of the Holy Spirit will cause peace and joy to spring up in the heart of the repentant child of God, while the continued accusations of Satan will only bring a hardness of heart towards God.

.... "[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" Romans 8:1-2 KJV

JANUARY 6TH

* The Christian who accepts the fear-filled lies of Satan as their reality is a fool. Fear is Satan's calling card and whenever one accepts his calling card they shall surely receive a visit from him. Therefore, one must refuse to be afraid, for the Word of God teaches us that if we resist the Devil he will flee.

.... "The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defence of my life; Whom shall I dread? When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell. Though a host encamp against me, My heart will not fear; Though war arise against me, In [spite of] this I shall be confident".... Psalms 27:1-3 NASB

JANUARY 7TH

* As long as we remain one with God, Satan has absolutely no way to injure us. The "resurrection" life which abides within us is far beyond the reach of the Evil One and is indestructible. It is only sin that can separate us from God and bring us into an area where Satan can attack from, but we know that if we confess our sins God is faithful to forgive us our sins and cleanse our consciences from all unrighteousness [*1 John 1:9*].

If one's conscience is touched by the Holy Spirit and they begin to be aware and reject certain sins which have been revealed to them as they pursue diligently the life of faith THEN they will be labelled as "divisive" by those in the church who do not reject the aforementioned sin as sin.

Viewing all things in the church in the light of the revealed knowledge of God's Word will immediately judge error and condemn sin. This is the true foundation of oneness in the Body of Christ that we all might walk in the light as He is in the light, intolerant of any unbelief - all attaining to the unity of the faith and the exact knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

.... "And His gifts were [varied; He Himself appointed and gave men to us] some to be apostles (special messengers), some prophets (inspired preachers and expounders), some evangelists (preachers of the Gospel, traveling missionaries), some pastors (shepherds of His flock) and teachers. His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), [that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church), [That it might develop] until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection), the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the

completeness found in Him. So then, we may no longer be children, tossed [like ships] to and fro between chance gusts of teaching and wavering with every changing wind of doctrine, [the prey of] the cunning and cleverness of unscrupulous men, [gamblers engaged] in every shifting form of trickery in inventing errors to mislead. Rather, let our lives lovingly express truth [in all things, speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly]. Enfolded in love, let us grow up in every way and in all things into Him Who is the Head, [even] Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). For because of Him the whole body (the church, in all its various parts), closely joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, when each part [with power adapted to its need] is working properly [in all its functions], grows to full maturity, building itself up in love".... Ephesians 4:11-16 The Amplified Translation

JANUARY 8TH

* As children of God we ought to cast aside everything but the fellowship of the "Body of Christ". A Christian should not be double-minded - and any compromise of the revealed knowledge of God's Word must be rejected. Were it necessary for the Church to have various denominations God certainly would have made provision for them in His Word but His Word only tells us that the Church is a body and the body is one with all its members closely knit. Where indeed is the ground for denominations found in the Word of God?

...."For even as the body is one and [yet] has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not [a part] of the body," it is not for this reason any the less [a part] of the body. And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not [a part] of the body," it is not for this reason any the less [a part] of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. If they were all one member, where would the body be? But now there are many members, but one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; and those [members] of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more

abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable, whereas our more presentable members have no need [of it.] But God has [so] composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that [member] which lacked, so that there may be no division in the body, but [that] the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if [one] member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it".... 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 NASB

JANUARY 9TH

* In the Body of Christ *[the Church]* we have a home in which our Heavenly Father, our Lord and the Holy Spirit dwell jointly with us. The Presence of God is the presence of Judgement. God is holy and if He were not present in the midst of the congregation "judgement" would not be brought in.

To keep the supernatural oneness we have in the body we must maintain the Presence of God. Without God's Presence everything apart from God can be easily tolerated; with His Presence no sin will be left unjudged. If a Church tolerates sin in any form there can be no unity of the Spirit in that congregation.

...."Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, [Even] Aaron's beard, coming down upon the edge of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing - life forever".... Psalms 133:1-3 NASB

...."Can two walk together, except they be agreed [have a revelation of God's Will and act in obedience upon it]?".... Amos 3:3 KJV

JANUARY 10TH

* The child of God must never forsake fellowship with God to gain the affection of "flesh and blood". If one is truly willing to pay the price of forsaking unrighteousness and of sacrificing man's love and affection for the Love of God then they shall "see" the reality of the Body of Christ

Whoever has the "consciousness" of Love is a child of God; whoever lacks this consciousness is not a child of God. Every true child of God will have an inherent, spontaneous, living Love toward their brothers and sisters in Christ - even transcending relationships with flesh and blood. This new consciousness within the true believer is the eternal imprint of God's nature sealed and shed abroad in their heart by the Holy Spirit.

...."and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out ["shed abroad" KJV] within our hearts through the Holy Spirit [Who is the Spirit of Love] who was given to us".... Romans 5:5 NASB

JANUARY 11TH

* To truly love the brethren is to sacrifice oneself for all the brothers and sisters in order to serve and to seek for their edification in all things; always being willing to lay down one's life in order that the uncompromised truth might be spoken constantly in every situation.

...."Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends".... John 15:13 NASB

JANUARY 12TH

* Serving God is the highest glory and greatest privilege He can bestow on man. God has no intention to persuade, to beg, or to seek man's pleasure, for it is a holy honour and blessing of the highest degree for us to humble ourselves to serve Him.

...."God is opposed to the proud [self-reliant], but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.... 1 Peter 5:5b-7 NASB

JANUARY 13TH

* The oneness of the Church and Christ is of such a nature that to persecute the Church is to persecute Christ.

....*"and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He [said,] "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting".... Acts 9:4-5 NASB*

JANUARY 14TH

* No sin offends God more than the sin of idolatry for idolatry stands in the place of worship to God.

....*"Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY." Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day".... 1 Corinthians 10:7-8 NASB*

JANUARY 15TH

* All guidance and revelation we receive in the new dispensation *[after Pentecost]* must come from the indwelling Holy Spirit and not from the outward and dead regulations and laws. For true Christianity is built upon the foundation that Christ dwells in us.

Man has a tendency towards "legalism" because in his own understanding, he is justified if he follows after the "rules and regulations" of the law and thus he does not deem it necessary to bow his knee to the true authority of God and a personal relationship with that authority, who is Christ. One must realize that Christianity is not merely what the Bible has to say, but also what Christ, in us, has to say.

....*"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me".... Galatians 2:20 NASB*

JANUARY 16TH

* Christ does not merely teach us the way to the Father; He is the way. Many conceive of the truth as being the doctrine concerning Christ but it is not a matter of doctrines concerning Him; it

is Himself. Life is bound to express itself in actions, but actions are no substitute for life. Many attempt to put forth tremendous effort in their desire to be "Christ-like" but He is life and the manifestation of that life is spontaneous in the true believer.

...."Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me".... John 14:6 NASB

JANUARY 17TH

* Spiritual "light" is not a matter of intellectual knowledge or discernment and its effect is never to build up the ego of man but rather to lay it low and devastate it by exposing the old nature for what it truly is, the rebellious and prideful nature of Satan himself!

...."Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life".... John 8:12 NASB

JANUARY 18TH

* In order to be those that are vessels of "life" to others, the basic requirement is for us to be one that always receives the working of the Cross. For if we do not have the inner working of the Cross we, in no way, can minister the absolute life [*Love*] of God. We must continually live before the Lord, contacting Him and having fellowship with Him before we can minister life to others. For the administration of life is spontaneous [*divine*] and not man-made.

...."For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you".... 2 Corinthians 4:11-12 NASB

JANUARY 19TH

* The Cross is the source of our spiritual progress. Should we truly be faithful in bearing the Cross at every turn, we would see our "roots" going deeper. Our beauty, as children of God, is in bearing the fruit of the Spirit and even if our "spiritual fruit" has no beauty in the eyes of flesh

and blood we are never discouraged, for we live only unto God and His satisfaction is sufficient for us.

....*"For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ".... Galatians 1:10 NASB*

JANUARY 20TH

* Faith is not to perceive that which can be discerned by the five physical senses, but that which cannot be discerned by them. It is faith which will lead us into the "reality" of Eternity.

....*"we do not become discouraged [utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear]. Though our outer man is [progressively] decaying and wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day after day. For our light, momentary affliction [this slight distress of the passing hour] is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!], Since we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal [brief and fleeting], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting".... 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 The Amplified Translation*

JANUARY 21ST

* It is because of not having a clear vision [*revelation*] of the Cross before them that causes many children of God to become indifferent to the love of God.

....*"But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world".... Galatians 6:14 NASB*

JANUARY 22ND

* The authority to commission men and women to the work of God is not in the hands of men, but solely in the hands of the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit only commissions men to work

as they are ministering to the Lord. God does not want volunteers for His work; He wants "conscripts". Our true goal, as bondservants and handmaidens [*true sons and daughters*] is not ministry to the world, nor to the Church, but ministry to the Lord.

....*"But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the sons of Israel went astray from Me, shall come near to Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me to offer Me the fat and the blood," declares the Lord GOD. "They shall enter My sanctuary; they shall come near to My table to minister to Me and keep My charge".... Ezekiel 44:15-16 NASB*

JANUARY 23RD

* True Christianity is not the removal of weakness, nor is it merely the manifestation of Divine power; it is the manifestation of Divine power in human weakness.

....*"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves".... 2 Corinthians 4:7 NASB*

JANUARY 24TH

* From the beginning man derived his existence from God and it was God's intention that man should be dependent upon Him for the sustaining of his life throughout its entire course.

....*"But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD".... Matthew 4:4 NASB*

JANUARY 25TH

* True Christianity does not require that we investigate the rights and wrongs of alternative courses of action but rather that we test the reaction of the Divine life to any proposed course.

....*"But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.....As for you, the*

anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him".... 1 John 2:20, 27 NASB

JANUARY 26TH

* One of the most serious misconceptions among the children of God is that our actions are governed by "right and wrong". Every one of our actions needs to be based on our inner life, for our pathway is governed by His Life and Will and a strong sense of obedience on our part to carry out that Will as revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. The object of our being on earth is not that we may do "right things", but that we may be vessels of Divine blessing [*Life, Love etc.*] to those who cross our path.

Many things which appear right according to the human standard are wrong in the light of God's absolute standard because they lack His "life". God's way for His children is not made known to us solely by external indications but by internal impressions of the heart. It is peace and joy in the Spirit that indicates the narrow path of perfect obedience.

...."Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it".... Matthew 7:13-14 NASB

...."for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit".... Romans 14:17 NASB

JANUARY 27TH

* Wealth of ministry in the Word of God is always in proportion to the trials through which we have passed. One can only relate and expound effectually that which has been gained through the experience of the Cross.

...."And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you

except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God".... 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 NASB

JANUARY 28TH

* What some people call obedience to the Lord is nothing more than service to Satan!

"obedience" - the seeking after and gaining a "revelation" of God's Will and, THEN, carrying it out to fulfilment from beginning to end [*regardless of how long that may take*] in the unction and power of the Holy Spirit [*Who is the Spirit of Love, the Spirit of Christ etc.*], alone.

...."Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?".... Romans 6:16 NASB

...."Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you [you were not authorized by Me in the secret place of My Father's Presence]; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness'".... Matthew 7:21-23 NASB

*...."Not by might nor by power [*natural strength and understanding*], but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts".... Zechariah 4:6b NASB*

JANUARY 29TH

* True apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors [*shepherds*] and teachers will always be seen to have one desire and one desire alone - and that is the edification of the Body of Christ [*with a view to seeing them enter into the "fullness" of their precious inheritance {Covenant} in Christ*].

.... "And His gifts were [varied; He Himself appointed and gave men to us] some to be apostles [special messengers], some prophets [inspired preachers and expounders], some evangelists preachers of the Gospel, traveling missionaries], some pastors [shepherds of His flock] and teachers. His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints [His consecrated people], [that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body [the church], [That it might develop] until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood [the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection], the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him. So then, we may no longer be children, tossed [like ships] to and fro between chance gusts of teaching and wavering with every changing wind of doctrine, [the prey of] the cunning and cleverness of unscrupulous men, [gamblers engaged] in every shifting form of trickery in inventing errors to mislead" Ephesians 4:11-14 The Amplified Translation

JANUARY 30TH

* It is never a matter of the children of God having to "earn" the blessings which the Heavenly Father desires to bestow upon them by their own efforts. It is a matter of them being in the proper position to "allow" those blessings to rest upon them - and it is perfect obedience to the Word of God and the voice of the Holy Spirit alone that will bring them forth into the fullness of the rich inheritance that is theirs in Christ Jesus.

.... "If you listen diligently to the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments which I command you this day, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you heed the voice of the Lord your God. Blessed shall you be in the city and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body and the fruit of your ground..... Blessed shall you be when you come in and blessed shall you be when you go out. The Lord shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. The Lord shall command the blessing upon you in your storehouse and in all that you undertake. And He will bless you in the land [the Kingdom] which the Lord your God gives you. The Lord will establish you as a people holy to Himself, as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways. And all

people of the earth shall see that you are called by the name [and in the presence of] the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. And the Lord shall make you have a surplus of prosperity.... in the land [Kingdom] which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you. The Lord shall open to you His good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands..... And the Lord shall make you the head, and not the tail; and you shall be above only, and you shall not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you this day and are watchful to do them. And you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them".... Deuteronomy 28:1-14 The Amplified Translation

JANUARY 31ST

* Diligent prayer speaks of our desire for fellowship with God; while fasting illustrates our denial of self and a deep desire to guard our hearts with all diligence. Fasting signifies the denial of a God-given right in order to fulfil the purposes of God above all else.

...."Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites [do,] for they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed by men when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. "But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face so that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees [what is done] in secret will reward you".... Matthew 6:16-18 NASB

FEBRUARY 1ST

* If one's love is pure then it will not matter how many times it is abused by flesh and blood. For it will always spring forth even in the face of the most vile persecution, constant and never changing in its desire to bless all with His presence.

...."Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited [arrogant and inflated with pride]; it is not rude [unmannerly] and does not act unbecomingly. Love [God's love in us] does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no

attention to a suffered wrong]. It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]".... 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a The Amplified Translation

FEBRUARY 2ND

* Two believers together walking outside the anointing [*a revelation of the Father's Will*] equal "strife" [*division*] going somewhere to happen.

...."Can two walk together, except they be agreed [have a revelation of God's Will and act in obedience upon it]?".... Amos 3:3 KJV

FEBRUARY 3RD

* The "thoughts" [*fear-filled lies*] Satan attempts to place in the minds of believers are ALWAYS deceptive in their nature and are geared to hide the true intention of their source: which is to kill, to steal from, and to destroy the believer!

...."The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]".... John 10:10 The Amplified Translation

FEBRUARY 4TH

* The only way for one's "emotional" needs to be truly met is for them to have their "spiritual" needs met first through the "revealed" knowledge of God's Word.

...."Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, [which is] your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect".... Romans 12:1-2

NASB

FEBRUARY 5TH

* The prerequisite to having an understanding heart is to maintain a sensitive heart before the Lord.

....*"Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life"....*
Proverbs 4:23 NASB

FEBRUARY 6TH

* We should NEVER seek our "own" vindication, for our God vindicates His "own".

....*"The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens [Me] morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple. The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not disobedient Nor did I turn back. I gave My back to those who strike [Me,] And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting. For the Lord GOD helps Me, Therefore, I am not disgraced; Therefore, I have set My face like flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. He who vindicates Me is near; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up to each other; Who has a case against Me? Let him draw near to Me"....* Isaiah 50:4-8 NASB

FEBRUARY 7TH

* Victory does not rely on "feeling", but on the *[revealed]* Word of God.

....*"for we walk by faith [love], not by sight"....* 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB

....*"Since we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting"....* 2 Corinthians 4:18 The Amplified Translation

FEBRUARY 8TH

* To the degree that the children of God rely on the Word of God it is to that degree that they are "in Christ" *[experientially]*. Therefore the continual exercising of faith, moment by moment, day by day, will ensure in the believer's life their appropriation of the "fullness" of their salvation *[Covenant]*.

.... "But by His *[the Father's]* doing you are IN Christ Jesus, Who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption" 1 Corinthians 1:30 NASB

.... "So then faith *[cometh]* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" Romans 10:17 NASB

FEBRUARY 9TH

* "Real" *[genuine]* faith is the product of a deep and clear revelation of "abiding" in Christ.

.... "Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. *[Live in Me, and I will live in you.]* Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me. I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me *[cut off from vital union with Me]* you can do nothing *[for the furtherance of the Kingdom]*" John 15:4-5 The Amplified Translation

FEBRUARY 10TH

* Those in the five-old ministry must NEVER allow the "natural" to influence them in any way, but in meeting the needs of the people they must proceed on in a faith *[love and discernment]* which is based only on the Word of God - which indeed cannot be seen or discerned by the five physical senses.

.... "let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the

author and perfecter of faith".... Hebrews 12:1-2 NASB

FEBRUARY 11TH

* The prerequisite to being a pure and mighty vessel of the revelation of God's Love is the deep heart desire to speak the uncompromised truth at ALL times.

...."but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all [aspects] into Him who is the head, [even] Christ".... Ephesians 4:15 NASB

FEBRUARY 12TH

* If one does not know *[experientially through revelation]* Who Love is then how would they ever know if they were being loved or not.

...."We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him".... 1 John 4:16 NASB

FEBRUARY 13TH

* Feelings of unworthiness and insecurity before God are a product of believing a lie. For if one is not believing the truth in real faith, then they are exercising "natural" faith in the reciprocal lie of the Evil One.

...."Therefore if anyone is in Christ, [he is] a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come".... 2 Corinthians 5:17 NASB

FEBRUARY 14TH

* In order to walk in the fullness of excellence of ministry, our words must be in accordance with the Will and purposes of God at all times.

...."Let no unwholesome [unrighteously motivated] word proceed from your mouth, but

only such [a word] as is good for edification according to the need [of the moment,] so that it will give [impart] grace to those who hear".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB

FEBRUARY 15TH

* All traditions and false doctrines were instituted by Satan through his schemes, in order to keep men in a place of subjection to himself. Through his schemes and the institution of tradition in the Church, he deceived men into believing that they had an outlet through "good" works to ease their guilty conscience.

As one looks closely at the various traditions and false doctrines which infest the Church they will see clearly the hand of Satan upon them - but it is certain that through the illuminating power of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that ALL tradition and corrupt doctrine will be exposed to their very root in this final hour.

.... "So for the sake of your tradition [the rules handed down by your forefathers], you have set aside the Word of God [depriving it of force and authority and making it of no effect]. You pretenders [hypocrites]! Admirably and truly did Isaiah prophesy of you when he said: 'These people draw near Me with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts hold off and are far away from Me. Uselessly do they worship Me, for they teach as doctrines the commands of men. [Isa. 29:13.]'. And Jesus called the people to Him and said to them, 'Listen and grasp and comprehend this: It is not what goes into the mouth of a man that makes him unclean and defiled, but what comes out of the mouth; this makes a man unclean and defiles [him]'. Then the disciples came and said to Him, 'Do You know that the Pharisees were displeased and offended and indignant when they heard this saying?' He answered, 'Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be torn up by the roots. [Isa. 60:21.] Let them alone and disregard them; they are blind guides and teachers. And if a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a ditch'".... Matthew 15:6-14 The Amplified Translation

FEBRUARY 16TH

* It is the failure to obey God which hinders the reception of God's light into the heart of the child of God.

....*"The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple"....*
Psalms 119:130 NASB

FEBRUARY 17TH

* A person who loves the Lord their God with their whole heart, and has also a deep revelation of God's integrity, will carry out all the Will of God - and will do it at once!

....*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind"....* Luke 10:27 NASB

FEBRUARY 18TH

* Worship is not the product of mental exercise, it is begotten by continually beholding the ways of God. To be a true worshipper is to offer praise and thanksgiving to Him for everything that we meet on the path our Heavenly Father has chosen for us.

....*"in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"....* 1
Thessalonians 5:18 NASB

FEBRUARY 19TH

* It requires "revelation" to produce consecration. For NO one on their own initiative and by their own good intentions can present themselves "wholly" to God. Once one truly has the Lord Jesus Christ revealed to their heart they will no longer live to serve themselves.

....*"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me"....* Galatians 2:20 NASB

FEBRUARY 20TH

* The Cross is the central and most important work of God, and it still remains God's means

to His end. For His means is the Cross and its deep work in the life of every child of God while God's end is found in the Body of Christ. If we have a burning revelation of the Cross in our hearts we will SURELY have a clear revelation of the Body of Christ.

One's own ability and natural power have nothing whatsoever to do with the Body of Christ and must be put aside by the constant renewal of their mind to the mind of Christ. For the whole of the Body must respond ONLY to the movement of its Head.

...."Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. [Live in Me, and I will live in you.] Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me. I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing"....John 15:4-5 The Amplified Translation

...."For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart [Isa. 40:13]".... 1 Corinthians 2:16 The Amplified Translation

FEBRUARY 21ST

* There is no need for the believer to make a direct hit against the world system, for we are not dealing with flesh and blood. We must both receive and operate in the revealed knowledge that we have been given authority over all the power of Satan and as we diligently pursue him until he is consumed - through prayer and obedience - those things which were a concern in the physical realm will surely change.

...."For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly [supernatural] sphere".... Ephesians 6:12 The Amplified Translation

...."The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil".... 1 John

FEBRUARY 22ND

* Without being "in Christ" we can not be a "living" testimony We must have the "revealed" Word of God working in us and through us as we enter into the experience of abiding THEN the life and Will of God become our life and will. This is "true' testimony. In other words, without our entering fully into the death of Christ we will have no experience of His resurrection life - and, thus, there can be no true ministry of God's Word.

...."And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God".... 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 NASB

...."For we are not, like so many, [like hucksters making a trade of] peddling God's Word [shortchanging and adulterating the divine message]; but like [men] of sincerity and the purest motive, as [commissioned and sent] by God, we speak [His message] in Christ (the Messiah), in the [very] sight and presence of God".... 2 Corinthians 2:17 The Amplified Translation

FEBRUARY 23RD

* In leading the people of God into the fullness of their inheritance in Christ Jesus there must be some who are willing to stand on the ground of death if others are to be brought into the fullness of life. Nothing less than real death to us will bring people to the other side. Bearing the true testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ will cost those who are called as delegated authorities nothing short of their entire self-life.

...."For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you".... 2 Corinthians 4:11-12 NASB

FEBRUARY 24TH

* Without the deep heart desire to obey the Word of God the path to revealed knowledge is blocked. As the child of God brings their every thought captive to the Word of God and the obedience of Christ then the path to revealed knowledge is opened wide. For obedience is the catalyst of light.

.... *"We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the [true] knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ [a revelation of the Father's Will]".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB*

FEBRUARY 25TH

* True courage is the product of real faith and true humility. Doubt feeds on ignorance; the cure is the [revealed] knowledge of the truth. Unbelief feeds on hardness of heart and disobedience; the cure for unbelief is to make a quality decision to know the truth and when the light [revelation] comes to be obedient to that truth.

.... *"My people are destroyed for lack of [revelation] knowledge".... Hosea 4:6 NASB*

.... *"Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness".... Luke 11:35 KJV*

.... *"So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest], because of their unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God [unbelief had shut them out]".... [Num. 14:1-35]".... Hebrews 3:19 The Amplified Translation*

FEBRUARY 26TH

* One important reason why the child of God has to rid themselves of the fear of what other people think, is that they will be greatly hindered in their attacking of spiritual foes if they place any importance at all upon what "flesh and blood" thinks.

Therefore as one puts aside the fear of men and what they think, they are then able to

tackle demonic influence - whether it be during times of intercession and prayer alone by themselves or whether they stand face to face with the people who are being strongly influenced by the demons.

...."Fear not, for you will not be put to shame; And do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced".... Isaiah 54:4 NASB

FEBRUARY 27TH

* The key to overcoming in all things is, through diligence, to reach the place wherein your mind is renewed to the point where you are able to appropriate fully *[through a steadfast faith]* the authority which you have been given in Christ.

...."and this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith".... 1 John 5:2-4 NASB

FEBRUARY 28TH

* When parents do not exercise a giving *[loving]* heart in their dealings with their children it causes those children to fear and mistrust authority, which in turn will cause them to be hesitant to approach their parents openly. The exercising of selfishness by a parent will always give their children the impression that they are not loved.

Parents should NOT be teaching their children to depend on themselves. Parents, by their own dependence upon God for ALL things, should be a living example to them, always teaching their children to depend on and trust in God.

Parenting is not a matter of bringing the child to the place wherein they will be able to fend for themselves by their own means, but rather a bringing of the child to the place wherein Jesus is Lord of all and the Holy Spirit is given His rightful place in their heart.

...."Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the LORD your God has commanded [me] to teach you, that you might do [them] in the land where you are going over to possess it, so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the LORD your

God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. "O Israel, you should listen and be careful to do [it,] that it may be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, [in] a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. "You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates".... Deuteronomy 6:1-9 NASB

FEBRUARY 29TH

* The secret of victory is never looking at ourselves outside of Christ.

...."let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith".... Hebrews 12:1-2 NASB

MARCH 1ST

* Perfect obedience to the Word of God is the key to the working of all the spiritual principles found therein.

"perfect obedience" - the seeking after and gaining a "revelation" of God's Will and, THEN, carrying it out to fulfilment from beginning to end [*regardless of how long that may take*] in the unction and power of the Holy Spirit [*Who is the Spirit of Love, the Spirit of Christ etc.*], alone.

...."All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work".... 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NASB

MARCH 2ND

* The key to "maintaining" righteous judgement [*discernment*] in all areas of the ministry is for one to be willing at all times to do all the Will of God.

...."I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord - but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]. Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision], and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek or consult My own will [I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose] but only the will and pleasure of the Father Who sent Me".... John 5:30

MARCH 3RD

* "Absolute Victory" is victory that does not have even the "appearance" [*to the faith-filled heart*] of defeat.

...."Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us".... Romans 8:36-37 NASB

MARCH 4TH

* Those who would be ministers of God must develop the attitude of intolerance toward all influences, both inward and outward, which are apart from the revealed Will of God - and, therefore, outside the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. They must remain constantly in the secret place of His Presence and therein develop the sensitivity of heart toward Him which comes only through fellowship with Him. Then and only then will they be entrusted with the authority to minister His Holy Word to others in the power of His anointing.

...."[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death".... Romans 8:1-2 KJV

MARCH 5TH

* The moment we seek to please God by the strength of our "own" understanding, we are placing ourselves under the law, a realm where Grace does not operate. Grace implies that God does or has done something for us: law implies that we do something for God.

.... *"Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may be well with you".... Jeremiah 7:23 NASB*

.... *"Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths".... Proverbs 3:5-6 The Amplified Translation*

MARCH 6TH

* If one relies on their senses to discover the truth they will find the lies of Satan true to their experience, but if they refuse to believe anything that contradicts the Word of God and stand by faith on that Word alone, they will find that the lies of the Evil One will vanish and they will be led into the "experience" of the truth - that is, the truth "revealed" by the Holy Spirit to their spirit.

.... *"If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. And you will know [gain a revelation of] the Truth, and [that revelation of] the Truth will set you free".... John 8:31-32 The Amplified Translation*

MARCH 7TH

* Spiritual progress is the increase in us of the life of God. When something that has come between us and God is cast aside, there is always spiritual growth.

.... *"THEREFORE THEN, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who have borne testimony to the Truth], let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance*

(unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings to and entangles us, and let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us, Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God [Ps. 110:1.]".... Hebrews 12:1-2 The Amplified Translation

MARCH 8TH

* What is "in Christ" cannot sin; what is "in Adam" can sin and always will. Not only have our sins been dealt with by Christ's death, but our flesh has been crucified with Him. It is indeed possible to be a Christian without seeing this fact, but it is only possible to be a very miserable Christian!

...."I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me".... Galatians 2:20 NASB

MARCH 9TH

* If our heart is open to God, the Holy Spirit will be enabled to carry out the work of the Cross in us. Our old nature was crucified on the cross with Jesus, but the execution of that work by the Holy Spirit day by day depends on the degree of inclination of our heart towards God and His Word.

...."But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves".... 2 Corinthians 4:7 NASB

MARCH 10TH

* "Allowing" ourselves to be disturbed within deprives us of the strength and wisdom that we need to have in dealing with "outward" events and circumstances.

.... "For our light, momentary affliction [this slight distress of the passing hour] is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!], Since we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal [brief and fleeting], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting".... 2
Corinthians 4:17-18 The Amplified Translation

.... "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. **Be anxious for nothing**, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"....
Philippians 4:4-7 NASB

MARCH 11TH

* As one confesses boldly the name of the Lord in every circumstance they find themselves, it puts into motion those aspects of the Covenant that bring about their perfect protection and continual victory through the power of God - and NO weapon formed against them will EVER prosper.

.... "No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn [both convict and show to be in the wrong through your continued love and obedience]. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and **their vindication is from Me**," declares the LORD".... Isaiah 54:17 NASB

.... "the righteous are bold as a lion".... Proverbs 28:1b NASB

MARCH 12TH

* All traditions, all doctrines and all actions that are based on a thought that has proceeded forth out of the "old nature" must be eradicated from the Church. For all "Her" thoughts and words must proceed forth from the mind of Christ for Her to become the spotless and

unblemished Bride.

...."Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, that He might present the church to Himself in glorious splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such things [that she might be holy and faultless]".... Ephesians 5:25-27 The Amplified Translation

...."For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart [Isa. 40:13]".... 1

MARCH 13TH

* When one fixes their eyes only on the temporal realm one can only discern those things which have already happened; but by keeping their eyes fixed on Jesus and by listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit, they will be enabled to discern all things. Therefore it is diligent prayer and meditation in the Word of God which will stop Satan's evil schemes even before they start.

...."so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes".... 2 Corinthians 2:11 NASB

...."This Book of the Law [the Word of God] shall not depart [stop being in your heart and spoken] out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to ALL that is written in it. For THEN you shall make your way prosperous, and THEN you shall deal wisely and have good success".... Joshua 1:8 The Amplified Translation

MARCH 14TH

* Many children of God place only those portions of God's Word before their eyes which they believe will cause His blessings to flow to them, and from the start their heart-motivation is wrong because it is based in selfishness. Therefore the light of God cannot enter into their hearts. It is only from a pure heart that the believer is able to receive a revelation of God's Word, for what fellowship has light with darkness and what fellowship has truth with rebelliousness.

.... "Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers [do not make mismatched alliances with them or come under a different yoke with them, inconsistent with your faith]. For what partnership have right living and right standing with God with iniquity and lawlessness? Or how can light have fellowship with darkness? What harmony can there be between Christ and Belial [the devil]? Or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? What agreement [can there be between] a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in and with and among them and will walk in and with and among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. [Exod. 25:8; 29:45; Lev. 26:12; Jer. 31:1; Ezek. 37:27.] So, come out from among [unbelievers], and separate [sever] yourselves from them, says the Lord, and touch not [any] unclean thing; then I will receive you kindly and treat you with favor, [Isa. 52:11.] And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty. [Isa. 43:6; Hos. 1:10.] THEREFORE, SINCE these [great] promises are ours, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates and defiles body and spirit, and bring [our] consecration to completeness in the [reverential] fear of God".... 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 The Amplified

MARCH 15TH

* It is a foolish thing for the children of God to fear what other people think; because unless those people who are attempting to discern their actions are filled with the Holy Spirit and seeking the Will and the Wisdom of God then it will not be possible for them to understand. Therefore one can see clearly that it is only the compromising of God's Word by the one who fears what others think, which will cause those attempting to judge them falsely to drag them down to the level of their wickedness. This is why every child of God must persevere without compromise in all things, knowing that all their vindication is from God.

.... "But the natural, nonspiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly [meaningless nonsense] to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned and estimated and appreciated. But the spiritual man tries all things [he examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern

or appraise or get an insight into him]".... 1 Corinthians 2:14-15 The Amplified Translation

MARCH 16TH

* Love takes no offense because love understands all things.

....*"Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails".... 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a NASB*

MARCH 17TH

* God has called His children to subject themselves to Him alone and it is to Him that they are accountable. God does not desire a "fixed organization" amongst His people; He desires for them to live moment by moment, empowered by the Holy Spirit in all things, thus allowing His life to flow spontaneously from their spirits to all who cross their path.

....*"For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you".... 2 Corinthians 4:11-12 NASB*

MARCH 18TH

* It is only total subjection [*submission*] to the Word of God that will produce the freedom from fear in the believer that will allow them to speak the truth in Love at all times. It is only a full and complete consecration in obedience to the voice of the Holy Spirit that will bring the children of God to the place wherein they will minister the Word of God above fear at all times.

....*"There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full-grown [complete, perfect] love turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror!".... 1 John 4:18a The Amplified Translation*

MARCH 19TH

* It is the failure of God's children to seek an absolute revelation of His Word [*Will*] that causes them to be caught in a position [*the world*] wherein the Evil One might freely deceive them. If one is not seeking continually the deepest revelations of God's Word they will be found seeking for themselves - and for their own selfish desires apart from God.

....*"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened".... Matthew 7:7-8 NASB*

MARCH 20TH

* Spending considerable time fellowshipping in the Presence of God [*in obedience to the Holy Spirit*] is not an "escape", it is a necessity for those who would walk in the fullness of His authority.

....*"Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you".... Luke 10:19 NASB*

....*"Jesus approached and, breaking the silence, said to them, all authority [all power of rule] in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you all the days [perpetually, uniformly, and on every occasion], to the [very] close and consummation of the age. Amen [so let it be]".... Matthew 28:18-20 The Amplified Translation*

MARCH 21ST

* "Partial obedience" is not something a child of God ought to attempt - for, in doing so, they deny God's Love and they deny His Nature. Our God is an absolute God and it is ONLY as we view His Word and His commandments as absolute that we will "allow" ourselves to be lifted up to our true and proper position in Christ.

.... "But by His [the Father's] doing you are IN Christ Jesus, Who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption".... 1 Corinthians 1:30 NASB

MARCH 22ND

* In every circumstance and situation it is not so much the physical outcome that is important, but rather having the knowledge in your heart that you have been obedient to God in all things - as you stand in faith for the physical manifestation of His Will in the earth.

.... "So Jesus answered them by saying, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the Son is able to do nothing of Himself [of His own accord]; but He is able to do only what He sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does is what the Son does in the same way [in His turn]. The Father dearly loves the Son and discloses to [shows] Him everything that He Himself does".... John 5:19-20 The Amplified Translation

.... "Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is [already done] in heaven".... Matthew 6:10 NASB

MARCH 23RD

* Attempting to reach the children of God at "their" own level will keep them at that level because if the messengers of God depart from the unction of the anointing, which abides within them as they speak, they will compromise the Word of God and to the degree that they attempt to reach people on their own level of understanding, they themselves, will have to "descend" from their Heavenly position in Christ.

.... "And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God".... 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 NASB

MARCH 24TH

* There is no such thing as "short notice" to the Christian. God has only one Will and they are either prepared to do that Will or they will do what they desire to do.

...."If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you".... John 15:7 The Amplified Translation

MARCH 25TH

* Regardless of the so-called "struggles" of God's people as they toil in His Will and in His Name, there is always a deep satisfaction which fills and strengthens those who walk continually in faith and obedience.

...."Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord [words and acts of Love], knowing that your toil [obedience] is not in vain in the Lord".... 1 Corinthians 15:58 NASB

MARCH 26TH

* As each child of God has, as their only heart-motivation, the desire to see the Will of God done in all things, they will surely operate in a great degree of harmony and they will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to accomplish all things. For these things to come to pass in the lives of God's children, all "preconceived notions" and "opinions", which are a product of the old nature, must be cast aside.

...."Can two walk together, except they be agreed [have a revelation of God's Will and act in obedience upon it]?".... Amos 3:3 KJV

MARCH 27TH

* Those who abide in Christ need not be concerned with any darkness they encounter in the

hearts and minds of those who cross their path, for the light of God within them and upon them will always transcend and remove that darkness.

.... "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising".... Isaiah 60:1-3 NASB

MARCH 28TH

* It is through the revealed knowledge of His Will that the Heavenly Father is able to cause His children to come to the place wherein they are willing to do all of His Will. Therefore as the children of God open their hearts to receive the Word in "His" fullness THEN their hearts will become conformed in every way to the accomplishing of God's Will. From this, the believer can see clearly the need for them to remain close to the Word of God; for in doing so His light will replace their darkness and His faith will replace their fear.

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

MARCH 29TH

* It is those who love the Wisdom of God who will have His power manifested greatly in their lives. For in loving His Wisdom above all else they will transcend the darkness of this evil world and once having truly seen and known the Wisdom which created this universe, that Wisdom shall indeed be the only thing which will satisfy their heart.

As believers begin to consecrate themselves unto God, His knowledge and Wisdom shall flow into the earth as never before and "true" authority shall be established throughout the earth - pushing aside the darkened wisdom and knowledge of Satan. It shall not take long for the Glory of God to fill the earth once the peoples of the nations begin to realize that the life they need is found only in the Word of God.

....*"The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]".... John 10:10 The Amplified Translation*

MARCH 30TH

* The closer one is to the Truth, the less words they will have to use "to paint the picture" in the spirits of those they minister to. For it is in total reliance upon the anointing which abides within them that will cause a work of great magnitude to be accomplished in the hearts and minds of those they minister to. It is not the words themselves which contain God's power, but rather those words united with the faith of those who speak them which cause the anointing to be released.

....*"And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God".... 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 NASB*

MARCH 31ST

* When one appears to come up short because of the disobedience of a brother or sister, they should never complain or grumble about the fact that they were injured in some way; but rather they should be quick to say in their hearts "what can I learn from this lesson that I might not fall into the same snare" [*"There, but for the Grace of God, go I"*].

....*"Do all things without grumbling and faultfinding and complaining [against God] and questioning and doubting [among yourselves]".... Philippians 2:14 The Amplified Translation*

APRIL 1ST

* The power of God is found in the "Cross". Therefore to the degree that one will depend on

the Word of God will determine the amount of God's power which is manifested in their life. The principle of the Cross is absolute dependence *[trust]* upon God and His Word - for all things at all times.

...."For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God".... 1 Corinthians 1:18 NASB

APRIL 2ND

* As one believes that the words they speak shall come to pass, they shall surely come to pass at a continually accelerated pace in this final hour.

...."Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be [granted] him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe [based on the finished work of the Cross, the Word of God and the Blood Covenant] that you have [already] received them, and they will be [granted] you".... Mark 11:23-24 NASB

APRIL 3RD

* The desires of God's children shall either be satisfied by Him in the scorched places or they will be "scorched" by Him in "their" satisfied places.

...."And the LORD will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places, and give strength to your bones; And you will be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail".... Isaiah 58:11 NASB

APRIL 4TH

* It is one thing to be "intense" in the doing of God's Will and another to be "tense". The latter has its root in fear while the former initiates from the love of God - which has been shed abroad in the hearts of those who truly love Him.

As the child of God comes to the place where they have truly given all to Him, they will fully experience the "rest" that has been provided for them in Christ and even though they continue on in His Will with a supernatural intensity, it will be the love and peace of God that will be seen upon them at all times. Intensity and *[a holy]* intolerance of anything that is apart from God are inextricably linked in our true service to God.

"If because of the sabbath [rest], you turn your foot from doing your OWN pleasure on My holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and honor it, desisting from your OWN ways, from seeking your OWN pleasure and speaking your OWN word, THEN you will take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth [Ephesians 2:6]".... Isaiah 58:13-14a NASB

...."Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither [can] you unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing".... John 15:4-5 NASB

APRIL 5TH

* It is not the unbelief in others which causes the children of God to be worn down spiritually. It is the unbelief which is "allowed" to remain within themselves which causes their spiritual eyes to dim and their spiritual ears to cease hearing - thus impairing seriously their ability to judge righteously in all things.

...."Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment [by revelation]".... John 7:24 NASB

APRIL 6TH

* If one has *[maintains]* a fear of offending people then compromise will set into their walk and, in seeking to please flesh and blood first and foremost, they will surely be found to be displeasing God.

.... "For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ".... Galatians 1:10 NASB

APRIL 7TH

* It is the Word of God - and the "revealed" knowledge of that Word alone - that is the only standard by which the child of God can set themselves in this last hour if they choose not to "perish" [*lit. become uncovered - in this case, step out from under their Covenant protection, through unbelief*] in some way at the hands of the "Evil One".

.... "So everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts upon them [obeying them] will be like a sensible (prudent, practical, wise) man who built his house upon the rock. And the rain fell and the floods came and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a stupid [foolish] man who built his house upon the sand. And the rain fell and the floods came and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell - and great and complete was the fall of it".... Matthew 7:24-27 The Amplified Translation

APRIL 8TH

* To the degree that one's heart motivations are away from the thoughts and intentions of God's heart - that is, the building up of His Church and the establishment of His Kingdom in the earth, it is to that degree that they cut themselves out of [*hinder*] the blessings which He has ALREADY provided for them in Christ.

.... "For we are God's [own] handiwork [His workmanship], recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined [planned beforehand] for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]"....

APRIL 9TH

* By remaining outside the "world system" the children of God shall avoid the many snares

of the Evil One that he has set for them. As they trust solely in God, He will make them such a great sign and wonder that it will cause the multitudes to conform to God's ways, for they shall see their success and their abundance in all things. God has a way of doing things and Satan has a way of doing things, but there is only one way to life and success.

....*"No weapon that is formed against you will prosper;".... Isaiah 54:17 NASB*

....*"Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater [mightier] than he who is in the world".... 1 John 4:4 The Amplified Translation*

APRIL 10TH

* If God's children truly desire to "extol" Him, they will obey His every command.

"extol" - praise highly; laud;

....*"You are my God, and I give thanks to You; [You are] my God, I extol You".... Psalm 118:28 NASB*

APRIL 11TH

* One cannot discern the affairs of God's heart by their five physical senses.

....*"For we walk by faith [revelation], not by sight".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB*

APRIL 12TH

* To have fellowship with someone or something means that, in their deepest heart of hearts, there is some form of "agreement" with the thing or person they desire to fellowship with.

....*"do you not know that friendship [heart-fellowship] with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes [desires] to be a friend of the world [ultimately] makes himself*

an enemy of God".... James 4:4 NASB

.... "Can two walk together [in true fellowship], except they be agreed [have a revelation of God's Will and act in obedience upon it]?".... Amos 3:3 KJV

APRIL 13TH

* Bondage to "time and space" will cause the child of God to feel that their prayers are ineffective unless they can perceive results with their five physical senses. "Fervent, effectual prayer" transcends all time and space; for it is the power resting on the words that are spoken which will cause the physical manifestation to come, and this has absolutely nothing to do with time and space, but rather only faith in the Word of God and the fact that He is watching over His Word to perform it.

.... "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man/woman availeth much".... James 5:16b KJV

.... "Then the LORD said to me, 'You have seen well, for I am watching over My word [Will] to perform it'".... Jeremiah 1:12 NASB

APRIL 14TH

* If a child of God does not love God with all of their heart neither will they be able to love their brothers and sisters in Christ with their whole heart.

.... "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind".... Luke 10:27 NASB

APRIL 15TH

* The seeds of wickedness that have been planted and watered by faith in the traditions and doctrines of men through the centuries have now come to fruition, and all who have placed in their hearts these seeds of wickedness and rebellion and have nurtured them and guarded them,

shall surely reap the fullness of what they have sown. Just as the seeds of wickedness have reached their time of harvest, so too have the seeds of love and faith and light [revelation] which are planted deep in the hearts of those who truly love God.

....*"The Son of Man will send forth His angels [messengers], and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. THEN the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear".... Matthew 13:41-43 NASB*

APRIL 16TH

* It is essential that God's "overcomers" walk above and beyond time and space in all things. For their success in the earth depends upon it.

....*"we do not become discouraged [utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear]. Though our outer man is [progressively] decaying and wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day after day. For our light, momentary affliction [this slight distress of the passing hour] is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!], Since we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal [brief and fleeting], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting".... 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 The Amplified Translation*

APRIL 17TH

* If the Word of God says "be anxious for nothing" then we have nothing to be anxious for and if the Word of God says, "have no fear", then we have nothing to fear!

....*"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which*

*surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"....
Philippians 4:4-7 NASB*

APRIL 18TH

* The deeper the revelation of Heaven and the heavenly vision that the child of God has, the easier it is for them to put away the things of the temporal realm. For in having knowledge of the ages to come, this present age will diminish in its importance in every way - allowing them to carry out their "assignments" unhindered by the "things which are seen".

...."we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal [brief and fleeting], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting".... 2 Corinthians 4:18 The Amplified Translation

APRIL 19TH

* The reason why the discipline of God "seems" not to be joyful in the lives of His children is because within many of them there still remains a tendency to view all things through the eyes of the flesh; but as God's children diligently pursue holiness and separate themselves from the world, and are thus transformed by the renewing of their minds, this same discipline is found by them to be for their greatest good - that they might become partakers of His Nature.

...."All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness".... Hebrews 12:11 NASB

APRIL 20TH

* It is as the children of God forsake the foolish misconceptions of man and truly place all of their dependence upon His Word, that His Love will be shed abroad in their hearts to a continually greater degree and, because of these things, they will clearly see and understand the

deepest thoughts and intentions of His heart.

...."and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us".... Romans 5:5 NASB

APRIL 21ST

* Without the revelation that every action that the Father takes in disciplining His children is for their greatest "eternal" benefit, they will not let go of the *[soulish]* ties which bind them and, in not believing that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him, they will not diligently seek Him and draw near to His Word - and, thus, the work which He desires to do in their heart will be greatly hindered. It is those who set themselves in the position of "abiding" *[dwelling]* in His Word, who will allow the Holy Spirit to do the "deepest" work of the Cross in them on a continual basis.

...."And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him".... Hebrews 11:6 NASB

APRIL 22ND

* One must be willing and obedient to resist Satan in every thing and every moment of their lives if they desire to be a delegated authority and true servant of God's children. If one is not willing to resist Satan at all times, and in all things, then at some point they will yield and succumb to his wiles because of a desire to satisfy themselves rather than please God. The one determined to stand fast in the Lord at all times, and therefore empowered by the Holy Spirit, will bring down the strongholds of Satan - without fail!

...."Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you".... James 4:7 NASB

APRIL 23RD

* The major aim and goal of the five-fold ministry is to bring the children of God to the

place wherein they have both peace and rest from all their enemies *[any manifestation of the law of sin and death]* through the exercising of "their" faith in the Word of God *[the fullness of their Covenant, in Christ]*.

...."And His gifts were *[varied; He Himself appointed and gave men to us]* some to be apostles *(special messengers)*, some prophets *(inspired preachers and expounders)*, some evangelists *(preachers of the Gospel, traveling missionaries)*, some pastors *(shepherds of His flock)* and teachers. His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints *(His consecrated people)*, *[that they should do]* the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body *(the church)*, *[That it might develop]* until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the *[full and accurate]* knowledge of the Son of God, that *[we might arrive]* at really mature manhood *(the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection)*, the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him. So then, we may no longer be children, tossed *[like ships]* to and fro between chance gusts of teaching and wavering with every changing wind of doctrine, *[the prey of]* the cunning and cleverness of unscrupulous men, *[gamblers engaged]* in every shifting form of trickery in inventing errors to mislead. Rather, let our lives lovingly express truth *[in all things, speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly]*. Enfolded in love, let us grow up in every way and in all things into Him Who is the Head, *[even]* Christ *(the Messiah, the Anointed One)*. For because of Him the whole body *(the church, in all its various parts)*, closely joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, when each part *[with power adapted to its need]* is working properly *[in all its functions]*, grows to full maturity, building itself up in love".... Ephesians 4:11-16 The Amplified Translation

APRIL 24TH

* Children love the discipline and reproof which proceeds forth from the Holy Spirit *[Who is the Spirit of Love]*. Therefore, as parents walk in and depend upon the anointing that abides within them, their children will grow in Wisdom and in Truth - and they will have no "fear of anything".

It is a critical spirit that hardens the hearts of little children - and it is certain that all that is "critical" in nature issues forth from a heart that is filled with selfishness *[pride and fear]*.

Therefore, it is only as parents "abide" *[make their "home"]* in the Word of God *[and, thus, that Word abides in them]* that the love of God which is continually shed abroad in their hearts will be poured forth upon their children.

It is of key importance that no "unwholesome" Word proceed forth from the mouths of parents, but only such a word as is good for the edification of the child, that the family might be continually built up in Love. Most certainly, there is a direct correlation between the "Body of Christ" and the family - for the principles that cause both to flourish in the earth are identical.

...."Let no unwholesome [unrighteously motivated] word proceed from your mouth, but only such [a word] as is good for edification according to the need [of the moment,] so that it will give [impart] grace to those who hear".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB

APRIL 25TH

* Those who live in fear have a preoccupation with death *[darkness]*. Those who abide in Love have a preoccupation with life *[divine revelation]*.

...."For every wrongdoer hates [loathes, detests] the Light, and will not come out into the Light but shrinks from it, lest his works [his deeds, his activities, his conduct] be exposed and reproved. But he who practices truth [who does what is right] comes out into the Light; so that his works may be plainly shown to be what they are - wrought with God [divinely prompted, done with God's help, in dependence upon Him]".... John 3:20-21 The Amplified Translation

APRIL 26TH

* The doorway, through which the blessings of God are fully received, is found in the place of an "abiding" *[absolute]* faith and trust in Him.

...."Be still, [in a certain and steadfast trust] and know that I [am] God".... Psalms 46:10 NASB

...."Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not

rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths".... Proverbs 3:5-6 The Amplified Translation

APRIL 27TH

* God is not slow about His promises as some count slowness. Because it is God's Will and desire that not "one soul should perish" He will continue to exercise His faith and love through His interceding children until such a time as all things are conformed to His Will.

Those who hold fast to the world's concept of time in the receiving of God's blessings still retain selfishness as their root motivation - and, thus, the very thing they desire to receive from God must be withheld until such a time as their heart comes into perfect accord with the thoughts and intentions of His heart.

...."The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance".... 2 Peter 3:9 NASB

APRIL 28TH

* Many in their attempt to separate God's Grace from His Word have slipped deeply into sin and darkness, vainly believing that their sin and rebellion are somehow overlooked because God is such a "loving" God. But, in their desire to remain in their sin and fulfil their own selfish desires, they have separated themselves from the only provision God has made for them to be without sin and blameless in His sight: the Word of God, Jesus Christ.

...."It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God".... Hebrews 10:31 NASB

...."Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God".... Romans 5:1-2 KJV

APRIL 29TH

* The amount which one eats has a direct affect on their ability to walk in obedience to God. It has a direct affect on one's sleep pattern and on one's ability to be in a position to allow the Holy Spirit to quicken their mortal body in order that one might transcend time and the tradition which says that one "must" sleep a certain amount. For if one is truly desirous of being obedient to God's Will THEN God surely will empower them to accomplish that Will at all times and in every way - spirit, soul, and body.

....*"Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap"....*
Luke 21:34 NASB

APRIL 30TH

* Every step of obedience that is taken by the child of God will always *[ultimately]* manifest itself as a blessing from the Heavenly Father.

"perfect obedience" - receiving a revelation of the Father's Will, and then carrying out that Will in the timing *[unction]* and power of the Holy Spirit - alone *[through the continual exercising of an absolute faith working through a perfect love]*;

....*"faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead)"....* James 2:17 The Amplified Translation

....*"Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. All these blessings will come upon you and **overtake** you if you obey the LORD your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. Blessed shall be the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground and the offspring of your beasts, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock. "Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. The LORD shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before*

you; they will come out against you one way and will flee before you seven ways. The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns and in all that you put your hand to, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you. The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, as He swore to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways. So all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will be afraid of you. The LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your beast and in the produce of your ground, in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. The LORD will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. The LORD will make you the head and not the tail, and you only will be above, and you will not be underneath, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I charge you today, to observe them carefully, and do not turn aside from any of the words which I command you today, to the right or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them".... Deuteronomy 28:1-14 NASB

MAY 1ST

* Not only does God require His children not to be moved by what they "feel"; they are not to be moved by what others "feel". They are only to be moved by the "revealed" knowledge of His Word and the unction of the Holy Spirit within - in ALL things.

...."for we walk by faith [in a revelation of God's Word {Will}], not by sight".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB

MAY 2ND

* The "effects" of the words spoken by the bondservants and handmaidens of the Lord in this last hour will come to pass at a greatly accelerated rate. For as the faithful ones of God saturate their hearts with His Word, overcoming faith shall rise up in their hearts and they shall "fully" believe that all of the words they speak shall come to pass - for they will have no dependence on the physical circumstances or be influenced in any way by those things which they perceive with their five physical senses.

.... "And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God [lit. "have the God-kind of faith"]. "Truly I say to you, whoever **says** to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be [granted] him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be [granted] you".... Mark 11:22-24 NASB

MAY 3RD

* "Longsuffering" is that quality of restraint in the face of provocation which does not hastily retaliate or promptly punish.

.... "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law".... Galatians 5:22-23 KJV

.... "Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness".... Colossians 1:11 KJV

MAY 4TH

* For those who refuse to hear the Word of God, an "opportune" time for Satan will always arise.

.... "For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and holy, and protected him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. And when an opportune day was come, Herod on his birthday made a supper for his lords, high captains, and chief men of Galilee".... Mark 6:20-21 NASB

MAY 5TH

* As those in the five-fold ministry continue on in perfect obedience all those who have taken their part shall be influenced powerfully by the Spirit of obedience which rests upon them and, in their diligence, all who cross their path shall conform to the Will of God for their lives.

.... *"For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you".... 2 Corinthians 4:11-12 NASB*

MAY 6TH

* Any element of the heart which speaks or accepts any defeat or failure, that is, anything less than the perfect desire and Will of God, is a product of a "sin-consciousness".

"sin-consciousness" - any belief or mind-set that constitutes one "believing" that that which they have actually been redeemed from is still to be in force in their life;

"righteousness-consciousness" - a continual awareness of who we "actually" are in Christ;

.... *"Love NEVER fails".... 1 Corinthians 13:8a NASB*

MAY 7TH

* It is only selfishness [*self-desire*] in some form which could cause one to move farther away from the Presence of God rather than closer to Him. For God draws all that is in accordance with the thoughts and intentions of His heart, near to Himself, but repels, in His holiness, all that proceeds from the mind of Satan [*the old nature*].

... *"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you".... James 4:8a NASB*

.... *"For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart. [Isa. 40:13.]".... 1 Corinthians 2:16 The Amplified Translation*

MAY 8TH

* "Shame" - a painful sense of guilt or degradation caused by a consciousness of guilt.

...."[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death".... Romans 8:1-2 KJV

MAY 9TH

* The heart-attitude of every child of God should say constantly as they diligently seek the Word of God: "I want to hear it only from the Holy Spirit". For until that attitude is found in their heart and until they have a revelation of God's desire for their perfect obedience, they will easily be led by Satan into an area of presumptuous sin. For it is only a deep "abiding" in the Word of God that can separate continually the soul and spirit of a man, revealing to them, at all times, those things which are of the Spirit of God - and those things which are not of the Spirit of God.

...."For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, **penetrating to the dividing line** of the breath of life [soul] and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], **exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart**".... Hebrews 4:12 The Amplified Translation

MAY 10TH

* Nothing is difficult when one is truly resting on the power of God. All things are difficult when one is not resting on the power of God.

...."Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard".... Proverbs 13:15 KJV

"If because of the sabbath [rest], you turn your foot from doing your OWN pleasure on My holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and honor it, desisting from your OWN ways, from seeking your OWN pleasure and speaking your OWN word, THEN you will take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth [Ephesians 2:6]".... Isaiah 58:13-14a NASB

MAY 11TH

* We are only committed to what we confess. If we do not confess [*proclaim*] anything we are not truly committed to it.

"proclaim" - to announce or declare; *Latin: "proclamare" - to shout aloud [in this case, the Word {Will} of God as our reality];*

...."out of the fullness [the overflow, the superabundance] of the heart the mouth speaks".... Matthew 12:34 The Amplified Translation

MAY 12TH

* Sin can only go out of one's life by the way of the mouth; righteousness and salvation can only come into one's life by way of the mouth. We are the sum total of all the words we have spoken or that have been spoken to us. Words are [*contain*] creative power. The only creative power a man has is in his words.

...."that if you confess with your mouth Jesus [as] Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation".... Romans 10:9-10 NASB

...."Death and life are in the power of the tongue".... Proverbs 18:21a NASB

MAY 13TH

* To the degree that a man disagrees with his wife in front of their children they will lose authority over them. When parents are continually in agreement as they minister to their children, the children will fall under the authority of God. If children are allowed to bring their parents into disagreement, they will be in a position of control over their parents.

*...."He who withholds his rod [*the anointing of Love abiding within*] hates his son, but he*

who loves him disciplines him diligently".... Proverbs 13:24 NASB

MAY 14TH

* "Champions" are those who never quit believing God. Jesus is the "Champion" from which every other true champion issues forth.

"champion" - a person who has defeated all opponents, so as to hold first place; a person who fights for or defends any person or noble *[righteous]* cause;

...."It will become a sign and a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Champion, and He will deliver them".... Isaiah 19:20 NASB

...."But the LORD is with me like a dread champion; Therefore my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will be utterly ashamed, because they have failed, with an everlasting disgrace that will not be forgotten".... Jeremiah 20:11 NASB

MAY 15TH

* When one is caught between two "opinions", one foot being in the world and the other in God's Kingdom, they are not qualified to lead the people of God.

...."Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever".... 1 John 2:15-17 NASB

...."Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded".... James 4:8 NASB

MAY 16TH

* "Prosperity" is the natural sequential order of the result of righteousness in living. Prosperity is like success, happiness and fellowship; they are always a by-product *[spontaneous fruit of righteous living]* and never a goal.

....*"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life".... Proverbs 11:30 NASB*

....*"he/she who trusts in the LORD will prosper".... Proverbs 28:25b NASB*

MAY 17TH

* All God's Promises are conditional, but His Love is unconditional. Many have perverted the truth by calling God's Love conditional and His Promises unconditional.

"perfect obedience" - receiving a revelation of the Father's Will, and then carrying out that Will in the timing *[unction]* and power of the Holy Spirit - alone *[through the continual exercising of an absolute faith working through a perfect love]*;

....*"Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. All these blessings will come upon you and **overtake** you if you obey the LORD your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. Blessed shall be the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground and the offspring of your beasts, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock. "Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. The LORD shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before you; they will come out against you one way and will flee before you seven ways. The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns and in all that you put your hand to, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you. The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, as He swore to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways. So all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will be afraid of you. The LORD will make you abound in*

prosperity, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your beast and in the produce of your ground, in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. The LORD will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. The LORD will make you the head and not the tail, and you only will be above, and you will not be underneath, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I charge you today, to observe them carefully, and do not turn aside from any of the words which I command you today, to the right or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them".... Deuteronomy 28:1-14 NASB

MAY 18TH

* The evidence of one's love for God is not found in the "passion" they have for Him from time to time, but in their willingness to be obedient to Him and to do His commandments, moment to moment, day by day.

...."If you [really] love Me, you will keep [obey] My commands".... John 14:15 The Amplified Translation

MAY 19TH

* Agreement produces power; disagreement [*division*] produces powerlessness.

...."Can two walk together, except they be agreed [have a revelation of God's Will and act in obedience upon it]?".... Amos 3:3 KJV

...."Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree [harmonize together, make a symphony together] about whatever [anything and everything] they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by My Father in heaven. For wherever two or three are gathered [drawn together as My followers] in [into] My name, there I AM in the midst of them".... Matthew 18:19-20 The Amplified Translation

MAY 20TH

* "Optimism" is an attitude, but faith is the substance.

.... *"Now faith is the assurance [the confirmation, the title deed] of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]".... Hebrews 11:1 The Amplified Translation*

MAY 21ST

* We need to walk moment by moment in obedience to the Word and the voice of the Holy Spirit because "timing" is the essential ingredient in successful living. Our obedience is the only way for God to protect us from evil because all disobedience exposes us *[to some degree]* to the Evil One.

.... *"Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth..... BUT it shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you".... Deuteronomy 28:1, 15 NASB*

[MAY 22ND]

* No lie can ever serve the purposes of God because all lies emanate from a nature which is contrary to the nature of God.

.... *"You are of [your] father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own [nature,] for he is a liar and the father of lies".... John 8:44 NASB*

MAY 23RD

* Unbelief is the basis of sin, pride is the strength of sin; and deceitfulness is the character of sin. All sin promises to serve and please but only desires to enslave and dominate. All sin is deceptive and truth is the only method of freedom and obedience to that truth is the only method of protection. The more one's life is based on truth the better will be their way and the more abundant will be their life. The more one's life is based on a lie, the harder will be their way, and the less abundant will be their life. [

...."Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to [enters into the Will of] the Father but through Me".... John 14:6 NASB

...."The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]".... John 10:10 The Amplified Translation

MAY 24TH

* A great amount of sacrifice will never produce what a small amount of obedience will produce. For it is obedience which God requires not sacrifice. One can in no way compensate for by sacrifice what they have lost through disobedience. Only obedience can rectify the situation.

"perfect obedience" - receiving a revelation of the Father's Will, and then carrying out that Will in the timing [*unction*] and power of the Holy Spirit - alone [*through the continual exercising of an absolute faith working through a perfect love*];

...."Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, [And] to heed than the fat of rams".... 1 Samuel 15:22 NASB

MAY 25TH

* All disappointment stems from a misplaced faith. Every child of God must take as their only standard [*final authority*], the revealed knowledge of God's Word.

....*"just as it is written, "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT [could never] BE DISAPPOINTED".... Romans 9:33 NASB*

MAY 26TH

* God honours us with His Presence.

....*"those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me will be lightly esteemed".... 1 Samuel 2:30 NASB*

MAY 27TH

* The Word of God has within it, the ability [*Grace*] to believe it, to those who will hear [*both hear and act upon what God has spoken {revealed}*].

....*"So faith [comes] from hearing, and hearing by the word[s] of Christ".... Romans 10:17 NASB*

....*"faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead)".... James 2:17 The Amplified Translation*

MAY 28TH

* The laws of men never outweigh the Will of God.

....*"But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live. So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, "Why*

have you done this thing, and let the boys live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife can get to them." So God was good to the midwives, and the people multiplied, and became very mighty. Because the midwives feared God, He established households for them".... Exodus 1:17-21 NASB

MAY 29TH

* Faith always has to be expressed through words.

...."In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God SAID, "Let there be light"; and there was light"..... Genesis 1:1-3 NASB

MAY 30TH

* If the words one speaks are said with "real" [*a genuine*] faith their words shall come to pass. If one speaks words which are rooted in foolishness and presumption their words will not come to pass.

*...."And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God [lit. "have the God-kind of faith"]. "Truly I say to you, whoever **says** to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be [granted] him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be [granted] you".... Mark 11:22-24 NASB*

MAY 31ST

* One cannot keep the implanted seeds of faith before their eyes and hope to see their growth; having already believed that they have received the seed of the Word into their heart, they must proceed forth in perfect obedience knowing that all the seed within their heart [*and, also, the seed they have planted in the hearts of others*] will reach fruition in God's perfect

season.

...."And He [Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come. Mark 4:26 -29 NASB

JUNE 1ST

* Those children of God who continue on in *[heart]* "fellowship" with the world will always find it much easier to believe the lies of Satan above the revealed knowledge of God's Word.

...."Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever".... 1 John 2:15-17 NASB

JUNE 2ND

* A clean heart is a heart which is always perfect in its thoughts and motivations towards God and His Will.

...."Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God".... 2 Corinthians 7:1 NASB

JUNE 3RD

* Reliance on the Spirit of God, alone, will always lead one into those things which they need to fulfil their ministry in the earth. Dependence upon the "flesh" *[one's own understanding]* will produce those things in their lives which are "excess" and serve only to hinder their carrying

out of God's Will.

...."But seek [aim at and strive after] first of all His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right]".... Matthew 6:33 The Amplified Translation

JUNE 4TH

* The "old" nature of man has within it only the capacity and capability to "misunderstand" God.

...."Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, [which is] your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect".... Romans 12:1-2 NASB

JUNE 5TH

* Every child of God must replace every fear-filled thought [*lie*] with the Word of God for, in doing so, they will eliminate the opportunity for Satan to work in them and through them.

...."We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ [a revelation of the Father's Will]".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB

JUNE 6TH

* The "anointing that abides within" the children of God is released in His fullness by faith [*in the Word of God*] working through love; that is a perfect state of heart towards God at all times.

...."You, therefore, must be perfect [growing into complete maturity of godliness in mind and character, having reached the proper height of virtue and integrity], as your heavenly

Father is perfect".... Matthew 5:48 The Amplified Translation

JUNE 7TH

* Faith is believing the Word of God AND acting upon it.

...."faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead)".... James 2:17 The Amplified Translation

JUNE 8TH

* If you are not a person of prayer, you will not be a person of power. "Preachers" who are not rooted in prayer [*constant communication with the Father and His Word*] will not make it in this last hour. They will not know [*appropriate*] the true "goods" [*Kingdom-revelations*] in order to deliver them to the people.

...."pray without ceasing".... 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NASB

[JUNE 9TH]

* We are nothing without Jesus, but we are everything in Him.

*...."But by His [*the Father's*] doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption".... 1 Corinthians 1:30 NASB*

JUNE 10TH

* The only spirit [*heart*] which can handle God's Power is the one which desires ABOVE ALL ELSE that "no soul should perish" - and which seeks only to walk in Love at all times.

...."The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance".... 2 Peter 3:9 NASB

....*"And this is His order [His command, His injunction]: that we should believe in [put our faith and trust in and adhere to and rely on] the name of His Son Jesus Christ [the Messiah], and that we should love one another, just as He has commanded us".... 1 John 3:23 The Amplified Translation*

JUNE 11TH

* Every word of unbelief spoken by the children of God is an expression by them that Jesus is not Lord! Every word spoken which is apart from the revealed knowledge of God's word denies the Blood of Jesus and belittles His absolute victory at Calvary.

....*"So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest], because of their unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God [unbelief had shut them out]".... [Num. 14:1-35]".... Hebrews 3:19 The Amplified Translation*

JUNE 12TH

* No "miscalculation" of man can EVER prove God a liar.

....*"God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?".... Numbers 23:19 NASB*

JUNE 13TH

* The more revealed knowledge [*divine Light*] one receives, the more responsibility one has before God to use that knowledge correctly.

....*"to whom much is given, of him shall much be required".... Luke 12:48 The Amplified Translation*

JUNE 14TH

- * All "frustration" in the child of God is a direct product of their disobedience.

.... "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right, persevering, and steadfast spirit within me..... Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit".... Psalms 51:10, 12 The Amplified Translation

JUNE 15TH

- * All reliance on "feelings" has its root in fear and mistrust of God.

.... "for we walk by faith [trust in God], not by sight".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB

JUNE 16TH

- * The Church, in this last hour must get "serious" and allow God to do all that He desires to do through Her. We must take seriously the Word [*Will*] of God and perform that which He has already spoken.

.... "that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless".... Ephesians 5:27 NASB

JUNE 17TH

- * Whenever the Holy Spirit comes into contact with something He restores "order".

"perfect obedience" - receiving a revelation of the Father's Will, and then carrying out that Will in the timing [*unction*] and power of the Holy Spirit - alone [*through the continual exercising of an absolute faith working through a perfect love*];

.... "Trust in [obey] the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight"....

JUNE 18TH

* One is not able to perceive how ignorant they are in their darkness until they step into the light.

....*"For every wrongdoer hates [loathes, detests] the Light, and will not come out into the Light but shrinks from it, lest his works [his deeds, his activities, his conduct] be exposed and reproved. But he who practices truth [who does what is right] comes out into the Light; so that his works may be plainly shown to be what they are - wrought with God [divinely prompted, done with God's help, in dependence upon Him]".... John 3:20-21 The Amplified Translation*

JUNE 19TH

* "Perfect" obedience, in the child of God, is contingent upon a deep and living revelation of the fact that what is sown to the flesh will end in death and what is sown to the Spirit will end in life.

"perfect obedience" - receiving a revelation of the Father's Will, and then carrying out that Will in the timing [*unction*] and power of the Holy Spirit - alone [*through the continual exercising of an absolute faith working through a perfect love*];

....*"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh [through fear and pride] will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit [through faith, love and obedience] will from the Spirit reap eternal life".... Galatians 6:7-8 NASB*

JUNE 20TH

* Man is to be head of the household because there has to be a chain of command. Why? Because when you have joint-dominion without order you have total chaos. Man does not rule over the woman, he rules with her! He does not stand over her, he stands "face to face" with her.

When a man sees a woman as less than his equal his "love" is not love it is pity and he cannot respect her for what she is and it will turn him from her and her from him. It is not true love.

The love of God cannot flow through a man to his wife until he sees her as his equal and he cannot see her as his equal until he humbles himself spirit, soul and body before God. A husband is to his wife everything that Jesus is to the Church [*protector, saviour, provider, friend*] and Jesus does not lord His position over us, He rules with us. We submit ourselves to His Lordship He does not force us in any way.

As long as we are in total submission to the Lordship of Jesus we are equal to Him in the Kingdom of God. We are truly sons and daughters of God. We stand in the fullness of all that God is and the very presence of God dwells in us and rests upon us wherever we go as we "abide" in His Word.

.... "Wives, [be subject] to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself [being] the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives [ought to be] to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also [does] the church, because we are members of His body. FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must [see to it] that she respects her husband".... Ephesians 5:22-33 NASB

JUNE 21ST

* The sole reason for a child of God allowing themselves to be used as a vessel of persecution against another child of God is the fact that they do not know or understand the

thoughts and intentions of God's heart.

....*"Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know [Him] [in this way] no longer [but, rather, through revelation]"..... 2 Corinthians 5:16 NASB*

JUNE 22ND

* The wisdom of God is almost a "tangible" thing...the Wisdom of God is staggering [*awesome*] and produces a reverent sense of awe in all those who "abide" in Christ.

....*"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do [His commandments;] His praise endures forever".... Psalms 111:10 NASB*

JUNE 23RD

* The reason why many still continue to stumble over the doctrine of Divine healing found in the Word of God is because their eyes rest on the defeats and failures caused by their [*and other's*] unbelief rather than keeping their eyes "fixed" on Jesus, which would cause [*empower*] them to have the necessary faith to overcome "every" manifestation of evil which crosses their path.

....*"let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith".... Hebrews 12:1-2 NASB*

JUNE 24TH

* The spirit of unbelief is that spirit which causes the child of God to harden their heart against God and causes them to refuse to receive the uncompromised Word into their hearts. It's prime manifestation being that one will take "offense" at the Word spoken under the unction and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

....*"So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest], because of their*

unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God [unbelief had shut them out]".... [Num. 14:1-35]".... Hebrews 3:19 The Amplified Translation

JUNE 25TH

* A "false" miracle is a manifestation caused by the intervention of Satan and his forces into the affairs of man, using delusion and the "soulish" power of man to accomplish his evil goal.

...."For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect".... Matthew 24:24 NASB

A "true" miracle is the intervention of God's power [*the Holy Spirit*] into the natural scheme of things and it will always produce an "eternal" result in those who receive.

"miracle" - the intervention of God's supernatural power into the natural scheme of things.

...."As in the days when you came out from the land of Egypt, I will show you miracles"....

...."The words that I [Jesus] say to you [and the miracles I carry out] I do not speak [or take action] on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works".... John 14:10 NASB

JUNE 26TH

* The key to "perfection" in the Christian life is "abiding" and the key to walking in the fulness of the "true" Christian life is continual fellowship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

...."Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither [can] you unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear

much fruit, and [so] prove to be My disciples. "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and [that] your joy may be made full".... John 15:4-11 NASB

JUNE 27TH

* The chief characteristic of "formal" religion is its excessive devotion to "outward" appearances.

...."Since we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting".... 2 Corinthians 4:18 The Amplified Translation

JUNE 28TH

* Every word which proceeds forth from the "flesh" is designed, in its deepest intent of heart, to compel action on the part of the hearer, through fear. Words of love, spoken under the unction of the Holy Spirit, will always bring the "hearer" into conformity with the Divine purposes of God.

...."Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give [impart] grace to those who hear".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB

JUNE 29TH

* The Heavenly Father desires to bring each one of His children to the place wherein every heart-motivation of theirs is to please Him rather than flesh and blood.

...."But without faith [love and obedience] it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]".... Hebrews 11:6 The

JUNE 30TH

* For one to take offense at something means that they are not walking in love, and for one to fear someone taking offense at something is also not walking in love - and shows a fear in that person of what other people think.

...."For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ".... Galatians 1:10 NASB

JULY 1ST

* The children of God may look down upon and despise sin, but woe to those who look down upon and despise the sinner!

...."I hate them with the utmost hatred; They have become my enemies. Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way"..... Psalms 139:22-24 NASB

...."For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly [supernatural] sphere".... Ephesians 6:12 The Amplified Translation

JULY 2ND

* If one's heart is set on their earthly relationships and they "love" people more than they love God, they live in darkness.

...."He who loves [and takes more pleasure in] father or mother more than [in] Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves [and takes more pleasure in] son or daughter more than [in] Me is not worthy of Me; And he who does not take up his cross and follow Me [cleave steadfastly

to Me, conforming wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying also] is not worthy of Me".... Matthew 10:37-38 The Amplified Translation

JULY 3RD

* Sickness and unbelief will be removed from the Church when all the "unrepentant" sinners are removed from the midst of the congregation. That, along with the fact of the uncompromised Word going forth in His absoluteness will cause all that is apart from Jesus to be separated and removed from the Church.

...."I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much [abundant] fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing".... John 15:5 The Amplified Translation

JULY 4TH

* "Rest" comes from believing and yielding to God. Rest cannot come as long as unbelief and self-will exist. If one truly believes in God and yields to Him, outward circumstances cannot disturb them. Constant communion with the Lord makes one able to bear all outward things. It is in rest that our strength [*Jesus*] will be found.

...."[Therefore beware] brethren, take care, lest there be in any one of you a wicked, unbelieving heart [which refuses to cleave to, trust in, and rely on Him], leading you to turn away and desert or stand aloof from the living God. But instead warn [admonish, urge, and encourage] one another every day, as long as it is called Today, that none of you may be hardened [into settled rebellion] by the deceitfulness of sin [by the fraudulence, the stratagem, the trickery which the delusive glamor of his sin may play on him]. For we have become fellows with Christ (the Messiah) and share in all He has for us, if only we hold our first newborn confidence and original assured expectation [in virtue of which we are believers] firm and unshaken to the end. Then while it is [still] called Today, if you would hear His voice and when you hear it, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion [in the desert, when the people provoked and irritated and embittered God against them]. [Ps. 95:7, 8.] For who were they who heard and yet were rebellious and provoked [Him]? Was it not all those who came out of Egypt

led by Moses? And with whom was He irritated and provoked and grieved for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose dismembered bodies were strewn and left in the desert? And to whom did He swear that they should not enter His rest, but to those who disobeyed [who had not listened to His word and who refused to be compliant or be persuaded]? So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest], because of their unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God [unbelief had shut them out][Num. 14:1-35]".... Hebrews 3:12-19 The Amplified Translation

...."I can do all things through Him [Christ - the Anointed One and His Anointing] Who [which] strengthens me".... Philippians 4:13 NASB

JULY 5TH

* Seeing light requires a pure heart and only those pure in heart are able to see light.

...."Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see [both know and understand] God".... Matthew 5:8 NASB

JULY 6TH

* If your heart is for God and nothing else, be assured that nothing can cause you to stumble. Should you be misunderstood and despised, and even opposed, you will not stumble because your heart does not wish others to understand you or hold you in esteem or sympathize with you or to praise you, your heart longs only for God and the doing of "His" will.

...."So Jesus answered them by saying, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the Son is able to do nothing of Himself [of His own accord]; but He is able to do only what He sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does is what the Son does in the same way [in His turn]. The Father dearly loves the Son and discloses to [shows] Him everything that He Himself does".... John 5:19-20 The Amplified Translation

...."Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is [already done] in heaven".... Matthew 6:10 NASB

JULY 7TH

* If we "live by faith", then we shall not be affected by "feelings". We are by no means numb as we have a feeling of happiness as well as that of dryness, but these external feelings do not influence us inwardly.

....*"for we walk by faith [Love], not by sight".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB*

JULY 8TH

* The just live by faith not "feeling". This is the fundamental principle of Christian life.

....*"For [if we are] in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith activated and energized and expressed and working through love".... Galatians 5:6 The Amplified Translation*

JULY 9TH

* To live by faith is to be able to lead a most joyous life in the midst of dryness as well as a most dry life in the midst of extreme joy.

....*"the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control".... Galatians 5:22-23 NASB*

....*"the joy of the Lord is your strength and stronghold".... Nehemiah 8:10 The Amplified Translation*

JULY 10TH

* "Speaking wickedness" is any word which proceeds from a heart which is not wholly given to God.

....*"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good*

for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give [impart] grace to those who hear".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB

JULY 11TH

* Faith is the fundamental of life, and feeling is not reliable. God has to disarm you of your weapon of feeling to enable you to have the opportunity of believing Him. Unless you come out of your reliance on feelings, it is impossible for you to believe the Word of God to any great degree.

...."This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB

JULY 12TH

* Those whose life is deeply rooted in the Word of God do not pay attention to circumstances nor live by feeling, they live solely by faith. They do not look or depend on circumstances, but on the God behind them. Such a one gets sustenance, support and power from God instead of from the circumstances. If a child of God lives by their emotions and circumstances, there will not be a single truth or teaching that they will be able to hold fast to.

...."We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ [a revelation of the Father's Will]".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB

JULY 13TH

* God will have to create such circumstances in which we will actually sense our need of the Word we have heard so as to test whether we have truly accepted or merely superficially accepted it. God has to engineer a circumstance to reveal to us continually that no portion of scripture can be acquired without the release of our self-life. If we truly desire the abundant life,

we must allow God to "permit" many trials to test us.

....*"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing [maintaining a deep revelation of the spiritual reality] that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing".... James 1:2-4 NASB*

....*"But He [the Lord] knows the way I take; When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold. My foot has held fast to His path; I have kept His way and not turned aside. I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food".... Job 23:10-12 NASB*

JULY 14TH

* If a Christian does not read the Word of God and pray every morning in obedience to the Holy Spirit, it is useless to speak of attaining to the deeper spiritual life.

....*"Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn [the "inner chamber"]".... Psalms 110:3 NASB*

JULY 15TH

* God cannot accept the "fruits" of one when it is done for Him in an effort to somehow please Him by the arm of their flesh, but rather only the fruits of one when it is done in full reliance upon Him.

....*"I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much [abundant] fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing".... John 15:5 The Amplified Translation*

JULY 16TH

* It is no use to have the attitude of the Cross without the true experience of the Cross.

....*"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it'..... Matthew 16:24-25 NASB*

JULY 17TH

* Many things in the world may attempt to attract you, but if you have been filled by the Lord, they will be as nothing to you.

....*"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me".... Galatians 2:20 NASB*

JULY 18TH

* All spiritual progress is due to our hunger and thirst for righteousness.

....*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied".... Matthew 5:6 NASB*

JULY 19TH

* If we do not do as the anointing teaches, people will not touch life.

....*"But as for you, the anointing (the sacred appointment, the unction) which you received from Him abides [permanently] in you; [so] then you have no need that anyone should instruct you. But just as His anointing teaches you concerning everything and is true and is no falsehood, so you must abide in (live in, never depart from) Him [being rooted in Him, knit to Him]".... 1 John 2:27 The Amplified Translation*

JULY 20TH

* God orders our circumstances for the express purpose of creating a holy personality in us. Everything we encounter has its definite value for today. We may not understand at all, but one day we shall. Something may look unattractive at the time but later, on reflection, we shall understand clearly why the Lord has done it and what His eternal purpose for us was in His action.

...."*And have you [completely] forgotten the divine word of appeal and encouragement in which you are reasoned with and addressed as sons? 'My son, do not think lightly or scorn to submit to the correction and discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage and give up and faint when you are reprov'd or corrected by Him; For the Lord corrects and disciplines everyone whom He loves, and He punishes, even scourges, every son whom He accepts and welcomes to His heart and cherishes'. You must submit to and endure [correction] for discipline; God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his father does not [thus] train and correct and discipline? Now if you are exempt from correction and left without discipline in which all [of God's children] share, then you are illegitimate offspring and not true sons [at all]. [Prov. 3:11, 12.] Moreover, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we yielded [to them] and respected [them for training us]. Shall we not much more cheerfully submit to the Father of spirits and so [truly] live? For [our earthly fathers] disciplined us for only a short period of time and chastised us as seemed proper and good to them; but He disciplines us for our certain good, **that we may become sharers in His own holiness.** For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous and painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it [a harvest of fruit which consists in righteousness - in conformity to God's will in purpose, thought, and action, resulting in right living and right standing with God]".... Hebrews 12:5-11 The Amplified Translation*

JULY 21ST

* Grace is not an attitude of God; it is a work of God.

...."*Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in*

hope of the glory of God".... Romans 5:1-2 KJV

JULY 22ND

* "Reality" is what we actually are before God as a result of the accomplished work of Christ.

...."But by His [the Father's] doing you are IN Christ Jesus, Who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption".... 1 Corinthians 1:30 NASB

JULY 23RD

* Which is true: that which the Lord Jesus has already accomplished before God for us or that which we "feel" or "experience" in the natural realm? Our "feelings" may change but what God has given us through the work of Christ never changes.

...."For, "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls off, but the Word [Will] of the Lord endures forever".... 1 Peter 1:24-25 NASB

JULY 24TH

* To prevent any of Satan's wearing down tactics from taking effect in their lives, the children of God must guard their hearts every moment of every day with all diligence. This is the essence of true obedience: that one be watchful, holding fast to the Word of God at all times.

"diligence" - constant and earnest effort to accomplish what is undertaken;

...."the precious possession of a man is diligence".... Proverbs 12:27b NASB

...."Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life".... Proverbs 4:23 NASB

JULY 25TH

* "Fellowship" with the world deadens the spirit, hardening it and de-sensitizing it to the things of God and to the voice of the Holy Spirit!

....*"do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God".... James 4:4 NASB*

JULY 26TH

* A revelation of spiritual reality *[the finished work of Jesus - and all that we are in Him]* delivers us from our "own" feeling and sets us free.

....*"If you continue in My word, [then] you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know [gain a revelation of] the truth, and the truth [that abiding revelation] will make [and keep] you free".... John 8:31-32 NASB*

....*"But by His [the Father's] doing you are [already] IN Christ Jesus, Who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption".... 1 Corinthians 1:30 NASB*

JULY 27TH

* All who have "doctrines of men" have their minds full of ideas; but all who have "revealed knowledge" have life and reality.

....*"You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn [bushes] nor figs from thistles, are they? So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, you will know them by their fruits. Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven [will enter.]".... Matthew 7:16-21 NASB*

JULY 28TH

* Only that which is a product of believing in the Lord Jesus from trusting in God, and that which has been appropriated through the Holy Spirit is acceptable and pleasing to God.

....*"And without faith [trust] it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him".... Hebrews 11:6 NASB*

JULY 29TH

* If your "love" is natural [*a product of the self-life*] your "love" for others will draw you away from the Lord.

....*"He who loves [and takes more pleasure in] father or mother more than [in] Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves [and takes more pleasure in] son or daughter more than [in] Me is not worthy of Me; And he who does not take up his cross and follow Me [cleave steadfastly to Me, conforming wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying also] is not worthy of Me".... Matthew 10:37-38 The Amplified Translation*

....*"Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry".... 1 Corinthians 10:14 NASB*

JULY 30TH

* God's call today is for us to come before Him with such singleness of heart and eye that we reckon all which is of the natural to be futile.

....*"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light".... Matthew 6:21-22 KJV*

JULY 31ST

* If one can believe in God's Word under the most hostile of circumstances they will bring much glory to God.

...."Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you".... 1 Peter 4:12-14 NASB

AUGUST 1ST

* The Blood not only forgives and cleanses us of sin, it also leads us to approach God and worship Him. True worship is not determined by our works, but by our trusting in the Blood of Jesus.

...."Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it]".... Hebrews 4:16 The Amplified Translation

AUGUST 2ND

* The Cross is an experience, not only a doctrine. If there has really been "death of self", then there will really be fruit. But if no death of self, then there will be no fruit.

...."Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit".... John 12:24 NASB

AUGUST 3RD

* If one cannot guard their first step, they will not be able to guard their second step.

"diligence" - constant and earnest effort to accomplish what is undertaken;

....*"the precious possession of a man is diligence".... Proverbs 12:27b NASB*

....*"Watch [guard] over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life".... Proverbs 4:23 NASB*

....*"And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises".... Hebrews 6:11-12 NASB*

AUGUST 4TH

* If one "chooses" the pleasures of the world above fellowship with the Lord Jesus in His Kingdom, then they can do nothing but sin.

....*"whatever does not originate and proceed from faith is sin".... Romans 14:23b The Amplified Translation*

....*"But seek [aim at and strive after] first of all His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right]".... Matthew 6:33 The Amplified Translation*

AUGUST 5TH

* Violate the conscience once, and then twice, and one shall gradually move towards the world and its "pleasures". Once a sin is committed it creates a craving within to sin again.

....*"how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?".... Hebrews 9:14 NASB*

....*"And, beloved, if our consciences (our hearts) do not accuse us [if they do not make us*

feel guilty and condemn us], we have confidence (complete assurance and boldness) before God, And we receive from Him whatever we ask, because we [watchfully] obey His orders [observe His suggestions and injunctions, follow His plan for us] and [habitually] practice what is pleasing to Him".... 1 John 3:21-22 The Amplified Translation

AUGUST 6TH

* When conscience is breached, faith is destroyed. Faith will "leak out" through the breach made in one's conscience.

...."Your eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye [your conscience] is sound and fulfilling its office, your whole body is full of light; but when it is not sound and is not fulfilling its office, your body is full of darkness. Be careful, therefore, that the light that is in you is not darkness. If then your entire body is illuminated, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright [with light], as when a lamp with its bright rays gives you light".... Luke 11:34-36 The Amplified Translation

AUGUST 7TH

* The New Covenant is the foundation of all spiritual life. Were it not for the New Covenant we would have no assurance of forgiveness, no power to obey and to do God's Will, and no inward fellowship with God and deep knowledge of Him.

...."Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, [even] Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom [be] the glory forever and ever. Amen".... Hebrews 13:20-21 NASB

AUGUST 8TH

* What is the eternal purpose of God? To state it simply, it is God working Himself into the man whom He has created.

...."Of [this church] I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the [preaching of] the word of God, [that is,] the mystery which has been hidden from the [past] ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me".... Colossians 1:25-29 NASB

AUGUST 9TH

* How trying to man is time: even so, God's Word enables him/her to stand the testing of time.

...."And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises".... Hebrews 6:11-12 NASB

AUGUST 10TH

* One must be free from the greed of gain and be content with what they already have before they can experience the Lord's abiding support and supply.

...."Let your character or moral disposition be free from love of money [including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions] and be satisfied with your present [circumstances and with what you have]; for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down [relax My hold on you]! [Assuredly not!]".... Hebrews 13:5 The Amplified Translation]

AUGUST 11TH

* To believe in the Word of God is our "responsibility"; to give us the proper experience

[revelation] of that Word is God's responsibility.

...."Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths".... Proverbs 3:5-6 The Amplified Translation

...."I am alert and active, watching over My Word [Will] to perform it".... Jeremiah 1:12b The Amplified Translation

AUGUST 12TH

* The true Christian life is lived by laying hold of God's Word, trusting that He is faithful and righteous.

...."And without faith [trust] it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is [ALL that He says He is]and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him".... Hebrews 11:6 NASB

AUGUST 13TH

* Grace never reigns by itself, it reigns through righteousness. Grace does not come directly to us, it comes to us indirectly through the Cross - and is accessed by faith.

...."Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God".... Romans 5:1-2 KJV

...."For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience

of the One the many will be made righteous. The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord".... Romans 5:17-21 NASB

AUGUST 14TH

* The body is the site of "world-consciousness", the soul of "self-consciousness", and the spirit, of "God-consciousness".

...."Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass".... 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NASB

AUGUST 15TH

* "Repentance" delivers us from all which belongs to the old nature. "Believing" *[trusting and obeying the Father and His Word]* gets us into all which belongs to God.

...."Who is the man who fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way he should choose. His soul will abide in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land. The secret of the LORD is for those who fear [reverence] Him, and He will make them know His covenant".... Psalms 25:12-14 NASB

AUGUST 16TH

* By faith, life is received - through love, life is released. Faith alone will let life in, love alone will let it out.

...."for we walk by faith [love and obedience], not by sight".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB

AUGUST 17TH

* To the degree that the life of God works in us, to that degree is Christ being formed in us and to that degree is the amount of our "transformation". As our inner man is filled with the life of Christ our outside man is able to live out and manifest Christ.

.... *"For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you".... 2 Corinthians 4:11-12 NASB*

AUGUST 18TH

* Revelation knowledge is nothing but the unveiling by the Holy Spirit of the "true character" of a thing or P[er]son to our spirit.

.... *"[For I {Paul} always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints [His set-apart ones], And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places], Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come. And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church], [Ps. 8:6.] Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all [for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself]".... Ephesians 1:17-23 The Amplified Translation*

AUGUST 19TH

* The "anointing" of the Lord will teach us concerning all things. At no time will He ever fail to teach us concerning anything. Our responsibility lies in nothing else than to "allow" ourselves to be taught.

.... *"But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall [will remind you of, bring to your remembrance] everything I have told you".... John 14:26 The Amplified Translation*

.... *"But as for you, the anointing (the sacred appointment, the unction) which you received from Him abides [permanently] in you; [so] then you have no need that anyone should instruct you. But just as His anointing teaches you concerning everything and is true and is no falsehood, so you must abide in (live in, never depart from) Him [being rooted in Him, knit to Him]".... 1 John 2:27 The Amplified Translation*

AUGUST 20TH

* The more we love God, the closer we draw near to Him: the closer we are to Him, the better we know Him; and the better we know Him, the more we love Him and thirst after Him.

... *"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded".... James 4:8 NASB*

AUGUST 21ST

* Our outward manifestation of God can never exceed our inward knowledge. The depth of our "inward" knowledge of God determines the degree of our outward manifestation of Him.

.... *"the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us".... Romans 5:5 NASB*

....*"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God".... Ephesians 3:14-19 NASB*

AUGUST 22ND

* Any Christian who is lax, who is without restraint, unchanged, and careless in word or deed is not a God-fearing person. Whoever acts one way before men and another way behind them, who behaves in one manner in the pulpit and in another manner out of the pulpit, does not fear God. To truly reverence God is to have the "fear" of Him in one's heart at any time, in any place and about anything.

....*"For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ".... Galatians 1:10 NASB*

AUGUST 23RD

* Whereas the "fear [*reverence*] of God" is a matter of heart intention, always fearful lest in anything "self" is involved or that God is offended, "godliness" is to allow Jesus Christ to be manifested in all things. To exercise oneself unto godliness means "denying ungodliness", that is denying all that is not like God and letting God come forth in all things. It is to abide in the Word according to the teaching of the anointing and learn to allow the law of divine life [*Romans 8:2*] to express the character of God's life in our daily walk.

....*"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death"....Romans 8:1-2 KJV*

....*"But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand,*

discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and [also] for the [life] to come. It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance"..... 1 Timothy 4:7-9 NASB

AUGUST 24TH

* It is not the apostles alone who must endure persecutions, but all who would live godly lives in Christ Jesus will suffer persecutions too. No one is an exception. It is quite true that we can be Christians who go without persecution if we are a little more liberal and clever and prudent in walking somewhat according to the course of this world, if we mix more with worldly people, if we compromise some truth or count man's favour by sacrificing the truth, and if we neither seek nor obey inward sensations. Who will persecute us if we are no different from the rest of the people? Do not surmise that those Christians who suffer much persecution must have been untimely born and now live "out of luck". Rather we should view unpersecuted Christians as those who are not living godly lives in Christ Jesus; for otherwise "suffering for righteousness sake" would be unavoidable for them.

...."Indeed, all who desire to live godly [lives] in Christ Jesus will be persecuted".... 2 Timothy 3:12 NASB

...."Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great".... Matthew 5:10-12 NASB

AUGUST 25TH

* The children of God need never fear suffering for righteousness' sake for the Lord is ever faithful to either empower them to endure or deliver them out of their "afflictions".

...."No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it".... 1 Corinthians 10:13

NASB

.... "For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came [to us] in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; who delivered us from so great a [peril of] death, and will deliver [us,] He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us".... 2 Corinthians 1:8-10 NASB

.... "what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me!".... 2 Timothy 3:11b NASB

AUGUST 26TH

* In order to let God's life operate unhindered we must not "allow" any sin to remain in us.

.... "If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises] and will forgive our sins [dismiss our lawlessness] and [continuously] cleanse us from **all** unrighteousness [everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action]".... 1 John 1:9 The Amplified Translation

AUGUST 27TH

* If the life [Love] of God is truly dwelling in one's heart, the "consciousness" [revelation] of that life [Love] must be in them as well.

.... "God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life".... 1 John 5:11-12 NASB

AUGUST 28TH

* Life creates fellowship as well as demands fellowship. Fellowship brings light, and light calls for the Blood. This is a chain reaction a person who has life will undoubtedly seek for in

fellowship he will see light; seeing light he will look for the Blood. These four things form a chain; they serve as cause as well as effect to one another. For life creates fellowship, and fellowship gives us more life - fellowship brings us to light, and light deepens our fellowship - light constrains us to seek for the cleansing of the Blood and the cleansing of the Blood enables us to see more light. These four things also form a cycle; life creates fellowship, fellowship brings in light, light gives us the cleansing of the Blood. Being cleansed by the Blood, we receive more life; more life means more fellowship, more fellowship brings in more light and more light gets us more cleansing of the Blood. The cycling of these four things is like the rotation of a wheel. Each cycle carries our "life" forward a little more; it rolls on and on, thus causing us to advance unceasingly in the life of God. Whenever it ceases to move our growth in the life of God stops also.

...."This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and [yet] walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin".... 1 John 1:5-7 NASB

AUGUST 29TH

* If there is no command from the Head there is no movement in the Body. No member of the Body can take its own initiative but must be governed by the Head. The Body in its relation to the Head can only obey and follow.

...."The words that I say to you [and the miracles I carry out] I do not speak [or take action] on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works".... John 14:10 NASB

AUGUST 30TH

* Every believer must continually do those things in obedience to the Holy Spirit, that will cause them to have a greater capacity for the Presence of God - in order that through them He might pour out His Life and Power [*Love*] on all flesh and blood.

....*"Now on the last day, the great [day] of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water'".... John 7:37-38 NASB*

AUGUST 31ST

* There is no defence against Love.

....*"Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited [arrogant and inflated with pride]; it is not rude [unmannerly] and does not act unbecomingly. Love [God's love in us] does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]".... 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a The Amplified Translation*

SEPTEMBER 1ST

* Whoever knows the "life" of the Body of Christ and is conscious of being a Body member will invariably sense the authority of the Head, who is Jesus Christ.

....*"For even as the body is one and [yet] has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not [a part] of the body," it is not for this reason any the less [a part] of the body. And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not [a part] of the body," it is not for this reason any the less [a part] of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. If they were all one member, where*

would the body be? But now there are many members, but one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; and those [members] of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable, whereas our more presentable members have no need [of it.] But God has [so] composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that [member] which lacked, so that there may be no division in the body, but [that] the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if [one] member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it".... 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 NASB

SEPTEMBER 2ND

* To be subdued by the Lord and then to capitulate to Him should be the basic experience of every Christian. To "hold fast" to the Head means absolute obedience to His authority [*Word*].

....*"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing".... John 15:5 NASB*

SEPTEMBER 3RD

* All "fellowship" amongst believers is based solely on their relationship to Christ. We have no basis for fellowship outside of the Head.

....*"Can two walk together, except they be agreed [have a concurring revelation of the Father's Will]".... Amos 3:3 KJV*

SEPTEMBER 4TH

* God permits His children to be individuals, but He does not permit them to be "individualistic".

....*"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny*

himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it"..... Matthew 16:24-25 NASB

SEPTEMBER 5TH

* A "divisive" or "party" spirit manifests itself through those in the Church who would establish direct fellowship among themselves through the bypassing of the Head. They then maintain a "special" affinity towards each other which does not originate in Christ. Only by holding fast the Head can Christians obey the command to love one another.

...."And this is His order [His command, His injunction]: that we should believe in [put our faith and trust in and adhere to and rely on] the name of His Son Jesus Christ [the Messiah], and that we should love one another, just as He has commanded us".... 1 John 3:23 The Amplified Translation

SEPTEMBER 6TH

* To serve the Church is to serve with what one has obtained in Christ. The portion of service which we have in the Body of Christ is based solely on our revealed knowledge of Him. This knowledge comes from our life experience through absolute dependence on the Word of God not "mental ascensions" and the "doctrines of men".

...."[For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, by having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints [His set-apart ones]".... Ephesians 1:17-18 The Amplified Translation

SEPTEMBER 7TH

* The work of God is to make us one Body, but the work of Satan is to cause us to be torn asunder. Satan uses the "ground" of the "self-life" and the things of the world which we might

covet to carry out his work of destruction. If these elements are permitted to remain in our lives we clearly make room for Satan to work his work of disintegration within the Body.

....*"Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever".... 1 John 2:15-17 NASB*

SEPTEMBER 8TH

* Every child of God has but one need, which is, to turn inwardly to God and let Him cleanse us and purify us with the "Cross" and the Holy Spirit. We must be willing to pay "any" cost and accept the dealing of the Cross in order that we might truly manifest the life of God as "members" in the Church.

....*"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly".... Galatians 2:20-21 NASB*

SEPTEMBER 9TH

* If one truly has a revelation of the "Body of Christ" they will readily acknowledge that it has it's own inherent law according to which they must live continually [*absolute faith and absolute obedience*]. A person who states that he has "seen" the Body of Christ and yet continually acts independently by not holding fast the Head has never received the revelation of the Body and all its inherent and absolute Kingdom principles.

....*"For even as the body is one and [yet] has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to*

drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not [a part] of the body," it is not for this reason any the less [a part] of the body. And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not [a part] of the body," it is not for this reason any the less [a part] of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. If they were all one member, where would the body be? But now there are many members, but one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; and those [members] of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable, whereas our more presentable members have no need [of it.] But God has [so] composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that [member] which lacked, so that there may be no division in the body, but [that] the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if [one] member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it".... 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 NASB

SEPTEMBER 10TH

* A "delegated authority" is established in the life of God dwelling in them, not in "ordination". In their personal and corporate life they have experienced dealings in the "practical" matters of this life and have learned by the power of the Holy Spirit what others have yet to learn.

*.... "O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart. He does not slander with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend"....
Psalms 15:1-3 NASB*

SEPTEMBER 11TH

* Whoever serves others in order that they may not be "hungry or thirsty" shall himself be satisfied; the one who learns to bear another's burden shall find his own burden easier to bear.

....*"Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ [which is the Law of Love]"....Galatians 6:2 NASB*

SEPTEMBER 12TH

* If our inner being has been touched by the Lord and our inner eyes have been opened to perceive His Word, we will just spontaneously live in its reality.

....*"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light".... Matthew 6:21-22 KJV*

....*"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see [both know and understand] God".... Matthew 5:8 NASB*

SEPTEMBER 13TH

* Without revelation on a given teaching, one will have to hold on "tightly" to the teaching lest they "forget" it. But once one has the revelation of the teaching it will become a spontaneous manifestation in their lives and there will be no further need for them to exercise "natural" strength in an attempt to remember. Such is the wonder of "revealed knowledge".

....*"[For I {Paul} always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints [His set-apart ones], And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places], Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come. And He has put all things under His feet and*

has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church], [Ps. 8:6.] Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all [for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself] ".... Ephesians 1:17-23 The Amplified Translation

SEPTEMBER 14TH

* God's "work" can be done by none other than God Himself. For man's works, man's thoughts, man's methods, man's zeal and earnestness and efforts and tireless activities have absolutely no place in what God is doing.

...."I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing".... John 15:5 The Amplified Translation

SEPTEMBER 15TH

* A "co-worker" with God is one who does what God has appointed them to do in His eternal purpose, and only that do they do.

...."I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me".... John 5:30 NASB

[SEPTEMBER 16TH]

* If we, as children of God, do not satisfy God's heart, we will not be satisfied ourselves.

...."Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied".... Matthew 5:6 NASB

SEPTEMBER 17TH

* The eternal purpose of God can never be understood or grasped by the mind. It has to

come by revelation from the Holy Spirit to the spirit of the one who seeks to know God's plan. Every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places comes to us through revelation knowledge.

...."For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart. [Isa. 40:13.]".... 1 Corinthians 2:16 The Amplified Translation

SEPTEMBER 18TH

* Our ministry does not lie in the "gifts" alone, but in the exceeding greatness of the "treasure" contained in the earthen vessel, that is, Christ in us.

...."But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves".... 2 Corinthians 4:7 NASB

SEPTEMBER 19TH

* What truly edifies and helps most in the building up of the Body of Christ is not the gifts or utterances of those who operate in the "gifts of the Spirit", but the "life" [*Zoe*] of those we come in contact with who deeply know the Cross within and bear it daily.

...."In the way of righteousness is life [resurrection power], and in its pathway there is no death [no death can remain standing]".... Proverbs 12:28 NASB

SEPTEMBER 20TH

* The organized church today emphasizes what a person says and what a person does, but pays little attention to what a person is. The thing of value, the preeminently important matter is not that you are given a gift and therefore you are about to speak, but that you know the Lord and

therefore you speak.

.... "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; [we are] afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you".... 2 Corinthians 4:7-12 NASB

SEPTEMBER 21ST

* As the child of God goes through the fiery trials, the testings, the afflictions, the persecutions, the conflicts; as they allow the Holy Spirit work the "dying of Jesus" in them, life will flow out to others, even the life of Christ.

.... "Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you".... 1 Peter 4:12-14 NASB

SEPTEMBER 22ND

* The gifts of healings and of miracles do not give us more of the life of Christ within. They do confirm God's Word, but that is all; they are an outward matter, not an inward one. However the ministry of God's Word by the "gifts" of apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors is to build up the inner spiritual life of the Church.

.... "And His gifts were [varied; He Himself appointed and gave men to us] some to be apostles (special messengers), some prophets (inspired preachers and expounders), some evangelists (preachers of the Gospel, traveling missionaries), some pastors (shepherds of His

flock) and teachers. His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), [that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church), [That it might develop] until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection), the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him. So then, we may no longer be children, tossed [like ships] to and fro between chance gusts of teaching and wavering with every changing wind of doctrine, [the prey of] the cunning and cleverness of unscrupulous men, [gamblers engaged] in every shifting form of trickery in inventing errors to mislead. Rather, let our lives lovingly express truth [in all things, speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly]. Enfolded in love, let us grow up in every way and in all things into Him Who is the Head, [even] Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). For because of Him the whole body (the church, in all its various parts), closely joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, when each part [with power adapted to its need] is working properly [in all its functions], grows to full maturity, building itself up in love".... Ephesians 4:11-16 The Amplified Translation

SEPTEMBER 23RD

* If one has not first of all gone into the presence of God, they cannot come before His people with any message or service of value.

...."You offspring of vipers [Pharisees]! How can you speak good things when you are evil (wicked)? For out of the fullness (the overflow, the superabundance) of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man from his inner good treasure flings forth good things, and the evil man out of his inner evil storehouse flings forth evil things. But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for every idle (inoperative, nonworking) word they speak".... Matthew 12:34-36 The Amplified Translation

SEPTEMBER 24TH

* Whenever there is a shrinking from the Cross, a dodging of Calvary, a refusal of the pathway of suffering for righteousness' sake, an unwillingness to pay any price, then there will be

corruption, poverty, shallowness, and an emptiness that can give out nothing with which to minister to God's people.

...."I have been crucified with Christ [in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me. [Therefore, I do not treat God's gracious gift as something of minor importance and defeat its very purpose]; I do not set aside and invalidate and frustrate and nullify the grace (unmerited favor) of God. For if justification (righteousness, acquittal from guilt) comes through [observing the ritual of] the Law, then Christ (the Messiah) died groundlessly and to no purpose and in vain. [His death was then wholly superfluous]".... Galatians 2:20-21 The Amplified Translation

SEPTEMBER 25TH

* Since the Lord Jesus Christ dwells in us to be our life we need no more to depend on our "former" life to live.

...."For in Him [Christ] all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority".... Colossians 2:9-10 NASB

...."Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!".... 2 Corinthians 5:17 The Amplified Translation

SEPTEMBER 26TH

* Unless one has received revelation and is able to see Christ as their righteousness, they cannot draw near to God with boldness. We must never forget that when we approach God, our righteousness is not "our" works it is not a thing; it is a Person, even Christ.

...."He made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin [to be] sin on our behalf, so that we might

become the righteousness of God in Him".... 2 Corinthians 5:21 NASB

SEPTEMBER 27TH

* The "virtues" of a Christian are not their works or actions but are the reflections or manifestations of Christ through them. For this reason, our entire living as Christians depends on how much revealed knowledge of Christ we have in our hearts.

...."I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me".... Galatians 2:20 NASB

SEPTEMBER 28TH

* Even though God's deliverance is prepared for all, not all are delivered. Everyone may be delivered from the law of sin and death but not everyone receives their deliverance. The problem is not on God's side, it is instead on man's side, for not all men desire such deliverance nor are all willing to pay the cost - that is, the forsaking of their own will to do the Will of God, in faith.

...."You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind".... Luke 10:27 NASB

SEPTEMBER 29TH

* Each time there is spiritual progress in one's life before God it invariably is preceded by a dissatisfaction with their current condition. Unless there is an abhorrence towards sin in one's own life plus an aversion towards ever continuing on in such a situation, there can be no victory or spiritual growth in the life of the Christian. All who live a life of defeat without repudiating it will not experience the deliverance of God.

...."So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest - an absolute faith and trust in Him], because of their unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God [unbelief had shut them out]".... [Num. 14:1-35]".... Hebrews 3:19 The Amplified Translation

....*"If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises] and will forgive our sins [dismiss our lawlessness] and [continuously] cleanse us from **all** unrighteousness [everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action] ".... 1 John 1:9 The Amplified Translation*

SEPTEMBER 30TH

* Knowing a teaching is one thing, understanding and seeing is another. Teaching is comprehended by the mind, but seeing must be revealed in the spirit. All that which is without revelation and seeing is not counted because there will be no living effect of it in our lives.

....*"[For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, by having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints [His set-apart ones]".... Ephesians 1:17-18 The Amplified Translation*

OCTOBER 1ST

* The starting point of each experience of victory in Christ is at that moment when one begins to hate their defeat. Whoever is to be delivered needs to be pressed beyond the measure of tolerance. Only such a person as this is open to the fulness of their salvation.

...*"For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome. Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear and heed you. Then you will seek Me, inquire for, and require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. [Deut. 4:29-30.]"....Jeremiah 29:11-13 The Amplified Translation*

....*"this is [the beginning of] what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, God declares, that I will pour out of My Spirit upon all mankind, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy [telling forth the divine counsels] and your young*

*men shall see visions (divinely granted appearances), and your old men shall dream [divinely suggested] dreams. Yes, and on My menservants also and on My maidservants in those days I will pour out of My Spirit, and they shall prophesy [telling forth the divine counsels and predicting future events pertaining especially to God's kingdom]. And I will show wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth beneath, blood and fire and smoking vapor; The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the obvious day of the Lord comes--that great and notable and conspicuous and renowned [day]. And it shall be that **whoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord [invoking, adoring, and worshiping the Lord - Christ] shall be saved [begin to experience the fullness of salvation and Covenant-relationship with God] [Joel 2:28-32.]".... Acts 2:16-21 The Amplified Translation*

OCTOBER 2ND

* God has absolutely no hope in "us" and therefore we ought to equally regard ourselves as being hopeless [*apart from Him*].

...."For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh".... Romans 7:18 NASB

OCTOBER 3RD

* Before God, sin is washed with the Blood, but in the heart it is cleansed by tears. If the Blood of the Lord is not accompanied by a repentant heart then one's sin has not been washed away. Without any question the Blood of the Lord cleanses all sin, but unless the Blood is accompanied by man's tears [*godly sorrow*] it cannot be effective in man.

...."This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and [yet] walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin".... 1 John 1:5-7 NASB

OCTOBER 4TH

* Godly "tears" are not something put on; rather they are the spontaneous outcome *[fruit]* of a heart that has been deeply moved by the Holy Spirit.

.... *"Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears".... Acts 20:19a NASB*

OCTOBER 5TH

* The seed that one sows in intercession needs to be watered with their own tears in order for it to grow.

.... *"Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ [which is the law of Love]".... Galatians 6:2 NASB*

OCTOBER 6TH

* We, who are children of God ought to deny ourselves rather than seek to "preserve" ourselves.

.... *"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; [we are] afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you".... 2 Corinthians 4:7-12 NASB*

OCTOBER 7TH

* The proud in heart are pleased with their brother's fall, but are unhappy with their progress. As long as the spirit of jealousy remains, there will be the breaking out of "temper".

....*"Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy".... 1 Corinthians 13:4 The Amplified Translation*

OCTOBER 8TH

* Outward circumstances betray the inward nature of things. If there were no "self" within us, no circumstances could ever induce us to lose our temper. Environment does not create temper, it only brings out the temper that was already in us. Whoever loses their "temper" [*control of their tongue*] only proves that one specific area or several areas of "self" have not been dealt with.

....*"Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy".... James 3:13-17 NASB*

OCTOBER 9TH

* Idle words leak life.

....*"The one who guards his mouth preserves his life; The one who opens wide his lips comes to ruin".... Proverbs 13:3 NASB*

OCTOBER 10TH

* The mouth merely expresses what is in the heart. Hence the heart must be dealt with before the mouth can truly be dealt with.

....*"out of the fullness [the overflow, the superabundance] of the heart the mouth speaks".... Matthew 12:34 The Amplified Translation*

OCTOBER 11TH

* If you are not living [*abiding*] in the Will/Word of God, you are in God's sight as one standing idle, no matter how much other work you have been doing.

...."Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples".... John 15:4-8 NASB

OCTOBER 12TH

* If we seek for and expect men to give us praises we will be very glad if they do yet very disappointed if they do not. The servant of God must refuse the praises of men in order to be satisfied by the praises of God.

...."A man's pride will bring him low, but a humble spirit will obtain honor".... The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the LORD will be exalted. Proverbs 29:23, 25 NASB

OCTOBER 13TH

* Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus took God as His satisfaction. He never put any hope in men, nor did He expect anything from men. His expectation lay solely in God. All through His life our Lord took the Father's Will as His satisfaction, indeed all his satisfaction was found in God and God alone. Hence for this reason, no matter how changeable were the people and things and events of the world around Him nothing could discourage Him. Whoever therefore makes God his satisfaction shall never be disappointed.

Let us understand that we should never hope in flesh and blood. If we do not seek and expect fame, glory, help, comfort, or sustenance from men, we will never be "thirsty". Let us take

heed of our attitude towards the "water of this world"; for the way we look at the world will surely determine what we expect of the world.

...."Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life".... John 4:13-14 NASB

OCTOBER 14TH

* "Withdrawal" can keep a servant of God from being damaged by the exaltation of men. By withdrawing, a person is given the opportunity to prove the satisfaction that comes from God. Withdrawing from the exaltation and the plans of flesh and blood is due to the inward satisfaction that comes from God.

...."So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone".... John 6:15 NASB

OCTOBER 15TH

* Jesus possessed a secret resistance in Him against being influenced by the favour of men. He never maintained any direct relationship with His environment. All that He cared for was the Father and His Will. Neither the praises of men nor the opposition of enemies could ever change His course.

...."I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me".... John 5:30 NASB

OCTOBER 16TH

* However much one resists what comes from the world will determine how much they enjoy the riches of the Lord.

...."Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of

the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever".... 1 John 2:15-17 NASB

OCTOBER 17TH

* We should not have any direct dependence on our work, on things or on people; we can have a direct relationship [*absolute dependence*] only with God. If our direct relationship is only with God, we can still rejoice when we are persecuted and rejected by men, are confronted with difficulty or suffer apparent defeat. Since we are directly related to God, neither gain nor loss is able to touch us.

...."Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you".... 1 Peter 4:12-14 NASB

OCTOBER 18TH

* Meekness is that attitude whereby whatever you have decided upon is subject to change according to God's Will.

"meekness" - having a patient, gentle disposition;

...."But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh [of human nature without God]. For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh [godless human nature]; for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do. But if you are guided [led] by the [Holy] Spirit, you are not subject to the Law. Now the doings [practices] of the flesh are

clear [obvious]: they are immorality, impurity, indecency, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger [ill temper], selfishness, divisions [dissensions, party spirit [factions, sects with peculiar opinions, heresies], envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy [gladness], peace, patience [an even temper, forbearance], kindness, goodness [benevolence], faithfulness, gentleness [meekness, humility], self-control [self-restraint, continence]. Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge]".... Galatians 5:16-23 The Amplified Translation

OCTOBER 19TH

* Only a meek person is able to receive guidance from God, only a lowly person *[in heart]* can satisfy God's heart.

...."Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls".... Matthew 11:29 KJV

OCTOBER 20TH

* Rest comes only by trust and obedience. While the heart of unbelief is "allowed" to remain, rest will never come.

...."So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest - an absolute faith and trust in Him], because of their unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God [unbelief had shut them out]".... [Num. 14:1-35]".... Hebrews 3:19 The Amplified Translation

"If because of the sabbath [rest], you turn your foot from doing your OWN pleasure on My holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and honor it, desisting from your OWN ways, from seeking your OWN pleasure and speaking your OWN word, THEN you will take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth [Ephesians 2:6]".... Isaiah 58:13-14a NASB

OCTOBER 21ST

* No one who is easily excited has much strength before God, neither does one who is anxious and troubled in mind have much power.

....*"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"....*
Philippians 4:4-7 NASB

....*"the joy of the Lord is your strength and stronghold"....* Nehemiah 8:10 *The Amplified Translation*

OCTOBER 22ND

* To be of "one mind" is an inward matter, only IN Christ is such one accord possible.

....*"For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart. [Isa. 40:13.]"....* 1 Corinthians 2:16 *The Amplified Translation*

....*"But by His [the Father's] doing you are [already] IN Christ Jesus, Who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption"....* 1 Corinthians 1:30 *NASB*

OCTOBER 23RD

* Every faithful servant of Christ redeems their time diligently and even when they are not outwardly engaged they are inwardly active waiting on the Lord in real heart-exercise.

....*"He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much"....* Luke 16:10 *NASB*

...."as he [*a man*] thinketh in his heart, so is he".... Proverbs 23:7 NASB

...."See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is".... Ephesians 5:15-17 KJV

...."We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the true knowledge of God [*and who we ALREADY are, in Christ*], and we are taking every thought captive [*through proclamation*] to the obedience of Christ [*a revelation of the Father's Will*]".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB

OCTOBER 24TH

* Every child of God must cultivate a disposition that never ceases to acquire fresh territory in the spiritual realm. They must continually press on, never resting content with what they have already attained, but ever adding and never ceasing to add until the "goal" is reached.

...."Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil".... 1 John 3:7-8 NASB

OCTOBER 25TH

* If our "self-confidence" is not shattered by the Holy Spirit doing the deepest work of the Cross in us, then we shall go on being deceived by our feelings and our life will be one of endless fluctuations.

...."But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind".... James 1:5-6 NASB

OCTOBER 26TH

* It is a horrible thing to speak a lie, but it is a pitiful thing to believe a lie in the light of the "finished" work of Jesus Christ!

....*"He [Satan] was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies".... John 8:44 NASB*

....*"The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]".... John 10:10 The Amplified Translation*

OCTOBER 27TH

* God is the creator of all men, and no person is fit to be His servant who despises any one of them.

"despise" - to regard with contempt, distaste, disgust, or disdain; scorn; loathe;

....*"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you".... Matthew 5:44 NASB*

....*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life".... John 3:16 NASB*

OCTOBER 28TH

* It is not for any Christian worker to be governed by fear, and stop to reason about the possible effect of their words on their hearers before deciding what they say.

....*"For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ".... Galatians 1:10 NASB*

OCTOBER 29TH

* If we are to exercise restraint in what we say, then we must first exercise restraint in what we hear.

...."And he [*Jesus*] said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given. For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath"... Mark 4:24-25 KJV

OCTOBER 30TH

* The secret of spiritual advance is openness to God - we must throw spirit, soul [*mind, will, emotions*] and body wide open to Him that He might prepare the way [*sensitivity of heart*] for Divine impressions to reach us.

...."Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it [*flow*] the springs of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth and put devious speech far from you".... Proverbs 4:23-24 NASB

OCTOBER 31ST

* Even though one's spirit is "willing", they must remain constant in their obedience to the revealed knowledge of God's Will and the voice of the Holy Spirit. They must be found walking in all of the light [*revelation*] they have at all times - for if they choose to lean upon their own understanding to even a small degree, then their "soul" will supercede their spirit and gain control of their thoughts and actions. But, as they guard their hearts with all diligence and walk in obedience to even the smallest detail of God's Will, their spirit shall grow strong and neither their soul or their body will be able to control them or move them in any way outside the Will of God.

...."He who is faithful [*diligent*] in a very little thing is faithful also in much".... Luke 16:10 NASB

NOVEMBER 1ST

* When one has become pliable in God's hand, there is instant response by them to any fresh indication of His Will.

...."How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law [Word] of the LORD, and in His law [Word] he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers".... Psalms 1:1-3 NASB

NOVEMBER 2ND

* If one is not right with God no method will avail to make the Will of God clear to them; if one is right with God the knowledge of His Will shall be a simple matter.

...."But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways".... James 1:5-8 NASB

NOVEMBER 3RD

* It is not for one who has not learned to discern and do the Will of God to be used of Him to lead others into His Will. If a Christian worker, in whom "self" is still dominant seeks to instruct others in the way of God, however much they may impart of doctrine, their own intellectual and emotional background will inevitably come into expression and obscure the way and they will consciously or unconsciously seek to dominate the lives of others.

...."I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me".... Galatians 2:20 NASB

NOVEMBER 4TH

* One who has learned subjection through godly discipline will be firmly established in the Lord, but will never seek to "lord" it over others.

...."Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, [and] being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"..... Philippians 2:5-11 NASB

NOVEMBER 5TH

* Suffering for righteousness' sake may not be one's daily portion, but one must daily be prepared to suffer.

...."Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ [suffer for righteousness' sake], keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you..... Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right[eous]" 1 Peter 4:12-14,19 NASB

NOVEMBER 6TH

* It is only those who, whatever their circumstances - favourable or unfavourable - have committed themselves to the Lord and have armed themselves with a mind to suffer who will be able to endure in the day of testing.

....*"For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons/daughters of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons/daughters by which we cry out, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with [Him] so that we may also be glorified with [Him.]"....*
Romans 8:14-17 NASB

NOVEMBER 7TH

* There is a limit to our suffering, but may there be no limit to our will to suffer *[for righteousness' sake]*!

Note: *The suffering we are called to in this earth is to stand continually against all the things which we have been redeemed from. It is in no way associated with physical sickness or any other manifestation of the law of sin and death, but rather it is to continually release faith in the Word of God regardless of the pressure of the circumstances which surround us. As our minds become transformed and renewed to the Word of God, "suffering" will become what it was intended to be; the joyful opportunity to further establish the Kingdom of God in the earth rather than the sorrowful, painful concept "religion" has made it to be, through unbelief.*

....*"let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings to and entangles us, and let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us, Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God [Ps. 110:1.]"....* Hebrews 12:1-2 *The Amplified Translation*

NOVEMBER 8TH

* Every true servant *[son and daughter]* of God must be free from the bondage *[love]* of money.

...."those who crave to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish [useless, godless] and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction and miserable perishing. For the love of money is a root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have been led astray and have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves through with many acute [mental] pangs. But as for you, O man of God, flee from all these things; aim at and pursue righteousness [right standing with God and true goodness], godliness [which is the loving fear of God and being Christlike], faith, love, steadfastness [patience], and gentleness of heart. Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold of the eternal life to which you were summoned".... 1 Timothy 6:9-12 The Amplified Translation

NOVEMBER 9TH

* To be an effective [fruitful] preacher of the Gospel requires a passion for the Word/Will of God that rules out every other interest [agenda].

...."You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind".... Luke 10:27 NASB

NOVEMBER 10TH

* People who are swayed by "financial considerations" are servants of mammon not servants of God.

...."No servant is able to serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stand by and be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [riches, or anything in which you trust and on which you rely]. Now the Pharisees, who were covetous and lovers of money, heard all these things [taken together], and they began to sneer at and ridicule and scoff at Him. But He said to them, You are the ones who declare yourselves just and upright before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted and highly thought of among men is detestable and abhorrent [an abomination] in the sight of God. [I Sam. 16:7; Prov. 21:2]".... Luke 16:13-15 The Amplified Translation

NOVEMBER 11TH

* One need not be afraid of extravagance if it is on the Lord we are pouring out our love and our resources.

....*"While He [Jesus] was in Bethany at the home of Simon the leper, and reclining [at the table,] there came a woman with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume of pure nard; [and] she broke the vial and poured it over His head. But some were indignantly [remarking] to one another, "Why has this perfume been wasted? "For this perfume might have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and [the money] given to the poor." And they were scolding her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to Me".... Mark 14:3-6 NASB*

NOVEMBER 12TH

* We come far short as Christian workers if we can only exercise faith for the meeting of our own needs and do not reach out to others in need.

....*"faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead)".... James 2:17 The Amplified Translation*

NOVEMBER 13TH

* If you hope to increase your income, then increase your output.

....*"There is one who scatters, and [yet] increases all the more, and there is one who withholds what is justly due, [and yet it results] only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered".... Proverbs 11:24-25 NASB*

....*"Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure - pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return".... Luke 6:38 NASB*

....*"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life".... Galatians 6:7-8 NASB*

NOVEMBER 14TH

* The more time one spends in the Presence of God [*the "inner chamber"*], the deeper the revelation they will have of the fact that there is no good in the "flesh".

....*"For I [Paul] know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh".... Romans 7:18a NASB*

....*"It is the Spirit who gives life; **the flesh profits nothing**; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life"..... John 6:63 NASB*

....*"For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven".... Matthew 5:20 NASB*

NOVEMBER 15TH

* A deep love for God will spontaneously manifest itself in a deep hatred for Satan - and all that proceeds from him. Therefore, to the degree that one is diligent in the handling of God's Word/Will, it is to that degree that they will pursue the enemy, even to the consuming of his strongholds, having been prepared by the love that is constantly shed abroad in their hearts, to pursue the enemy into darkness.

....*"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverted mouth, I hate".... Proverbs 8:13 NASB*

....*"I pursued my enemies and destroyed them, and I did not turn back until they were consumed. "And I have devoured them and shattered them, so that they did not rise; And they fell under my feet. "For You have girded me with strength for battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me".... 2 Samuel 22:38-40 NASB*

NOVEMBER 16TH

* One of the highest forms of "self-exaltation" is found in the desire to speak apart from the unction of the Holy Spirit.

....*"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such [a word] as is good for edification according to the need [of the moment,] so that it will give [impart] grace to those who hear".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB*

NOVEMBER 17TH

* The only reason the children of God do not hear the voice of the Holy Spirit at times is because they do not want to hear *[nor will they act upon]* ALL of the words that He will speak.

....*"But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do".... Galatians 5:16-17 The Amplified Translation*

NOVEMBER 18TH

* To violate the first principle of intercession is to walk by "sight" and not by faith. The very heart motivation that induces one to cease from exercising faith in the Will *[Word]* of God - and His desire and ability to accomplish that Will, regardless of circumstances - will cause the one in intercession to forsake diligent prayer in order to grasp the situation with their "own" understanding. Thus, they fall into Satan's snare - which was designed to cause the child of God to stop exercising their faith at "all" times on the behalf of another *[continue to exert pressure on the "spiritual target" through the continual exercising of faith]*.

....*"Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ [which is the law of*

Love]".... Galatians 6:2 NASB

.... "for we walk by faith [*love*], not by sight".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB

NOVEMBER 19TH

* We receive our salvation not by works or effort or struggling. We are a divine creation and we are not left to ourselves in any way, but are moment by moment upheld by the Word of His power.

.... "And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high".... Hebrews 1:3 NASB

NOVEMBER 20TH

* A life of unceasing communication with God is the secret of a life of victory in Christ.

.... "pray [*communicate with the Father*] without ceasing".... 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NASB

NOVEMBER 21ST

* The entire history of the church [*at large*] is a proof of how naturally the human heart desires to turn from grace and faith to law and works.

.... "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God".... Romans 5:1-2 KJV

NOVEMBER 22ND

* Each one of God's children are without excuse if they fail through their "own" imperfection and inability; for God is not blaming them for what they do not do, but for what they do not let Him enable them to do.

....*"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for **apart from Me you can do nothing**".... John 15:5 NASB*

NOVEMBER 23RD

* It is as one's life is lost in self-forgetting Love that they will come to know all the fullness of God.

....*"Love [God's love in us] does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]".... 1 Corinthians 13:5 The Amplified Translation*

....*"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust [the desire for things that are apart from God]".... 2 Peter 1:2-4 NASB*

....*"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God".... Ephesians 3:14-19 NASB*

NOVEMBER 24TH

* Proclaiming the Word of God in the power of the Cross causes a holy fear and reverence to rise up in the heart of those who hear, and places before them the distinct choice of either doing or forsaking the Will of God.

....*"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them".... Deuteronomy 30:19-20 NASB*

NOVEMBER 25TH

* The blessings of God do not take "time", they take faith and patience.

....*"But without faith [love, obedience and patience] it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]".... Hebrews 11:6 The Amplified Translation*

....*"And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises".... Hebrews 6:11-12 NASB*

NOVEMBER 26TH

* Without a deep revelation that they can do nothing apart from God and that there is NO "good thing" - that is, no thing which has its source in Him, or can please Him in any way - in the flesh, the children of God render themselves unfit for His *[Kingdom]* service.

....*"For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh".... Romans 7:18 NASB*

....*"It is the Spirit who gives life; **the flesh profits nothing**; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life"..... John 6:63 NASB*

NOVEMBER 27TH

* The salvation of the spirit is the first manifestation of one's faith but the entire salvation of the soul [*deliverance from every temporal evil*] is the end result of persevering in absolute faith through abiding in Christ. "Absolute" faith is faith that has its entire dependence on the revealed Word of God, with no other source influencing it in any way.

...."let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter [finisher] of [our] faith".... Hebrews 12:1-2 NASB

NOVEMBER 28TH

* Our emotions, when nourished by the life of God, will reflect the true nature and purpose of the loving Father. The result of a soul perfectly controlled by the Holy Spirit will be a body freely controlled and quickened by the Spirit of God, which does not yield to sin in any way, and which is fully prepared and able to be a vessel of righteousness, carrying out God's Will in every pre-ordained circumstance.

...."For we are God's [own] handiwork [His workmanship], recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined [planned beforehand] for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]".... Ephesians 2:10 The Amplified Translation

...."But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you".... Romans 8:11 KJV

NOVEMBER 29TH

* God's Grace is indeed sufficient for us to overcome any temptation to remain stagnant within the confines of the corrupt nature of man. This is the glory that should follow the "new birth" in every believer: complete salvation, spirit, soul and body, a vessel filled to overflowing

with the Holy Spirit and controlled by Him at all times.

.... *"God is able to make all Grace abound to you".... 2 Corinthians 9:8 NASB*

.... *"My Grace is sufficient for you, for [My] power is perfected in weakness [a true leaning of one's entire being upon God and His Word]".... 2 Corinthians 12:9 NASB*

NOVEMBER 30TH

* Fear is only as real as one "believes" it to be - through unbelief.

"unbelief" - is a "belief" [*dependence upon, trust*] in that which is apart from a revelation of God's Word/Will;

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

.... *"So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest - an absolute faith and trust in Him], because of their unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God [unbelief had shut them out]".... [Num. 14:1-35]".... Hebrews 3:19 The Amplified Translation*

DECEMBER 1ST

* Pleading the Blood, or in other words, exercising faith in the power of the Blood of Jesus, will keep the reverent fear of the Lord working in heart of the believer, and through this holy fear, all presumption shall be eliminated in the life of that believer - for it is through constant abiding that they will overcome all that crosses their path. As the children of God abide in the Word [*love*] of God, they will experience a continually deeper revelation of the power of the "Blood" - and, thus, they will come into a place of worship and fellowship with God that they deemed impossible this side of eternity.

.... *"This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light,*

and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and [yet] walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin".... 1 John 1:5-7 NASB

DECEMBER 2ND

* God has no regard for what His children "think" - only for what they "know" [*have gained a "revelation" off!*]

*.... Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." He *said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it Matthew 16:13-18 NASB*

DECEMBER 3RD

* Those who are truly messengers of God cannot have the seeds of "false judgement" in their hearts. Any word which is delivered from the "flesh" will cause judgement to fall upon them. Judgement and conviction do not come from the messenger themselves, but from the anointing, which rests upon their every word. Judgement's deepest purpose is to bring repentance and life, not to "punish".

.... "I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord - but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]. Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision], and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek or consult My own will [I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose] but only the will and pleasure of the Father Who sent Me".... John 5:30 The Amplified Translation

DECEMBER 4TH

- * Too many Christians use too many words to explain the simple message of God.

....*"When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, But he who restrains his lips is wise".... Proverbs 10:19 NASB*

....*"do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say. For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you".... Matthew 10:19-20 NASB*

DECEMBER 5TH

- * All sickness and disease is a product of the law of sin and death.

....*"[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death".... Romans 8:1-2 KJV*

DECEMBER 6TH

- * Obedience demands action!

"perfect obedience" - receiving a revelation of the Father's Will, and then carrying out that Will in the timing *[unction]* and power of the Holy Spirit - alone *[through the continual exercising of an absolute faith working through a perfect love]*;

....*"faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead)".... James 2:17 The Amplified Translation*

DECEMBER 7TH

- * Let the knowing and doing of God's Will, the working for His Kingdom, the seeking His

glory, be the one desire of our hearts.

.... *"But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right)".... Matthew 6:33 The Amplified Translation*

DECEMBER 8TH

* Let it be understood that if anyone is faithful and obedient they will not be spared from exceedingly great pressure and they will not have a "comfortable" day every day.

.... *"for we walk by faith [love], not by sight [feelings]".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB*

DECEMBER 9TH

* The "apostolic" task is to bring an unwanted and unwelcome message [*Christ, All in All*] to an indifferent world.

.... *"[For I {Paul} always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints [His set-apart ones], And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places], Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come. And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church], [Ps. 8:6.] Which is His body, the fullness of **Him Who fills all in all** [for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself]".... Ephesians 1:17-23 The Amplified Translation*

DECEMBER 10TH

* Jesus calls any work "evil" which is not born out of the revealed knowledge of Him [*the Father's Will*] and which is not for the glorification of His Name. Jesus does not allow us to be manipulators of power, independent of the quality of our relationship with Him.

....*"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven [will enter.] Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness'".... Matthew 7:21-23 NASB*

DECEMBER 11TH

* The "Christianity" of our day has learned to seek only their safety in "religion", but their pleasure and happiness in the world.

....*"Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever".... 1 John 2:15-17 NASB*

DECEMBER 12TH

* We must forsake the world, forsake all which is not in accordance with the Will of God, forsake all which will entangle us, and forsake all that would hinder our hearts from thinking on the "things above".

....*"And He [the Father] raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus [the Messiah, the Anointed One]".... Ephesians 2:6 The Amplified Translation*

....*"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God".... Colossians 3:1-3 NASB*

DECEMBER 13TH

* One's relationship with God will determine the "quality" of their relationship with all those who cross their path. To the degree that one walks in "selfishness" [*disobedience through fear and pride*] towards God to that degree they shall walk in selfishness [*devoid of love*] towards all those who cross their path.

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

....*"Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited [arrogant and inflated with pride]; it is not rude [unmannerly] and does not act unbecomingly. Love [God's love in us] does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]".... 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a The Amplified Translation*

DECEMBER 14TH

* There is no fear in "silence".

....*"a man/woman of understanding keeps silent".... Proverbs 11:12 NASB*

DECEMBER 15TH

* The most difficult child of God to be helped is one whose eyes do not see Christ; what they see is either their "own" good or their "own" bad.

....*"It is the Spirit who gives life; **the flesh profits nothing**; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life"..... John 6:63 NASB*

....*"For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven".... Matthew 5:20 NASB*

DECEMBER 16TH

* If "ministry" to the people is not first and foremost and primarily ministry unto the Lord, then it is not "true" ministry.

....*"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others".... Philippians 2:3-4 NASB*

DECEMBER 17TH

* "Idolatry" is any form of religion that "satisfies" the psychic, emotional needs of men and which separates them from any kind of authentic and significant relationship with God, which would require something on their part.

....*"Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry".... 1 Corinthians 10:14 NASB*

DECEMBER 18TH

* How can one speak of or discern judgement when they have little "true" knowledge of the "Judge."

....*"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment [by revelation]".... John 7:24 NASB*

DECEMBER 19TH

* The two "apostolic" imperatives [*motivation*] are: "for Your sake" [*the Church*] and for "the glory of God".

....*"[Even] now I rejoice in the midst of my sufferings on your behalf. And in my own person I am making up whatever is still lacking and remains to be completed [on our part] of Christ's afflictions, for the sake of His body, which is the church. In it I became a minister in accordance with the divine stewardship which was entrusted to me for you [as its object and for your benefit], to make the Word of God fully known [among you]".... Colossians 1:24-25 The Amplified Translation*

....*"Now to Him Who, by [in consequence of] the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams] - to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen [so be it]".... Ephesians 3:20-21 The Amplified Translation*

DECEMBER 20TH

* If we are not "eternally-minded" we are no earthly good; if we are not suffused with God's eternal vision and mystery, consciously working towards the fulfilment of God's purpose in faith and obedience, not only will we fail ultimately, but we will fail immediately, because in the economy and wisdom of God you cannot separate the ultimate from the immediate.

....*"And He [the Father] raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus [the Messiah, the Anointed One]".... Ephesians 2:6 The Amplified Translation*

....*"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where*

Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God".... Colossians 3:1-3 NASB

DECEMBER 21ST

* The greatest deficit of the church [*at large*] is that it has lacked a sense of the ultimate purpose of God. We must "realize" that there is an unbroken continuum, and if we are going to be truly "apostolic" [*Christ all in all*] we need to have a strong sense of these ultimate things for they affect profoundly the way that we walk and talk and are now.

*...."[I pray] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, **far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.** And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all"..... Ephesians 1:17-23 NASB*

DECEMBER 22ND

* Apostolic seeing, apostolic involvement, apostolic participation, apostolic anticipation, apostolic stature and conduct brings with it "apostolic persecution".

*...."Indeed, all who desire to live godly [*lives*] in Christ Jesus will be persecuted".... 2 Timothy 3:12 NASB*

DECEMBER 23RD

* The "powers of the air" in their perverse and fallen condition have so played upon mankind

that they have jerked them and manipulated them through fear, through ambition, through lust, through envy, through jealousy through power, through violence or the fear of violence, so as to distract whole nations away from the purpose of God. The church that does not "recognize" the powers of the air condemns itself to futility!

*...."Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is **not** against flesh and blood, **but** against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm".... Ephesians 6:10-13 NASB*

DECEMBER 24TH

* No holy, spiritual influence can be set in motion by appeals to the senses, yet the reaching of the spirit through the senses is the purpose and aim of many church services and even mission meetings where the Gospel is proclaimed. Splendid buildings, gorgeous vestments and picturesque rites for the eye, with sweet odours for the scent, and ravishing music for the ear, although they may bewitch one's consciousness with the most agreeable sensations, can penetrate only as far as the soul. Yet our spirit does not receive its impressions from the senses, but only from the Spirit. How solemn are the facts herein set forth. How clearly they show why many congregations are filled with "nominal" worshippers of Christ, who show no marks of the true Christian life within them!

...."It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I [Jesus] have spoken to you are spirit and are life".... John 6:63 NASB

DECEMBER 25TH

* Influences that penetrate only to the soul and do not reach the spirit in regenerating power, are deceptive, and give one a "form of godliness without the power" and bring the spiritual worship of Jesus Christ down to the level of heathen philosophies and cults. Hence "religious" men who are merely carnal, place the Son of God on an equality with Mohammed and Confucius

and discuss Christianity as "one of the religions" of the world, instead of men being compelled to see, as in the days of the early Church at Pentecost, the omnipotent power of God bearing witness to the Name of His Son Jesus Christ as the only saviour: for a lost world.

....*"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me"....*
John 14:6 NASB

DECEMBER 26TH

* The place of agreement is the place of power. The place of disagreement is the place of powerlessness.

....*"Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them"....* Matthew 18:19-20 *The Amplified Translation*

DECEMBER 27TH

* Back of the failure to acknowledge Satanic influence through the "soul life" of a man is an unwillingness to recognize statements of the Word of God concerning the fall, and the utter sinking of the entire first creation into corruption and death.

In the progress of the renewal of the redeemed one, it is to the interest of the forces of evil that "any" element of the fallen life whether fleshly [*body*] or soulish, should be kept active. For as the believer becomes "spiritual, they more and more are united in actual union with the Lord of Glory, and hence more and more escape the power of evil spirits, and they become equipped to recognize them and war against them.

....*"For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh"....* Romans 7:18 *NASB*

....*"It is the Spirit who gives life; **the flesh profits nothing**; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life".....* John 6:63 *NASB*

....*"For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly [supernatural] sphere".... Ephesians 6:12 The Amplified Translation*

DECEMBER 28TH

* If Jesus Christ be God, and died for me, NO sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him!

....*"But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead".... Philippians 3:7-11 NASB*

DECEMBER 29TH

* The undue absorption of the children of God in "house" and "goods" to the neglect of the Kingdom of God, is manifestly an aspect of the soul, and not the spirit-life; and this clinging or "over-occupation" with the necessary affairs of earth, needs the "knife-work" of the Great High Priest in the dividing of "soul and spirit", so that the affections of His Blood-bought ones may be set on things above.

....*"For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, **penetrating to the dividing line** of the breath of life [soul] and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], **exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart**".... Hebrews 4:12 The Amplified Translation*

DECEMBER 30TH

* If the believer lives in their feeling, their "sky" will often change and be frequently overshadowed by clouds. But if they do not live according to their feeling, their sky will suffer no change at all. We ought always to live above the dark clouds of feeling.

.... *"Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, for you will find it after many days. Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight, **for you do not know what misfortune may occur on the earth.** If the clouds are full, they pour out rain upon the earth; and whether a tree falls toward the south or toward the north, wherever the tree falls, there it lies. He who watches the wind [physical circumstances] will not sow and he who looks at the clouds will not reap. Just as you do not know the path of the wind and how bones [are formed] in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes all things. Sow your seed in the morning and do not be idle in the evening, for you do not know whether morning or evening sowing will succeed, or whether both of them alike will be good".... Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 NASB*

DECEMBER 31ST

* All unbelief stems from fear - and all fear stems from a certain mistrust of God.

.... *"So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest - an absolute faith and trust in Him], because of their unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God [unbelief had shut them out]".... [Num. 14:1-35]".... Hebrews 3:19 The Amplified Translation*

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