

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

VOLUME 5

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

- * Holiness is nothing less than conformity to the character of God.

....*"prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY".... 1 Peter 1:13-16 NASB*

JANUARY 2ND

- * It is impossible to live the life of a disciple without definite times of secret prayer.

....*"When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees [what is done] in secret will reward you".... Matthew 6:5-6 NASB*

JANUARY 3RD

- * All fear is "unreal" where the Word of God is concerned [*allowed entrance*].

....*"The entrance and unfolding of Your words give light [revelation]; their unfolding gives understanding [discernment and comprehension]".... Psalms 119:130 The Amplified Translation*

....*"I sought the LORD, and He answered me, and delivered me [past tense] from all my fears. They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces will never be ashamed".... Psalms 34:4-5 NASB*

JANUARY 4TH

- * People fail and devils fail, but Love never fails!

....*"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 13:7-8 The Amplified Translation*

JANUARY 5TH

- * When alone with God, be alone with Him.

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

JANUARY 6TH

- * It is not difficult to say what it is that hardens the hearts. The seed sown by the wayside could not enter the soil because it had been trodden down by the passersby [Mark 4]. When the world, with its business and its interests, has at all times a free passage, the heart loses its tenderness.

.... *"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*

JANUARY 7TH

- * Nothing so effectually hinders hearing God's voice as opening the heart too much to other voices. A heart too deeply interested in the news, the literature, and the society of this world cannot hear the divine voice. It needs stillness, retirement, and concentration to give God the heed He claims.

And He [Jesus] said unto them, Take heed what ye hear".... Mark 4:24 KJV

JANUARY 8TH

- * There are blessings [divine empowerments] of The Kingdom that are only yielded to the violence of the vehement soul.

"violent" - proceeding from or marked by great force [in this case, the forces of the Kingdom: love, wisdom, righteousness etc.]; the exhibiting of a fierce and intense passion [fervor]; characterized by intensity of any kind;

"vehement" - zealous; ardent; impassioned;

.... *"From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force".... Matthew 11:12 NASB*

JANUARY 9TH

* To the degree that one fellowships and communes with God, it is to that degree that they are "in one accord" with the thoughts and intentions of His heart.

....*"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*

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

JANUARY 10TH

* It happens that many, from frequent "hearing" of the Gospel are conscious of little longing for it, because they have not allowed the Spirit of Christ free passage in their heart. But the one who wishes fully and with relish to know the words of Christ, must be "zealous" to bring their whole life into conformity with Him.

Be zealous to separate your heart from the love of things which are seen, and turn it to the things that are not seen, for those who follow after the "carnal nature" defile their "conscience", and block the flow of God's Grace.

....*"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 7:1 The Amplified Translation*

....*"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*

JANUARY 11TH

* Many times our "theologians" have been our enemies. They have made a philosophy of the Truth; they have turned the Word in dogma and creed when it should have been as though the Master Himself were here speaking to us. The Word should speak to us as He would. It takes His place and has the same authority as He would if He were here. When we pick up the Bible it would be good to remember that it is the Book with God in it; Life in it; a God-indwelt Book.

The written Word does not have preeminence in the church today! We read it, expound it, and the people go away and forget it. We should meditate on the living Word until it becomes a reality, until it is though the Master stood in the room and spoke to us. When Jesus met the disciples on the way to Emmaus, their testimony was, "Was not our heart burning within us, while He spake to us by the way, while He opened to us the Scriptures?" His Word should have

the same effect today upon our hearts, the "hush" that they felt then should be upon our spirits now.

This can only come by meditation in the Word. We sit in the presence of the tremendous realities of His combat against the hosts of darkness during His "Substitution", of His mighty victory over the hosts of darkness, of His breaking the bonds of death conquering the Enemy that has ruled humanity ever since the Fall and that is credited to us, as children of God. It is as though we did it. Satan knows he is defeated. All Heaven knows that he is defeated; and yet the church sometimes looks upon him as a "master"!

*...."Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, [so] walk in Him, having been firmly rooted [and now] being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, [and] overflowing with gratitude. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. For in Him 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; and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had **disarmed the rulers and authorities**, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him".... Colossians 2:6-15 NASB*

JANUARY 12TH

* Regardless of the "task" given by God there is always a "commensurate" [*corresponding*] power to carry it out.

...."I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency]".... Philippians 4:13 The Amplified Translation

JANUARY 13TH

* The "integrity" of the Word is the basis of faith. The reason for unbelief and a faltering faith is a lack of "assurance" of the integrity of the promises in the Word of God.

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

JANUARY 14TH

* To the heart that is in fellowship with the Heavenly Father, the Word is a present tense, living voice from Heaven. The Word is like its "Author": eternal, unchanging, living.

....*"blessed [divinely empowered] are those who hear the word of God and observe it"....*
Luke 11:28 NASB

JANUARY 15TH

* To hold no high opinion of oneself, and always to judge well and highly of others, is great wisdom and high "perfection". If you should see another "openly" do wrong, or commit some grievous sin, you should never reckon yourself better than them, for apart from the grace of God, you do not know how long you yourself will be able to continue on in integrity!

....*"Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand".... Romans 14:4 NASB*

....*"Do not judge and criticize and condemn others, so that you may not be judged and criticized and condemned yourselves. For just as you judge and criticize and condemn others, you will be judged and criticized and condemned, and in accordance with the measure you [use to] deal out to others, it will be dealt out again to you".... Matthew 7:1-2 The Amplified Translation*

JANUARY 16TH

* To "regard reproof" [*instruction*] is to both receive it and to act [*obey*] in accordance with it.

....*"Turn to my reproof, behold, I will pour out My Spirit on you; I will make My words known to you".... Proverbs 1:23 NASB*

....*"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*

JANUARY 17TH

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JANUARY 18TH

* The flesh, which is at enmity with God, is always motivated to action by the things which will allow the soul and body to live in comfort; but the spirit of a man is always motivated by an "inherent" love of God and His Will, without regard for the flesh.

...."For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God".... Romans 8:5-8 KJV

JANUARY 19TH

* It matters not to me whether my "financial state" seems to be lacking; but never let the effectiveness and fervency of my prayers be found lacking. For one may "appear" outwardly prosperous in a material sense and yet be found walking in "abject poverty" as far as spiritual reality [*the will of God*] is concerned. Indeed, the one who is prosperous spiritually, that is, one who constantly abides in righteousness [*Christ*] will always have more than enough [*a superabundance*] to carry out all of the Will of God for their lives. Let me first be found seeking to establish the Kingdom of God in righteousness, for in that place no child of God will ever be found lacking!

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JANUARY 20TH

* I would be the first one to tell anybody that it is not hard to "lose sight" of Heaven as we walk in this earth, and there is no other country in this earth which "ushers in" a false sense of "peace", a false sense of "prosperity", and a false sense of "obedience" to the Will of God than the one we live in. It is time for every child of God to awaken to "spiritual reality" and rise above the "moral and traditional doctrines" which have infiltrated the church. It is time for us, as children of God, to take the fulness of the authority that belongs to us in Christ, and, in fervent and righteous prayer, bring down the "strongholds" which have captivated the minds of many men and women in positions of leadership so that we, as a Church, and as a country, can be used greatly of God in the remaining time before our Lord's imminent return.

The days of our offering a "passive resistance" to the schemes of the Evil One must end abruptly if we, as the Body of Christ are to fulfill our "mandate" from God in this last hour. There must be a "fresh and radical approach to the "Cross" through a perfect obedience unto death in our own lives, in order that God might raise us up to abide in the place of "ascension", the place from whence all "true authority" issues forth. For it is only in this place that we will overcome the darkness that has "gripped" the minds of this wicked and perverse generation!

...."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

JANUARY 21ST

* I will tell you the position which I am most "comfortable" in and that is the place of abiding, wherein an "eager anticipation" of God showing Himself strongly on My behalf, continually rises up in my heart!

...."For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His".... 2 Chronicles 16:9a NASB

...."If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish [desire], and it will be done for you".... John 15:7 NASB

...."The LORD gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly [before Him]".... Psalms 84:11 NASB

JANUARY 22ND

* "Double-mindedness", or a half and half "belief" [*fear-faith*] in the Word of God always "gravitates" toward an "absolute" darkness. It is only a heart that seeks to be "fully enlightened" that can avoid the snares of the Evil One.

...."Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded".... James 4:7-8 NASB

...."If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him. Only it must be in faith [trust] that he asks with no wavering [no hesitating, no doubting]. For the one who wavers [hesitates, doubts] is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither and thither and tossed by the wind. For truly, let not such a person imagine that he will receive anything [he asks for] from the Lord, [For being as he is] a man of two minds [hesitating, dubious, irresolute], [he is] unstable and unreliable and uncertain about everything [he thinks, feels, decides]"... James 1:5-8 The Amplified Translation

...."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

JANUARY 23RD

* "True belief" [*believing*] can never be separated from perfect obedience [*which is activated and energized through a steadfast faith and love*].

"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*

JANUARY 24TH

* To "love one another" means to seek God's best for the one being loved, through a perfect obedience. It is a basic fundamental of "human" nature [*the flesh*] to continually exalt itself above another. It is only the godly character of a pure and gentle [*sensitive*] spirit that seeks at all times to humble itself first before God, and, as a product of this, seeks to exercise a "perfect love" on the behalf of all those who "cross their path".

....*"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you".... John 15:12 NASB*

....*"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves ".... Philippians 2:3 NASB*

....*"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends ".... John 15:12-13 NASB*

JANUARY 25TH

* It takes a heart which opens itself up [*in trust*] to be "honest" before God, to walk in His Will for any length of time.

....*"Let us all come forward and draw near with true [honest and sincere] hearts in unqualified assurance and absolute conviction engendered by faith [by that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness], having our hearts sprinkled and purified from a guilty [evil] conscience and our bodies cleansed with pure water".... Hebrews 10:22 The Amplified Translation*

JANUARY 26TH

* There is no sense of reality, no sense of God in the modern church *[the church at large]*. If the Word of God means what it says, we have a standing with the Father, we have rights and privileges which we have never taken advantage of. Every child of God must come to know that we are "recreated" and that Satan has no dominion over the New Creation. They must come to know that we are reconciled to the Father. That means a perfect fellowship. They must come to know that if we are reconciled we can come into His Presence without condemnation. They must come to know that with that reconciliation has come righteousness, the ability to stand in the Father's Presence without condemnation or inferiority.

Jesus had no more than that. Jesus had no sin-consciousness and neither must we. Jesus had no sense of unrighteousness, and we must have no sense of unrighteousness, because we have been declared righteous with His own righteousness by the very living Word of God. Jesus had no better righteousness than we have, because God is our righteousness. Jesus had no better fellowship than we have the opportunity to have, because our fellowship has been wrought by God, Himself. Jesus had no better right in prayer or any more power in dealing with demons than we have. All authority was given to Jesus, and He gave us a legal right to the use of His name.

When we confess the Lordship of Jesus over our lives we confess our sole purpose - to do the Father's Will. Let us form the habit of thinking that His Will for us has more joy in it than anything which is contrary to His Will. Let us educate ourselves in the consciousness that His Will is best; that His Will has permanent gladness and joy in it; that His Will has success in it, for outside of His Will is confusion, unhappiness and misery.

...."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

...."[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

...."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

...."For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need".... Hebrews 4:15-16 NASB

JANUARY 27TH

* Not every word and impulse is to be "trusted". A matter must be cautiously and patiently

weighed before God. Often evil is believed and spoken more readily about another than good. But the mature believer does not easily believe every teller of tales, because they know that human weakness is prone to evil and unreliable in speech.

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

JANUARY 28TH

* In many places in the church dependence is frequently placed upon men's "organization" and this produces a "transient" enthusiasm which although awakened, is like the morning cloud or early dew and passes as quickly away.

....*"All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and Your godly ones shall bless You. They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom And talk of Your power; To make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts And the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations".... Psalms 145:10-13 NASB*

JANUARY 29TH

* It is only in the Presence of Almighty God that we gain a "true picture" of ourselves. Compared with another we may look great, but contrasted to the ministry and person of Jesus our "artificial glory" is revealed for what it really is.

....*"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, [there] is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit".... 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 NASB*

JANUARY 30TH

* One's love is both tested and refined continually as they place themselves in the "crucible" of perfect intercession *[obedience]*.

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

JANUARY 31ST

* The "Crucifixion" is the one consummate act of injustice, to which all others are but distant approaches.

.... *"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 2:8-11 NASB*

FEBRUARY 1ST

* The one who knows themselves well becomes "nothing" in their own eyes, and takes no pleasure in the praises of men.

.... *"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**"..... John 6:63 NASB*

FEBRUARY 2ND

* When one or more leaders, full of a holy enthusiasm for the work of God, address large audiences, they may succeed in imparting somewhat of their "fire" to their hearers. The Holy Spirit in them touches deeply those who come under their influence. And yet the "permanent result" is often very small, and the process has to be continually repeated. What the church needs, what our Lord asks and longs to give, is something more. It is not enough that Christians, living a weak, sickly Christian life, should from time to time be stirred. If the interest of the individual believer in the work of God is to be well-pleasing to the Master, and a real spiritual force in the world, it must come, not from continual "appeals" from without, but as the spontaneous outflow of a heart in which the Spirit of Jesus is dwelling. Every branch of the Vine must bear its fruit from the "direct inflow" of the life-giving sap - the Holy Spirit. If the terrible shortcomings and unfaithfulness - the mere "playing at church" - are to be abolished then we must all labour for the restoration of the half-forgotten truth that "every" believer is expected to be full of the Holy Spirit.

All of the church's appeals for support and prayer must be accompanied by the teaching, in the power of the Spirit, that where the Holy Spirit dwell and rules, sacrifice for Christ and entire personal devotion to His interests is nothing but the natural (spontaneous) outcome of a healthy Christian life. Christ did not call His Church to be His witness to the whole earth without first promising the power of the Spirit coming on Her. The beginning of the change must come through the ordinary ministry of the Word. Every individual believer must be educated in the full consciousness that to be filled with the Holy Spirit is an absolute necessity for a life truly "fruitful" and well-pleasing To God. It is certain that the Church will only fulfill Her task in this last hour to the degree that the number increases of individual believers who give themselves to be possessed, to be led, and to be used of the Spirit of Christ.

....*"I [Jesus] am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high".... Luke 24:49 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. 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 [desire], and it will be done for you".... John 15:4-7 NASB*

FEBRUARY 3RD

* Ask freely for the words of holy men and women and listen silently. Let not the "hard sayings" of one more mature in the faith displease you, for they are not put forward without cause.

....*"Faithful are the wounds of a friend".... Proverbs 27:6 NASB*

....*"A friend loves at all times".... Proverbs 17:17a NASB*

FEBRUARY 3RD

* Sonship without true fellowship neither satisfies the heart of the Father nor the heart of His child. Our fellowship must be based upon absolutely sure grounds so that we may know that we can go into the Father's presence with the same freedom that our children enter into our presence. It must not be based upon grounds of pity or sufferance, but on the ground of love's own relationship. The Father is love and He has given us His love nature, so fellowship is as natural as breathing, as we maintain a conscience void of offense.

The Word of God teaches us how to maintain our fellowship and how to regain it if we should lose it. Fellowship with the Father is the very heart of the prayer life. There can be no "vigorous" faith exercised without a rich fellowship between the Father and His children. We may know that we are His children. We may know our "legal rights", but if our fellowship has been broken it shatters our faith, and fills us with fear and dread thus maintaining our fellowship with God is the most important fact of the spiritual life we are called to live in Christ.

....*"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*

FEBRUARY 5TH

* In the New Testament our enemies are those who harbor hostility against us, not those against whom we cherish hostility, for Jesus refuses to reckon with such a possibility. The Christian must treat their enemy as a "brother, and requite their hostility with love. Their behavior must be determined not by the way others treat them, but by the treatment they themselves have received from God. By our enemies Jesus means those who are quite intractable and utterly unresponsive to our love, who forgive us nothing when we forgive them all, who requite our love with hatred and our service with derision. Love asks nothing in return, but seeks those who need it; and who needs our love more than those who are consumed with hatred and are utterly devoid of love? Who, in other words, deserves our love more than our enemy?

Christian love draws no distinction between one enemy and another, except that the more bitter our enemy's hatred, the greater their need of love. Be their enmity political or religious, they have nothing to expect from a follower of Jesus Christ but unqualified love. In such love there is no inner discord between private person and official capacity, In both, we are disciples of Christ, or we are not Christians at all! Am I asked how this love is to behave? Jesus gives the answer: bless, do good, and pray for your enemies without reserve and without respect of persons.

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

FEBRUARY 6TH

* The essence of the true "spirit of the Cross" is: absolute dependence upon God with no reliance upon self.

*...."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 [self] life will lose it; but whoever loses [denies] his [self] life for My sake will find it ["zoe"- divine life]".....
Matthew 16:24-25 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*

FEBRUARY 7TH

* There is a "supernatural" progression that God has for each one of His children, the prerequisite is that we must be "wholly given". For if we hold to "any self-reliance we hinder the inworking and indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

...."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 8TH

* The story of Job closes with the account of the "abundance" of grace and cloudless fellowship with God, which is the end, or purpose, of the Lord's dealings with every soul; but for another aspect of this same abundant life, promised to us in Christ Jesus our Lord, we must turn to the history of the apostle Paul. In Job we are shown the abundance that follows the brokenness, but in Paul we behold the greater brokenness that is the further outcome of the abundance. In brief it may be said that after the soul has been broken down on every side and brought in the abundant life typified by the "double" restored to Job, we are shown by Paul's history that it will be led on the man-ward side into still greater brokenness for the "outpouring of life" to others.

On the God-ward side the soul will be led from faith to faith, strength to strength, glory to glory, while on the earth-ward side the outward man is always "delivered unto death" and becomes increasingly a partaker of the afflictions of Christ for His Body's sake, the Church, until in a very real sense the language of the soul finds expression in the words of Paul the apostle - "as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all things" (2 Corinthians 6:9-10). Like the Lord they serve, "crucified through weakness" - daily, hourly, weakness - yet living in union with Him as the Risen One, by the power of God toward others for whom He died.

...."For indeed He was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, yet we will live with Him because of the power of God directed toward you".... 2 Corinthians 13:4 NASB

FEBRUARY 9TH

* *...."and be not fashioned according to this age: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God".... Romans 12:2*

As soon as a man is recreated (born-again), the Heavenly Father begins the beautiful process of renewing their mind. Up until this time these minds of ours have been "dominated" by the senses, so that all the knowledge that we have has been "sense-knowledge". This mind is going to be renewed by the Holy Spirit, and by our meditation in the Word and practicing of the Word, until it is in perfect fellowship with our recreated spirit and with the Word. Few believers have a "renewed mind".

Consequently, only a few of them ever get in the deep things of God, and their "prayer life" seldom becomes a reality. Only a few of them know the riches of God's grace. 1 Corinthians

2:10-13 tells how the Spirit searches all things even the deep things of God, so that we may know the things that were freely given to us by God. "Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit alone can give." The renewed mind, coming into this deep, rich fellowship with the Father through the Word, is able to appreciate and understand the wealth of the redemptive work that was wrought in Christ.

FEBRUARY 10TH

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ".... Ephesians 1:3

This word falls dead upon the ears of the average believer; and yet, that "average believer" is a possessor of all the things that Christ wrought in His redemption. They have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ. True Christianity is the life of God imparted to a man, plus the wealth of the riches of God's nature which is imparted to us, and the Spirit's unveiling of the wealth of God that was revealed in Christ in His redemptive work. It was a faith-provoking thing, a love-stimulating thing. It revolutionizes the intellect; it thrills the spirit. It lifts one out of the natural into the supernatural. When their mind is renewed on the basis of their "sonship rights", they can take their place as a son or daughter of God; they can enjoy a son's rights and privileges. They can assume a son's responsibility and step into all the riches of the grace of God.

This comes when one loses their sin- consciousness, their sense of "inferiority". They never do this until they know about righteousness. The church, for the most part, is so woefully ignorant of righteousness today. She thinks righteousness only means doing "right deeds". But in the revelation God gave to Paul, righteousness means the ability to stand in the Father's presence without a sense of guilt, inferiority, or sin, just as free in the Father's presence as was Jesus. Many think we will have to wait until we die before this is possible. It is ours right now, in this present evil world. Right here and now we may have as sweet a fellowship and communion with the gather as Jesus had in His earth walk.

...."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

FEBRUARY 11TH

* Do not reckon yourself better than others, lest, before God, who knows what is in men, you be reckoned worse. Do not be boastful of good works, because God's judgements are other than those of men, and what pleases men often displeases Him. If you have anything good, reckon others to have better things, that you may preserve humility. It does no harm to place yourself below all others, but it does the utmost harm to put yourself above even one other. Perpetual peace is with the humble, but in the heart of the proud there is envy and frequent wrath.

...."And He began speaking a parable to the invited guests when He noticed how they had been picking out the places of honor at the table, saying to them, 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this man,' and then in disgrace you proceed to occupy the last place. But when you are invited, go and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will have honor in the sight of all who are at the table with you. **For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted**'.... Luke 14:7-11 NASB

FEBRUARY 12TH

*"Pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you".... Matthew 5:44

This is the supreme demand. Through the medium of prayer we go to our "enemy", stand by their side and plead for them to God. Jesus does not promise that when we bless our enemies and do good to them they will not despitefully use us and persecute us. They certainly will at times, but not even that can hurt or overcome us, as long as we continue to pray for them. For if we pray for them, we are taking their distress and poverty, their guilt and perdition upon ourselves, and pleading to God for them. We are doing vicariously for them what they cannot do for themselves in their "present state". Every insult they utter only serves to bind us more closely to God and them. Their persecution of us only serves to bring them nearer to reconciliation with God and to further the triumphs of love.

FEBRUARY 13TH

* The "New Birth" and righteousness are to one end; that we may enjoy the sweetest fellowship with the Father and with the Son. Fellowship is the parent of real faith. If you find someone whose faith is weak, you may know that their fellowship with God has been broken, or it is of a low type. This "broken fellowship" does not break one's relationship with God, but it mars it and robs that relationship of its richest blessings and benefits. All low grade faith comes from a low grade of fellowship.

Most Christians have lost their fellowship and are putting "duty" in the place of it. Broken fellowship with God is one of the saddest facts of human experience. Joy cannot be made full without full fellowship (1 John 1:3-4). God is light, and as long as you are in fellowship with Him, you are in the light. But the instant your fellowship is broken you go into the dark (1 John:5-6)."But he that hateth his brother is in the darkness, and walketh in the darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because the darkness has blinded his eyes"....(1 John 2:11). This man is out of fellowship. They are walking in darkness - they do not know where they are going. How many Christians are like that! They refuse to walk in the light of the Word. That means walking in love. Every step out of love is a step into the dark."If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us

from all sin"....(1 John 1:7). As long as we walk in the light, the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses all the blunders and mistakes that we make.

...."That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full".... 1 John 1:3-4 NASB

FEBRUARY 14TH

*"But if we say we have no sin - that is when we have broken fellowship and are walking in darkness,"we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us....if we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to for give us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness".... 1 John 1:8-9

This scripture is not written to the world, it is written to the Church, the Family of God. It has to do with broken fellowship. The instant you confess your sins that instant He is faithful and righteous to forgive you. Now you are to forgive yourself and forget your sins and go on in love with Him. For you to continually remind yourself of your past errors and sins is to deny the "efficacy" (power to produce the intended result) of His forgiveness and the integrity of His Word. The instant we ask the Father's forgiveness, Jesus takes up our case before the Father and our fellowship is restored. There is no need of walking in broken fellowship one minute after one has committed sin. The Devil is the author of that lie.

To walk on in broken fellowship, grieving over your blunder, is only adding joy and "glory" to the Devil. The instant you have done wrong and your fellowship is impaired, ask the Father's forgiveness and go on in fellowship with Him. Restoring fellowship is restoring joy, restoring power with God. The richer the fellowship, the deeper one gets into the Word. Deep, rich fellowship means that we go far below the surface of this mine of wealth. You cannot walk in love without Divine fellowship. To walk in love is to walk in fellowship with God. To live the love life is to live the fellowship life. It is bringing joy to the heart of the Father. It is the sweetest, biggest, richest thing the earth ever knew, this fellowship life with God.

The church knows very little about it. Almost no one ever preaches about it, yet it is the heart of the whole thing. There can be no growth in faith, or growth in grace, or growth in knowledge, or growth in joy, with broken fellowship. Every person that has lost power with God has lost it through loss of fellowship. If their faith has been impaired so their prayer life is but a form, it is because fellowship has been broken. If their joy has all seeped out, it is because the vessel that held it has been cracked; their usefulness and testimony has lost it grip and power, it is mere empty words; it is because fellowship has been broken.

If you want your "testimony" rich and full. There is great joy in this life in Christ! When one is walking in "righteousness" they are walking as Jesus walked when He was on earth. There is fulness of joy. It is the "joy" of Christianity that makes Christianity the most attractive thing in

the world. When joy goes, the Word loses its power, its freshness and richness. It is only when fellowship is a flood-tide, and we are walking in the fulness of righteousness, that God is honored and souls are saved.

Fellowship in its fulness is the "joy-life" with the throttle wide open on a downgrade. Fellowship in its fulness is the soil out of which living faith grows to "fruition". Faith dies on low type of fellowship. It shrivels up. It is like a desert plant. By taking your place in righteousness (in Christ), you will find joy in the Word, freedom to use the Name of Jesus, and rich, full fellowship is vastly important.

...."Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly..." [*Colossians 3:16*] that is the key. It is the Word dwelling in us in all of its fulness, its variety, its beauty, its graciousness, that produces a rich type of fellowship. It will give place to love. It will produce all the fruits of righteousness. Faith cannot grow rich on any other soil. A rich prayer life depends on your fellowship. You must be in fellowship or you cannot enjoy the Throne of grace. If your fellowship is broken, you know what to do to have it restored. You cannot afford to stay in the dark; too many issues are at stake!

...."You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever".... *Psalm 16:11 NASB*

FEBRUARY 15TH

* Love and obedience - as well as faith - are inseparable. For it is obedience to the Will [*Word*] of God that gives love its "outward manifestation".

...."faith [*which is both activated and energized by Love*], if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience [*including the speaking of "words" that are aligned with a revelation of the Father's Will/Word*] to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead)".... *James 2:17 The Amplified Translation*

FEBRUARY 16TH

* Every child of God must have a deep and abiding revelation that the "flesh", and all that proceeds from it, is always in "perfect enmity" to the Will of God. Thus we must allow ourselves to be "chastened" by the hand of God in order that we might see and understand clearly the utter and absolute corruption which characterizes even the "best" or smallest offerings of the flesh, and the absolute necessity of doing "nothing apart" from the perfect Will of God. It is only a total sense of our "inability" to work the works of God apart from abiding in His holy Word, that allows us to reach our "full potential" in Christ.

...."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*

.... *"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please".... Galatians 5:16-17 NASB*

FEBRUARY 17TH

* One of the scarcely realized results of the "thought currents" moving in the world today is the effect they are having upon the professing church of Jesus Christ; for the most part unknown to itself, and even upon many in the church who are true believers in the Gospel of Calvary. The apostle Paul speaks of "winds" of "doctrines" thus indicating that there are aerial movements of doctrinal thought which have an effect upon souls caught by them, as though they were children carried by a nurse!

.... *"children, tossed to and fro, and blown round by every shifting current of teaching"....* (Conybeare's Translation) is Conybeare's rendering of Ephesians 4:14.

The word translated "wind" in the A.V. refers to air in motion, or a stream of air. How few preachers and teachers today realize the existence of such a "stream", and the danger of being caught in it. Many think they have arrived at the doctrine they hold by careful deliberation and study, oblivious of the revelation-fact that the "prince of the power of the air", who originates and governs these aerial movements of thought, blinds the minds of the unbelieving, whilst allowing his victims to think they are free men. It is easy to recognize the Satanic source of these doctrinal thought-currents by words which are objected to, or dropped out of use, as "out of date for the people of today".

One primary key-word is the Blood of Christ in connection with the way of salvation. For some years there has been a growing shrinking from the use of this word, until there is almost open revolt at present among those who desire to be "up-to-date" preachers, or, on the part of some who know the Gospel truth, there is a silence on the theme without deliberate purpose, or suspicion of the influence of "modern thought" (Satanic air-currents) upon the mind. Today the stream of modern thought as "air-currents" is running strong, and it needs clear vision and a Divine enduement of power to withstand its pressure.

.... *"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*

FEBRUARY 18TH

* Do not reveal your heart to everyone but discuss your case with one who is wise and fears God!

....*"Many a man/woman proclaims his/her own loyalty, but who can find a trustworthy man/woman?".... Proverbs 20:6 NASB*

FEBRUARY 19TH

* Do not fawn upon the rich nor be eager to appear in the presence of the great. Seek the company of the humble and simple, with the devout and gentle, and let your conversation be about that which builds you up.

....*"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*

FEBRUARY 20TH

* In writing to the Corinthian church, Paul writes:

"We speak wisdom, however, among them that are full grown; it is not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are dethroned" (1 Corinthians 2:6 Moffat Translation).

These rulers have been dethroned in their master and head Satan. This wisdom for the "full grown" is something that we need to know about. The great body of the church are in their infancy; they are mere babes in Christ. Many of our "leaders" have never passed beyond that. They are still "dominated" by the senses. They are "big men" in the sense realm!

Sense knowledge has taken the church captive, bound many of our leaders and holds them captive. Very little is known of "spiritual wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ". Colossians 1:9-12 is almost utterly unknown: "that we may be filled with the exact knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding". We must have this. It belongs to us. There will never be a "struggle" after faith again and our "prayer life will be like the Master's. The sense of unworthiness that comes from "sin-consciousness" would be destroyed in that "full (absolute) knowledge", that "exact and perfect knowledge", of our redemption and righteousness in Christ.

....*"For this reason also, since the day we heard [of it,] we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please [Him] in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son".... Colossians 1:9-13 NASB*

FEBRUARY 21ST

* It is only one who is out of the "Divine Order" who attempts to thwart the Will of God through envy or jealousy.

....*"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*

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

FEBRUARY 22ND

**"Who delivereth us out of the authority of darkness, and translated us into the Kingdom of the Son of His love; in whom we have our redemption, and the remission of our trespasses...." (Colossians 1:13-14).*

Notice what that means. If you are conscious of a perfect redemption from Satan's dominion you will walk with a sureness that Jesus had in His earth walk. The sureness comes from knowing that everything you had ever done, and all that you ever were, stopped being at the New Creation. All of your past has stopped being. You start anew. Then, if you make mistakes, you have the intercession of Jesus. All you have to do is acknowledge your mistake and it is wiped out instantly, and your fellowship with God is restored. You have been delivered out of the authority of Satan. Satan has no authority or legal right to reign over you. You are the absolute master of Satanic forces in the name of Jesus. You are now in the Kingdom of the Son of the Father's love. We are masters there. We are conquerors!

....*"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*

FEBRUARY 23RD

* Your fight is the faith fight described in Ephesians 6:12:

...."our combat is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, the world rulers of this darkness"....

We are their masters, and we conquer them with words. Jesus cast out demons with words. He healed the sick with words. He hushed the wind and sea with words. And He gave us the ability to use words, His words, His own name that has all authority.

...."Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." **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.'" Then the devil *took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and *said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" **Jesus said to him,** "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'" Again, the devil *took Him to a very high mountain and *showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." **Then Jesus *said to him, "Go, Satan!** For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'" **Then** the devil *left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him. Matthew 4:1-11 NASB

FEBRUARY 24TH

*"He goeth away, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he is".... James 1:24

The New Creation man, unless they have made a careful study of what they are in Christ, in the time of stress or crisis will forget what "manner of man they are". We have lived for so long in the realm of the senses that it is difficult for us to realize who we are in Christ. If we do not give the Word of God preeminence in our lives, we "unconsciously" lapse into the old life (psuche) seeing ourselves as we were, and not as we are in Christ.

...."But be doers of the Word [obey the message], and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth]. For if anyone only listens to the

Word without obeying it and being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror; For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like. But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing [his life of obedience]".... James 1:22-25 The Amplified Translation

FEBRUARY 25TH

* The beginning of all evil temptations is instability of mind and "small trust" in God. We must watch over our hearts with all diligence especially in the beginnings of temptation, for then is the foe more easily overcome when he is in no manner allowed to enter the "portal" of the mind, but is met outside the threshold as soon as he has knocked, and there withstood. For first the "mere thought" meets the mind, then the strong imagination, afterwards pleasure, evil action and assent. And so, little by little, the malicious foe gains total entrance, when he is not resisted at the beginning. And the longer one is inactive in resisting, the weaker each day they grow in themselves and the Enemy stronger against them.

...."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

FEBRUARY 26TH

* When the "flesh" feels good it has a tendency, in its "fulness", to forget God and His provision; and when the "flesh" feels "uncomfortable" it has a strong tendency to formulate its own "temporary" (temporal) "stop-gap", forsaking the provision of God in Christ in order to form its own "salvation". The true Christian life of absolute faith working through an absolute love is found not in thoughts or feelings, but deeper than where one can "see or feel"; that is, in the abiding life of God found in the spirit of every believer.

...."Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today; otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them, and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery".... Deuteronomy 8:11-14 NASB

FEBRUARY 27TH

* Men and women who are raised to high offices must be men and women who no longer retain areas of pride. For if one seeks an office for the personal gain or "prestige" among men,

they will be in fear of losing that position and therefore they will weigh all decisions and words spoken with a view to how it affects their position before others. And if something threatens their position they will compromise the Word of God in whatever way necessary to maintain it. To serve God one must be humble knowing that their life wholly belongs to Christ.

...."He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him".... John 7:18 NASB

FEBRUARY 28TH

* Those who speak lies against a chosen and anointed child of God are directly attacking the Father. To continue without repentance will mean that this person remains separated from God. As soon as one speaks an "ill-word" (a thought from Satan) they begin on a path leading away from God. To repent and receive forgiveness allows God to move them immediately from the path of darkness to the path of righteousness.

Forgiveness is a matter of one's heart. When one has the desire to be forgiven and they are willing to receive it then God will forgive and cleanse immediately as they seek Him. There is no need to suffer for an "appropriate" period of time.

...."Let the lying lips be mute, which speak arrogantly against the righteous with pride and contempt".... Psalm 31:18 NASB

*...."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*

MARCH 1ST

* We have free will but all those with a pure heart towards God can never rest peacefully until they are found abiding *[positioned]* in the center of His Will.

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

"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

MARCH 2ND

* The Word of God carries the power to heal the heart, it can dissolve hate, envy, fear and it can allow the heart of a "captive" to react and respond and thus move closer to Him. All men and women seek true love, it is the greatest desire of mankind, it is the love of God the Father that all men need.

....*"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*

....*"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*

MARCH 3RD

* For every child of God there comes a time when they must receive everything from the Lord, no longer depending on someone to get it for them. Ministers must teach their flocks to trust in God alone [*first and foremost*].

....*"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*

MARCH 4TH

* We must never speak against a child of God and we must never go against people who are "trapped" in the world. We say over and over again, "our battle is not against flesh and blood", yet when Satan works our mouths speak against them. We must learn to hold our tongues and seek God's direction in every circumstance that all our actions might be based only on God's Will/Word.

....*"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*

MARCH 5TH

* One must always seek the righteous way, not the easiest way. It is sometimes easier to continue on the path that one has been on than to expend the needed faith to shift to a new path. As Christians we must be ever ready to change direction at the command of our Lord. He may require us to change for our own good or so that we may be in a greater position to be a blessing to others.

...."Now on the day that the tabernacle was erected the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony, and in the evening it was like the appearance of fire over the tabernacle, until morning. So it was continuously; the cloud would cover it by day, and the appearance of fire by night. Whenever the cloud was lifted from over the tent, afterward the sons of Israel would then set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the sons of Israel would camp. At the command of the LORD the sons of Israel would set out, and at the command of the LORD they would camp; as long as the cloud settled over the tabernacle, they remained camped. Even when the cloud lingered over the tabernacle for many days, the sons of Israel would keep the LORD'S charge and not set out. If sometimes the cloud remained a few days over the tabernacle, according to the command of the LORD they remained camped. Then according to the command of the LORD they set out. If sometimes the cloud remained from evening until morning, when the cloud was lifted in the morning, they would move out; or if it remained in the daytime and at night, whenever the cloud was lifted, they would set out. Whether it was two days or a month or a year that the cloud lingered over the tabernacle, staying above it, the sons of Israel remained camped and did not set out; but when it was lifted, they did set out. At the command of the LORD they camped, and at the command of the LORD they set out; they kept the LORD'S charge, according to the command of the LORD through Moses".... Numbers 9:15-23 NASB

...."Do not [earnestly] remember the former things; neither consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive and know it and will you not give heed to it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert".... Isaiah 43:18-19 The Amplified Translation

MARCH 6TH

* In faith there is no time element to prove right or wrong, ten minutes - ten years - ten centuries - it is of no matter to God. His eyes are on the end result. Our faith must see with the Father's eyes so we might remain on the true path.

...."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

MARCH 7TH

* Christians are a nation set apart from the world, unseen by them, yet a nation with a King, government and army. They live not in the world yet move through it gaining victory everywhere. There is no nation to whom they are joined. It is a nation that is separated unto God Almighty, waging His conflict with Satan.

....*"Blow a trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, For the day of the LORD is coming; Surely it is near, A day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness. As the dawn is spread over the mountains, so there is a great and mighty people; There has never been anything like it, nor will there be again after it to the years of many generations. A fire consumes before them And behind them a flame burns. The land is like the garden of Eden before them But a desolate wilderness behind them, And nothing at all escapes them. Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; And like war horses, so they run. With a noise as of chariots they leap on the tops of the mountains, like the crackling of a flame of fire consuming the stubble, like a mighty people arranged for battle. Before them the people are in anguish; All faces turn pale. They run like mighty men, they climb the wall like soldiers; And they each march in line, nor do they deviate from their paths. They do not crowd each other, they march everyone in his path; When they burst through the defenses, they do not break ranks. They rush on the city, they run on the wall; They climb into the houses, they enter through the windows like a thief. Before them the earth quakes, the heavens tremble, the sun and the moon grow dark and the stars lose their brightness. The LORD utters His voice before His army; Surely His camp is very great, for strong is he who carries out His word. The day of the LORD is indeed great and very awesome, and who can endure it? 'Yet even now,' declares the LORD, 'Return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, weeping and mourning'". Joel 2:1-12 NASB*

MARCH 8TH

* Truth is always simple, men make it complex for their own ego. Lies are complex since their only purpose is to distort the simple truth.

....*"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*

....*"And ye shall know [gain a revelation of] the Truth [the Word of God], and the Truth [that revelation of the Word of God that enters your heart] shall make [and keep] you free".... John 8:32 KJV*

MARCH 9TH

* One's concept of time is controlled by thoughts. Thoughts turned to God [*His Word and*

His Kingdom] pierce the physical application of time to reach eternal existence - which is truly "timeless". Thoughts turned to the physical [*temporal*], place a value on time and measure everything by a limited amount of physical time.

....*"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*

MARCH 10TH

* In the past the Church has moved to counter Satan, now the Church moves striking first at Satan before he moves. Each strike adds a link in the chain which binds him. When the links are complete he will be bound for a thousand years. Our obedience is the hammer and God's Word the fire from which the chains are forged. There is no fear in God. God is not concerned with Himself. He is always working on behalf of man. Giving His love and blessings, willing to move all of Heaven to achieve the salvation of even one man or woman.

....*"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season".... Revelation 20:1-3 KJV*

MARCH 11TH

* Men whose hearts yearn for the things of the world will always return to the world. It is only a heart consumed by the Father's love that can [*and will*] "remain" in His Presence.

....*"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*

MARCH 12TH

* Many meaningless phrases are spoken today. These "empty words" are a scheme of Satan to minimize the importance of words to men's minds.

....*"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life][Matt. 12:37]".... Proverbs 18:21 The Amplified Translation*

MARCH 13TH

- * Waiting absolutely on the Lord requires one to trust absolutely in the Lord.

....*"O Lord of hosts, how blessed is the man/woman who trusts in You!".... Psalms 84:10-12 NASB*

MARCH 14TH

- * Faith...holding onto the Truth in the face of Hell and its master, beyond human endurance, beyond emotional endurance, beyond every lie spoken by Satan, UNTIL the Word of God is manifested.

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

....*"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*

MARCH 15TH

- * There is a time to speak, a time to act, a time to be quiet before God. From these quiet times you will know what to say and when.

....*"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*

MARCH 16TH

- * We are accountable to God. We must know His will absolutely! If we take action to vindicate a wrong done to us then we prohibit God from righting that wrong. By taking action we have taken His right of Lordship away from Him in that area of our lives. Even the act of holding unwholesome thoughts against those who have come against us hinders God from working on our behalf. As one walks in an absolute love then God will be free to wholly vindicate us.

....*"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

MARCH 17TH

* We must be aware, as children of God, that it is our prayer and the speaking of God's Will *[Word]* that allows the angels to go to work on our behalf. They depend upon us speaking "anointed" words *[words in perfect accordance with the Word of God]* before they can commence their work.

...."Are they [the angels] not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?".... Hebrews 1:14 NASB

MARCH 18TH

* "Apart from Me you can do nothing". Men must learn that this means exactly what it says and nothing less. There is no labor, decision or word apart from God which contains life.

...."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

...."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

MARCH 19TH

* To reach Christian perfection one must commit totally their life unto death. This is a very real, very painful death to the flesh yet in it comes peace and freedom.

...."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 20TH

* Trust in the Lord! How simple yet how difficult for one who has not given the Word of God preeminence. The mind can be a playground for Satan, therefore we must control every thought and every word to assure that we are not being led astray. We must tend to our garden of thoughts refusing to allow any growth of "foreign seeds".

...."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. Be not wise in your own eyes; reverently fear and worship the Lord and turn [entirely] away from evil. [Prov. 8:13.] It shall be health to your nerves and sinews, and marrow and moistening to your bones".... Proverbs 3:5-8 The Amplified Translation

...."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

MARCH 21ST

* No words spoken "against" men touch the deceived heart within them.

...."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

...."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 6:11-13 NASB

MARCH 22ND

* One's own obedience affects those they hold close. Satan will attack that which one holds dearest to cause the greatest upheaval in their lives that he can. This is why one must give up everything for the Lord. It then gives Satan no ground for, or area of, attack.

...."Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise [sensible, intelligent people], Making the very most of [redeeming] the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil. Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is ".... Ephesians 5:15-17 The Amplified Translation

MARCH 23RD

* Resist the Devil and he will give way before you. There is no power in the world which can overcome the one abiding in Christ!

...."Submit therefore to God [in obedience]. Resist the devil [from the position of faith in

a revelation of the Father's Word/Will] and he will flee from you".... James 4:7 NASB

MARCH 24TH

* Love not hate. Forgiveness not revenge. Loving tolerance not blind action. Prayer before reaction. Faith in the ability of God gives peace of heart and trust in God lifts burdens from us.

...."You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, and hopes confidently in You. So trust in the Lord (commit yourself to Him, lean on Him, hope confidently in Him) forever; for the Lord God is an everlasting Rock [the Rock of Ages]".... Isaiah 26:3-4 The Amplified Translation

MARCH 25TH

* To be truly free one must seek to depend upon the Word of God for everything.

...."If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the Truth [gain a revelation of Who I truly am and what I have Done {My Finished Work}], and [that revelation of] the Truth will make [and keep] you free... So if the Son [Word of God] makes you free, you will be free indeed".... John 8:31b,36 NASB

MARCH 26TH

* No answer is hidden from a heart seeking for the beneficial use of the knowledge and wisdom sought for.

...."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

MARCH 27TH

* Silence after rejection is better than a thousand words of defence!

....."A man/woman of understanding keeps silent".... Proverbs 11:12 NASB

...."The high priest stood up and said to Him, 'Do You not answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?' But Jesus kept silent".... Matthew 26:62-63a NASB

MARCH 28TH

* The world seeks "heroes", but they can not see them. The greatest heroes live in the Lord far from the lustful eyes of the world. Satan will never knowingly expose a faith-operating saint, as it is too dangerous for him! The hero lives their life for others believing that it is a humble blessing to be allowed to pray for others and intercede on their behalf. The hero seeks no reward, they seek only to serve the Lord.

...."And all of these, though they won divine approval by [means of] their faith, did not receive the fulfillment of what was promised, Because God had us in mind and had something better and greater in view for us, so that they [these heroes and heroines of faith] should not come to perfection apart from us [before we could join them]. 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 ".... Hebrews 11:39-12:1 The Amplified Translation

MARCH 29TH

* The thoughts of Satan may come to you, do not condemn yourself because of this. It is only when you receive these thoughts into your heart and thus act on them that you condemn yourself. It is best to remain alert and reject Satan and his deceptions at the earliest whisper.

...."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

...."Submit therefore to God [in obedience]. Resist the devil [from the position of faith in a revelation of the Father's Word/Will] and he will flee from you".... James 4:7 NASB

MARCH 30TH

* All leaders in the Church are to be directly responsible to God for the administering of His Will [Word]. It is not a task to be sought for in order to receive the praises of men. It is a position God calls men and women to fill, and only those who administer this calling with a humble heart can ever carry out its fulness.

...."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

.... "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

.... "Do not [seek to] be called leaders; for One is your Leader, that is, Christ. But the greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted".... Matthew 23:10-12 NASB

MARCH 31ST

* If one's actions are truly inspired by God then what need is there for them to "justify" themselves? There is no desire to "justify" oneself in an obedient heart.

.... "And He [Jesus] said to them, 'You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God'.... Luke 16:15 NASB

.... "The high priest stood up and said to Him, 'Do You not answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?' But Jesus kept silent".... Matthew 26:62-63a NASB

APRIL 1ST

* Love is perfected in the fire of God.

.... "God is love".... 1 John 4:16 NASB

.... "our God [is indeed] a consuming fire".... Hebrews 12:29 The Amplified Translation

.... "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 13:4-8 The Amplified Translation

APRIL 2ND

* Great industrial concerns have in their employ men who are needed only when there is a breakdown somewhere. When something goes wrong with the machinery, these men spring into action to locate and remove the trouble and get the machinery rolling again. For these men a

smoothly operating system has no interest. They are specialists concerned with trouble and how to find and correct it.

In the Kingdom of God things are not too different. God has always had His specialists whose chief concern has been the moral breakdown, the decline in the spiritual health of the nation or the Church. Such men were Elijah, Jeremiah, Malachi, and others of their kind who appeared at critical moments in history to reprove, rebuke, and exhort in the name of God and righteousness.

A thousand or ten thousand ordinary priests or pastors or teachers could labor quietly on, almost unnoticed, while the spiritual life of Israel or the Church was normal. But let the people of God go astray from the paths of truth, and immediately the specialist appeared almost out of nowhere. His instinct for trouble brought him to the help of the Lord and of Israel.

Such a man was likely to be drastic, radical, possibly at times violent, and the curious crowd that gathered to watch him work soon branded him as extreme, fanatical, negative. And in a sense they were right. He was single-minded, severe, fearless, as these were the qualities the circumstances demanded. He shocked some, frightened others, and alienated not a few, but he knew Who had called him and what he was sent to do. His ministry was geared to the emergency, and that fact marked him out as different, a man apart.

To such men as this the Church owes a debt too heavy to pay. The curious thing is that She seldom tries to pay him while he lives, but the next generation builds his sepulcher and writes his biography, as if instinctively and awkwardly to discharge an obligation the previous generation to a large extent ignored.

Such a man as this is not an easy companion. The professional evangelist who leaves the wrought-up meeting as soon as it ends to hurry over to the most expensive restaurant to feast and crack jokes with his sponsors will find this man something of an embarrassment, for he cannot turn off the burden of the Holy Ghost as one would turn off a faucet. He insists upon being a Christian all the time, everywhere; and again, that marks him out as different.

Toward him it is impossible to be neutral. His acquaintances are divided pretty neatly into two classes, those who love him with all admiration, and those who hate him with perfect hatred!

*...."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. But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak".... 2 Corinthians 4:7-13
NASB*

APRIL 3RD

* There is no format developed by man for the establishment and service of a "local church". Each is formed to serve its purpose in God's ministry. Obedience by each individual to God gives power to the Body, both in the local church and the universal Bride of Christ.

....*"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*

....*"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*

APRIL 4TH

* Friendship can not be held above service to Christ. No friendship can survive being exalted so high. No "idol" can be raised above God without Satan attaching himself to that idol - and his presence alone ensures failure!

....*"A friend loves [with God's Love] at all times".... Proverbs 17:17a NASB*

....*"Therefore, my dearly beloved, shun [keep clear away from, avoid by flight if need be] any sort of idolatry [of loving or venerating anything more than God]".... 1 Corinthians 10:14 The Amplified Translation*

APRIL 5TH

* The message is more important than the "vessel". Yet the heart of the vessel determines the purity of the message.

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

APRIL 6TH

* In our time here on earth we will be called to stand daily in righteousness. It may be in public or in private. It may be to stand against a thousand demons or against one. Every day we will be confronted and only by the Blood of Jesus can we prevail over the forces of Satan!

....*"And they overcame him [Satan] because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony".... Revelation 12:11 NASB*

APRIL 7TH

* It is during times of "silence" that our faith is tested for its endurance. During these times we must "know" that God is with us - and that He will NEVER fail or forsake us.

....*"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*

....*"O Lord of hosts, how blessed [divinely empowered and prospered] is the man/woman who trusts in You!".... Psalms 84:10-12 NASB*

APRIL 8TH

* Every ounce of strife found in the church has its root in "self-interest", whereas every ounce of harmony and one accord has its root in the common purpose of seeking first the establishment of God's Kingdom - at "all cost" to oneself.

....*"Do nothing from factional motives [through contentiousness, strife, selfishness, or for unworthy ends] or prompted by conceit and empty arrogance. Instead, in the true spirit of humility [lowliness of mind] let each regard the others as better than and superior to himself [thinking more highly of one another than you do of yourselves]. Let each of you esteem and look upon and be concerned for not [merely] his own interests, but also each for the interests of others".... Philipians 2:3-4 The Amplified Translation*

APRIL 9TH

* The fear of man is the greatest "catalyst" for darkness in the church, for it is this very fear that causes one to worship man for who he is, as opposed to worshipping God for who He is.

....*"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*

....*"Therefore, my dearly beloved, shun [keep clear away from, avoid by flight if need be] any sort of idolatry [of loving or venerating anything more than God]".... 1 Corinthians 10:14 The Amplified Translation*

APRIL 10TH

* No child of God need be intimidated by the true delegated authorities of God, for they are but vessels of God's love and wisdom to the rest of the Body, called to lead all of God's people, even to the last one, into the fulness of their inheritance 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*

APRIL 11TH

* A "religious spirit" always has as its main thrust, in its effort to deceive a minister of God, the "de-emphasizing" of one's personal relationship and fellowship with God *[and His Word]* as the first and foremost pre-requisite to excellence in ministry, and onto a "belief" which places relationship to and fellowship with "flesh and blood" before one's relationship with God and His Word.

....*"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you travel around on sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell*

as yourselves".... Matthew 23:15 NASB

....*"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*

APRIL 12TH

* The true prayer life brings those who pray into vital contact with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This vital contact has certain spiritual reactions that are of inestimable value to the life of the Church. It is not just "saying prayers", but meeting God and getting His mind for the day, His strength, His quietness, and His love.

Every man and woman in connection with the Church who is not spending time in prayer will be a "neutralizing" force within the Church. They have a tendency to lower the spiritual temperature of everyone in close contact with them. They carry a certain coldness and are an "inert" body. A congregation cannot be built up spiritually without prayer as the foundation. "Numbers" can be drawn through personal work or by eloquence, but to build up a real spiritual body, is only possible through prayer. And this will need much wise teaching on the part of the ministry.

....*"pray without ceasing [remain in constant contact with God]".... 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NASB*

APRIL 13TH

* Perfect obedience *[both individually and corporately]* is the quickest way home!

"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]*;

....*"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*

APRIL 14TH

* The "Blood" does not shelter the "flesh"! How we need to see this plainly, for we find

that in all those who do not thus apprehend the truth of Christ's death of the cross in its man-ward aspect, the old Adam-life is busy appropriating truths which belong to the new creature in Christ Jesus, hence the confusion of "views" and strange mixture of truth and error held by various sections of the professing church.

This is especially serious when it comes to conflict with Satanic powers, and when the children of God "ignorantly" claim the "shelter of the Blood" upon the uncrucified "flesh"! For without the experiential knowledge of the crucifying power of the Cross, and an active moment by moment faith that it is now crucified and out of action, the "flesh" is not dealt with, but remains "actively" existent and open to the workings of the spirits of evil, even whilst the believer is claiming the shelter of the Blood.

It cannot be said too strongly that the precious Blood of Christ was not meant to "shelter" the uncrucified "flesh", anymore than it was intended as a "cloak" to sin. God does not promise to shield or defend by the Blood of His Son, what He has condemned to death in the death of His Son!

...."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

...."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

APRIL 15TH

* The moment we become "new creations", we become the "righteousness" of God. The righteousness of God means the ability to stand in the Father's presence without the sense of guilt, condemnation or inferiority. We are that moment sons and daughters of God. It would be an abnormal thing if He should recreate us, impart to us His own nature, and leave us under the blighting curse of condemnation, unable to stand in His presence without the sense of guilt and inferiority. Then we "know" we have the ability to stand in God's presence free from all sense of unworthiness.

We know the second fact that we have a "legal right" in the Father's presence because we are legally born into His family, and He has legally adopted us and accepted us as sons. "The Holy Spirit Himself has borne witness with our spirits that we are the children of God." We know another fact, that we have a "legal right" to use the name of Jesus and whatsoever we ask of the Father in that name He will grant us. This has cleared up every issue in regard to our ability to stand before Him in the Throne Room without condemnation.

Sin has been preached to us for so long and we have been told so often that we are

"unworthy and unfit", that it has kept us with a sense of inferiority which has been destructive to a "faith-life". No one can walk with God as long as they are under condemnation. You can see now that prayer is based on "legal grounds"; not based on promises only but on statements of fact!

....*"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*

....*"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*

....*"[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*

....*"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*

....*"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*

APRIL 16TH

* The prophecy that is coming to us through the Father, through His servants, to the Church in this last hour - and if we have an ear to hear God will raise the "level" of our faith to an "experience" that we have never known before - is this:

"I am going to raise up a unique people" - we are not talking about the "church" per se, we are not talking about "denominations"; we are not talking about the "Baptists"; the "Methodists"; the "Presbyterians"; the "Assemblies of God"; the "Four Square"; we are not talking about any form of "organized" religion; we are not talking about the "Catholic" church or the Jewish faith; but we are talking about God's "people"; a specific breed of end-time people, a people who have heard the call and the voice of the Holy Spirit and who have responded to that inner "wooing" by laying their life down before God as a "living sacrifice". We are talking about a people who have passed over the line and are not "looking back" to the world; but a people that have joined themselves in holiness and in righteousness and in sanctification to the end-time purposes of God Almighty; a people, beloved, that are in tune and who hear and "act"!

Now the prophecy is this: God is going to uniquely join Himself to those people and the

world will know as it knew through the Israelites that there may be many gods being presented to the world but there is only one true God and His name is "Jehovah". He is not Mohammed; He is not Buddha; He is not Shinto; He is Jehovah; and this God created the heavens and the earth and breathed the breath of life into man, and there is no other God beside Him! God has uniquely raised up the Church in this end-time, and through a very unique people - I am talking about God's end-time "anointed" people - the world will know that Jesus is not a figment of somebody's imagination and that Jesus is not the modern day church's answer to "religion", where they place Him in an "ecclesiastical mode" or they place Him in a "theological structure", but through these end-time "unique people of God, Christ, as Jehovah was revealed through Israel, Jesus the Son of God will be revealed through the Church, and the world will know that He is not a "psychologist"; they will know through you and I that He is who He claims to be:

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God and all things were made by him and without Him was not anything made that was made"..."

He claims to be God from the beginning of time and He came here as the Son of God for a divine purpose: "For this purpose was the Son of God made manifest: that He might destroy the works of the Devil".... Jesus came here for this purpose, and God, in covenant-anointing with these end-time people, shall reveal the "Living Christ" to the world in the fulness of His power!

...."In the beginning [before all time] was the Word [Christ], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself. [Isa. 9:6.] He was present originally with God. All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being. In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it [put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it]".... John 1:1-5 The Amplified Translation

...."[You know of] Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and [how] He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him".... Acts 10:38 NASB

...."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

...."And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of

God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" Revelation 19:11-16 NASB

APRIL 17TH

* One should never trust the great issues of their life to another's faith. They should have faith of their own. Faith that can meet any crisis that will come. Your case is vital to you. It may not be vital to this other party to whose faith you look. They may have troubles that are unsolved, inward struggles that have never been settled. Their faith may be at a "low ebb" when you appeal to them for aid. It is vitally important to you that you that you have your own faith to lean on in the hard places.

Everyone should build their own faith-life. I find that the majority of people float on "carelessly" until they come to a dangerous place. They are sick, or some loved one is sick, some financial or heart problem confronts them that may affect their entire future. Then they frantically hunt for someone who can cry and sob and quote scriptures in what they call their "prayer" and it is of no avail because there is no faith back of it. If there was faith there, there would be no crying and no sobbing. There would be a rejoicing because they would know that whatever they asked of the Father in Jesus' name, He will do it.

...."In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full".... John 16:23-24 NASB

...."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

APRIL 18TH

* It is most important for us to understand what are the characteristics of the "self-life", and how impossible it is, when under its sway, to live a spiritual life and wield spiritual weapons in the service of God. It is useless exhorting the "flesh" to be "spiritual", and yet the flesh seeking to live a spiritual life and calling itself "spiritual", is the reason of the discrepancy in so many Christian lives to day. We get "light" in our minds; spiritual phrases on our tongue; call our "work" spiritual, whilst we ourselves live after the flesh in greater or lesser degree all the time. Let us then take the Scriptures, and ask that the sword of the Spirit may pierce to the joint and

marrow, dividing soul and spirit, so that we may know where we actually stand in the sight 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*

APRIL 19TH

* The recovery [*restitution*] of the church is proportionate to the recovery of the "entire range" of God's Word!

"restitution" - the act of giving back something that has been lost or stolen [*in this case, one gaining a revelation of every aspect of their Covenant with the Father*];

Latin: **"restituere"** - to rebuild,

....*"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 Him, and He will make them know His covenant".... Psalms 25:12-14 NASB*

....*"But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time".... Acts 3:18-21 NASB*

APRIL 20TH

* If we are going allow the Holy Spirit to break the cycle of Satan's financial stranglehold of debt and lack over our lives we are going to have to come into that place of an absolute trust in God's Word - that place wherein we stand before the Father in faith and trust in His Goodness and faithfulness as our Provider - with total absence of doubt!

....*"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*

.... "O Lord of hosts, how blessed [divinely empowered and prospered] is the man/woman who trusts in You!" Psalms 84:10-12 NASB

APRIL 21ST

* If you but withdraw yourself from unnecessary conversations and idle going about, and indeed from listening to "news" and common talk, you will find sufficient and proper time for profitable meditations. The greatest of the saints used to avoid as much as they could the company of men, and chose to live for God in seclusion. He, therefore, who seeks to reach that which is hidden and spiritual must, with Jesus, slip away from the crowd. No one can safely appear in public who does not enjoy seclusion. No one safely talks but the one who gladly listens and keeps silent. No one safely rules but the one who is glad to be subordinate. No one safely commands but the one who has learned well to obey. No one safely rejoices but the one who has the testimony of a good conscience within. Even the tranquility of the saints was full of the fear of God. Nor were they the less earnest and humble within themselves because they shone with great virtues and Grace.

.... "Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side to Bethsaida, while He Himself was sending the crowd away. After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray. When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and He was alone on the land"... Mark 6:45-47 NASB

APRIL 22ND

* How is it possible to live the life of faith when we grow weary of prayer, when we lose the joy of communion with God?

.... "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit" Psalm 51:10-12 NASB

APRIL 23RD

* Faith is the "divine Energy" of God - and, thus, there is never a promise of God's that is given that is void of faith. The promises of God are not fulfilled through "our" ability. They are fulfilled through the power [faith, divine Energy] that God has put in His words. God's Word will never be made vulnerable to our abilities, to our thinking or to our feelings. The power is in His Word - and is appropriated [partaken of] by faith, alone!

.... "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

APRIL 24TH

* There is a vast difference between lying and speaking the Word of faith *[in faith]*. A lie is meant to deceive someone. It is designed to make someone believe something that is not true. But to speak by faith is simply to speak words that agree with the Word of God instead of the circumstances around you. It is a speaking from one's spirit instead of their mind.

....*"But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak".... 2 Corinthians 4:13 NASB*

....*"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*

....*"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*

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APRIL 25TH

* There is no true liberty or real joy, save in the fear *[reverence]* of God with a good conscience. Happy is the one who can cast aside every hindrance of distraction, and gather themselves into the oneness of holy self-examination. Happy is the one who renounces whatever can blot or burden their conscience.

.... "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

APRIL 26TH

* Earthly goods are given to be used, not to be collected. The disciple must receive their portion from God every day. If they store it up as a permanent possession, they spoil not only the gift, but themselves as well, for they set their heart on their accumulated wealth, and makes it a barrier between themselves and God. Where our treasure is, there is our trust, our security, our consolation and our "god". Hoarding is idolatry!

.... "If [when] riches increase, do not set your heart upon them" Psalms 62:10 NASB

.... "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth consume, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through or steal: for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also. The lamp of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is the darkness! No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon"... Matthew 6:19-24 KJV

APRIL 27TH

* Pure in heart; pure in mind; pure in body!

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

.... "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

....*"make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship".... Romans 12:1 The Amplified Translation*

APRIL 28TH

* The reason that faith seems so difficult is that sense-knowledge has gained the ascendancy in our educational and religious life. "Sense knowledge" has all come through our physical contact with the world. We have learned to trust so utterly in our eyes, our ears, the sense of touch, of smell, and the sense of taste, that spiritual things are hard to understand. And thus it is only easy to believe in the things that one "sees".

....*"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 29TH

* Faith is independent of sense knowledge. The antagonism of the scholastic world to the "revelation" called the Bible is that the Bible [*the Word of God*] demands faith in things which the senses cannot apprehend.

....*"For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, **combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words**. But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ [and do hold the **thoughts** {feelings and purposes} of His heart {Amplified}]".... 1 Corinthians 2:11-16 NASB*

APRIL 30TH

* Whether one recognizes it or not, one's entire life, from the time they become conscious as a babe, until they step off this planet, is a "faith-life"; one either has faith in their senses or in the Word of God. Faith is the thing that brings success. Doubt is the thing that brings failure. The educational institution that teaches doubt becomes the unconscious enemy of civilization. The modern trend of sense knowledge has been toward "agnosticism".

The agnostic possesses the proud confession of "I do not know". Atheism says that God does not exist. The two of them are twin enemies of success and the spiritual progress or the age. The agnostic makes no contribution but "confusion". God is love. He works by faith. It is faith that works by love. He is the Faith-God. Man is the crowning work of faith. Being created in the image of love, he must live by faith. Man is a faith-creation! When reason usurps the seat of faith, man becomes a failure!

...."for we walk by faith [in a revelation of God's Word {Will}], not by sight [by that which is discerned by our five physical senses]".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB

MAY 1ST

* Be not anxious! Earthly possessions dazzle our eyes and delude us into thinking that they can provide security and freedom from anxiety. Yet all the time they are the very source of all anxiety. If our hearts are set on them, our reward is an anxiety whose burden is intolerable. Anxiety creates its own treasures and they in turn beget further care. When we seek for security in "possessions" we are trying to drive out care with care, and the net result is the precise opposite of our anticipations. The fetters which bind us to our possessions prove to be cares themselves.

The way to misuse our possessions is to use them as an insurance against the "morrow". Anxiety is always directed to the morrow, whereas goods are in the strictest sense meant to be used only for to-day. By trying to ensure for the next day we are only creating uncertainty today. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. The only way to win assurance is by leaving tomorrow entirely in the hands of God and by receiving from Him all we need for today. If instead of receiving God's gifts for today we worry about tomorrow, we find ourselves helpless victims of infinite anxiety.

...."Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD and whose trust is the LORD. For he will be like a tree planted by the water, That extends its roots by a stream and will not fear when the heat comes; But its leaves will be green, and it will not be anxious in a year of drought nor cease to yield fruit".... Jeremiah 17:5-8 NASB

...."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

...."seek [aim at and strive after] first of all His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right], and then all these things taken together will be given you besides. So do not worry or be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have worries and anxieties of its own. Sufficient for each day is its own trouble".... Matthew 6:33-34 The Amplified Translation

MAY 2ND

* Pursue! Overtake the Enemy! Recover all!

....*"And David inquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, **Pursue**: for thou shalt surely **overtake** them, and without fail **recover all**".... 1 Samuel 30:8 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".... 2 Samuel 22:38-40 NASB*

MAY 3RD

* Anyone whom God calls into His service He prepares with great care. He fits and equips them for "special tasks".

....*"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*

MAY 4TH

* As God's people, we need to be precise and careful in seeking the counsel of Christ for the decisions we make. Not only will His gracious Spirit guide us in general ways, but also in the minute details of our decisions, if we will patiently seek His will and comply with His wishes. Many miss the exhilaration of enjoying the constant company of Christ simply because they do not consider it critical to determine the desires of His heart for them in the "details" of this life. God delights to have us move in quiet harmony with Him.

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

MAY 5TH

* Sense-knowledge speaks the word of man and faith speaks the Word of God!

....*"But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak".... 2 Corinthians 4:13 NASB*

....*"And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God". [lit. have the faith of God] "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

MAY 6TH

* One must have been given clear guidance from God and then carry out God's command without debate. This is a very basic principle for success in our daily walk with God. We cannot, we dare not, rely on past experience to guide us in our conflicts with the relentless Enemy of our souls. Instead, in each encounter we need to seek clear instructions from Christ. He will direct us implicitly what to do. Our part then, is to quietly, quickly, comply with His commands and do what He asks. And we shall surely overcome the Enemy continuously.

...."Then David inquired of the LORD once more. And the LORD answered him and said, "Arise, go down to Keilah, for I will give the Philistines into your hand".... 1 Samuel 23:4 NASB

MAY 7TH

* All the planning; all the programs; all the praise and dramatic displays of man's devising come to nothing if they are not in clear compliance with our Father's will and instructions to us. In many cases the contemporary church tries to use the world's techniques and methods to achieve spiritual results. Again and again the results are ruin! We need to search our souls and examine our spirits to be sure we do God's work in His way, in His time, according to His 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

MAY 8TH

* When one truly believes the Word of God anxiety and fear will leave them.

...."When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You".... Psalm 56:3 NASB

...."You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, and hopes confidently in You. So trust in the Lord (commit yourself to Him, lean on Him, hope confidently in Him) forever; for the Lord God is an everlasting Rock [the Rock of Ages]".... Isaiah 26:3-4 The Amplified Translation

MAY 9TH

* Faith counts the things that are not seen *[in the physical realm]* as though they already

were - and thus they became!

...."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

MAY 10TH

* Faith in you will conquer just as faith in Jesus conquered. Faith in your own words which are in perfect accord with the Will of God will drive disease out of sick men's bodies. When you say, "in the name of Jesus, disease depart from this body", you have confidence in Jesus' words on your lips as Jesus had confidence in His Father's words on His lips, and the healing takes place. Faith comes by daring to act upon the Word. Your fear to act upon the Word is fear gaining ascendancy.

...."And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God". [lit. have the faith of God] "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

MAY 11TH

* Be watchful and diligent in the service of God, and often reflect: "why have you come here? And why have you abandoned the world? Was it not that you might live for God and become a spiritual man? Therefore be ardent for progress, because you will soon receive the reward for your labours, and then neither fear nor the sorrow which produces death shall come within your borders anymore. You will labour a little now, and you will find great rest, yea everlasting joy. And if you continue ardent and faithful in what you do, God, beyond doubt, will be faithful in rewarding you. You must hold fast the hope that you will reach the "crown", but you must not "lay hold" of worldly security lest you grow slothful and lift it up.

...."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 Amplified Translation

MAY 12TH

* Throughout history, the fiercer and more direct the "confrontation" between the people of God and the forces of Satan the more devastating the devastating the defeat suffered by the forces of evil!

....*"The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine also said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the beasts of the field." Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. "This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD'S and He will give you into our hands"....*

....*"And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death".... Revelation 12:11 NASB*

....*"But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord".... Romans 8:37-39 NASB*

MAY 13TH

* It is a most dangerous thing to "demand" things from God. We "insist" on having our own way at great peril to ourselves. Sometimes God "allows" men and women to gain their "own" ends, with disastrous consequences!

....*"Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking".... 1 Corinthians 13:5 The Amplified Translation*

MAY 14TH

* Always remember: honor is not "claimed", honor is "bestowed"!

....*"A man's pride will bring him low, but a humble spirit will obtain honor"... Proverbs 29:23 NASB*

MAY 15TH

* Unrighteous judgement is influenced by a "critical spirit" and motivated by unforgiveness - causing a continual hardness of heart in the one who chooses to judge others unrighteously.

....*"Do not judge and criticize and condemn others, so that you may not be judged and*

criticized and condemned yourselves. For just as you judge and criticize and condemn others, you will be judged and criticized and condemned, and in accordance with the measure you [use to] deal out to others, it will be dealt out again to you".... Matthew 7:1-2 The Amplified Translation

...."Be honest in your judgment and do not decide at a glance [superficially and by appearances]; but judge fairly and righteously".... John 7:24 The Amplified Translation

...."Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand".... Romans 14:4 NASB

MAY 16TH

* One may be mighty in faith alone, but they can be mightier in faith united with another!

...."And though a man might prevail against him who is alone, two will withstand him. A threefold cord is not quickly broken".... Ecclesiastes 4:12 The Amplified Translation

...."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 17TH

* Always maintain a soft and tender heart towards God for "perfect obedience" always springs forth from a tender heart.

"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];*

...."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

MAY 18TH

* "Reckoning" - the failure of the church today is revealed in her ignorance that the Lord will come and "settle accounts" with His own. From the time we believe in the Lord, whatever we do or do not do will all await a time of reckoning. Reckoning here has nothing to do with "salvation" (the New Birth). Our walk, speech, and even thoughts (of the heart) will all be

presented at the Judgement Seat. Unlike the "Great White Throne" where judgement is meted out according to books, we give our own accounts at the Judgement Seat of Christ (Romans 14:12). If our faults are under the Blood, they have already been judged and will therefore not be recalled. But if they are not repented of and have not been put under the Blood, there will have to be an accounting of them.

Accordingly, let us learn to judge ourselves in the light of God's Word. We will have to answer for every thing which today has not been "judged" by the Blood of Christ. God will prosecute all that is not under the Blood. The grace and love are manifested in the Blood of the Lamb, but on the other hand, His righteousness and holiness are revealed at the Judgement Seat of Christ. He will not overlook any "unholiness". At the Judgement Seat of Christ, not only what was done will be judged but also what was not done will be too. That which was done blindly will be judged and that which not done by quenching the Holy Spirit will also be judged.

...."According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is [to be] revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire".... 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 NASB

*...."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*

MAY 19TH

* The recompense of faithfulness is an "inward" satisfaction, not an outward position. The greatest reward is to rejoice with the Lord. This exceeds Kingdom, glory and position. For we are satisfied with just the Lord Himself.

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

MAY 20TH

* God cannot entrust authority to one who loves to rule; He entrusts the fulness of His authority only to the obedient.

...."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

...."He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him".... John 7:18 NASB

MAY 21ST

* The Father is responsible for our success; we are only responsible for being found faithful to give His Will/Word preeminence in ALL things.

*...."This Book of the Law [the Word {Will} of God] shall not depart out of your mouth [always be found in your mouth], but **you shall meditate on [speak] 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*

MAY 22ND

* If the "flesh" and the "world" are the "power centers" of sin, then to deny oneself and separation from the world unto God and His Word shall surely result in their "appropriation" of the power of the Cross and the power of the Blood unto a perfect obedience!

...."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

...."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

MAY 23RD

* Living to please people [*and ourselves*] is exhausting. Living to please God is energizing.

...."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

*...."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*

MAY 24TH

* O, if no other obligation lay upon us then with the whole heart and voice to praise the Lord our God! O, if you should never need to eat, or drink or sleep, but could always praise God and be free for spiritual pursuits alone! Then you would be much more happy than now, when you serve the flesh and every sort of desire. Would to God that those "desires" did not exist, but only the spiritual refreshments of the soul, which, alas, we savour rarely enough.

When one reaches this point, that they seek their "consolation" from no created thing, then first does God begin perfectly to content them; then, too, will they be well content with every outcome of events. Then will they neither rejoice for much, nor be sorrowful for little, but commit themselves wholly and trustingly to God, who is all in all to them.

*....."I have learned how to be content [satisfied to the point where I am not disturbed or disquieted] in whatever state I am. I know how to be abased and live humbly in straitened circumstances, and I know also how to enjoy plenty and live in abundance. I have learned in any and all circumstances the secret of facing every situation, whether well-fed or going hungry, having a sufficiency and enough to spare or going without and being in want. I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency]"
Philippians 4:11-13 The Amplified Translation*

MAY 25TH

* The source of the true disciple's life lies exclusively in their fellowship with Jesus Christ *[Who is the Word of God]*. They possess His righteousness only within that association, never outside it!

...."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

MAY 26TH

* The "curse" - it includes death; it includes ground that will not yield but by the "sweat of the brow"; it includes the wildlife family that has fear and hatred of you and has to be tamed and will not "minister" unto you; it includes darkness of the mind; it includes death of the spirit; everything that is not of God; everything that is not born of love; everything that kills, steals or destroys is under the "curse which came on this earth when Adam's rebellion allowed Satan to usurp the authority that God had given him in the earth.

...."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

MAY 27TH

* It is perfect obedience towards God that "allows" *[empowers]* one to walk in perfect love towards others.

"perfect obedience" - constitutes one gaining a "revelation" of the Father's Will *[Word]* and, THEN, carrying out that Will in the perfect timing *[unction]* and power of the Holy Spirit - alone;

...."If you love Me, you will keep [obey] My commandments".... John 14:15 NASB

...."A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another".... John 13:34-35 NASB

...."Love [God's Love in us].... does not seek its own".... 1 Corinthians 13:4a,5b NASB

MAY 28TH

* Always remember: you can "coast" down the Mount; but you can never coast up the Mount!

"coast" - to descend a hill or the like, as on a bicycle, without using pedals;

...."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

...."For I, declares the LORD, will be a wall of fire around her [Zion], and I will be the glory in her midst".... Zechariah 2:5 NASB

MAY 29TH

* It is only "imperfection" that complains of imperfection. Our inability to "bear" with others' weakness, but reveals our own!

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

MAY 30TH

* "The Kingdom of God is within you," says the Lord. Turn with your whole heart to God, and abandon this wretched world, and your soul will find peace. Learn to despise that which is without, and give yourself to that which is within, and you will see the Kingdom of God within you. For the Kingdom of God is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, which is not given to the godless - Christ will come to you revealing His own consolation, if you have prepared for Him a dwelling place. All His glory and beauty is within, and there He is pleased to dwell. His visits are many to the inner man, sweet discourse, gracious consolation, great peace, and fellowship most marvelous!

MAY 31ST

* Fear: **False Elusions Appearing Real.**

"elusion" - deception, evasion;

...."I sought the LORD, and He answered me, and delivered me [past tense] from all my fears. They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces will never be ashamed".... Psalms 34:4-5 NASB

...."we consider and look not to the things that are seen but [in faith] 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

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

JUNE 1ST

* Faith in action is God's Personality in manifestation - as faith is activated [*is energized*] by Love. Faith is the "law" [*chief principle*] of the New Covenant.

...."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

...."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 2ND

* Where there have been mighty deeds, there need be no multitude of words to tell of them. Many words are required only where the deeds have been too feeble to speak for themselves.

....*"When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, but he who restrains his lips is wise".... Proverbs 10:19 NASB*

....*"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 3RD

* Great industrial concerns have in their employ men who are needed only when there is a breakdown somewhere. When something goes wrong with the machinery, these men spring into action to locate and remove the trouble and get the machinery rolling again. For these men a smoothly operating system has no interest. They are specialists concerned with trouble and how to find and correct it.

In the Kingdom of God things are not too different. God has always had His specialists whose chief concern has been the moral breakdown, the decline in the spiritual health of the nation or the Church. Such men were Elijah, Jeremiah, Malachi, and others of their kind who appeared at critical moments in history to reprove, rebuke, and exhort in the name of God and righteousness.

A thousand or ten thousand ordinary priests or pastors or teachers could labor quietly on, almost unnoticed, while the spiritual life of Israel or the Church was normal. But let the people of God go astray from the paths of truth, and immediately the specialist appeared almost out of nowhere. His instinct for trouble brought him to the help of the Lord and of Israel.

Such a man was likely to be drastic, radical, possibly at times violent, and the curious crowd that gathered to watch him work soon branded him as extreme, fanatical, negative. And in a sense they were right. He was single-minded, severe, fearless, as these were the qualities the circumstances demanded. He shocked some, frightened others, and alienated not a few, but he knew Who had called him and what he was sent to do. His ministry was geared to the emergency, and that fact marked him out as different, a man apart.

To such men as this the Church owes a debt too heavy to pay. The curious thing is that She seldom tries to pay him while he lives, but the next generation builds his sepulcher and writes his biography, as if instinctively and awkwardly to discharge an obligation the previous generation to a large extent ignored.

Such a man as this is not an easy companion. The professional evangelist who leaves the wrought-up meeting as soon as it ends to hurry over to the most expensive restaurant to feast and

crack jokes with his sponsors will find this man something of an embarrassment, for he cannot turn off the burden of the Holy host as one would turn off a faucet. He insists upon being a Christian all the time, everywhere; and again, that marks him out as different.

Toward him it is impossible to be neutral. His acquaintances are divided pretty neatly into two classes, those who love him with all admiration, and those who hate him with perfect hatred!

...."And they took offense at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household." And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief".... Matthew 13:57-58 NASB

JUNE 4TH

* Come now, faithful soul, prepare your heart for this Bridegroom, that He may "deign" to come to you and dwell in you. For so He says: "If any man loves Me, he will keep My Word, and We will come to him and make our abode with him." Give, therefore, place to Christ and deny entry to all others. When you have Christ you are rich and have sufficient. He will be your Provider and faithful Watchman in everything, so that there is no need to hope in men. For men swiftly change and fast disappear; but Christ abides forever, and stands firmly right to the end.

...."The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever".... Isaiah 40:8 NASB

...."Jesus Christ [is] the same yesterday and today and forever".... Hebrews 13:8 NASB

...."He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.... If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him".... John 14:21,23 NASB

JUNE 5TH

* Love is not a "feeling" or a "tone". To love is to "act" in such a way, in accordance with the abiding Word and Spirit of God, so as to allow all those who cross your path to experience God's best for them, both in that moment and forever more.

...."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 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 13:4-8 The Amplified Translation

JUNE 6TH

* When God "blesses" one of His children that blessing is never strictly for oneself. For our God is a God of plan and a God of purpose, and in every word and every blessing we receive from Him, we must diligently seek Him in order to "allow" Him to reveal "His" purpose in that which we have received from Him.

...."O Lord of hosts, how blessed [divinely empowered and prospered] is the man/woman who trusts in You!".... Psalms 84:10-12 NASB

JUNE 7TH

* Living the true Christian life is an open "Book" test!

...."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

JUNE 8TH

* Judging others makes us blind, whereas love is illuminating. By judging others we blind ourselves to our "own" evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are. If we are on the look-out for evil in others, our true motive is obviously to justify ourselves, and are assuming by implication that the Word of God applies to ourselves in one way, and to others in another. All this is highly dangerous and misleading. We are trying to claim for ourselves a special privilege which we deny to others. But Christ's disciples have no rights of their own or standards of "right and wrong" which they could enforce with other people; they have received nothing but Christ's fellowship. Therefore the disciple is not to sit in judgement over their fellow man because they would then wrongly usurp the "jurisdiction" given them by God!

...."Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand".... Romans 14:4 NASB

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

...."Do not judge and criticize and condemn others, so that you may not be judged and criticized and condemned yourselves. For just as you judge and criticize and condemn others,

you will be judged and criticized and condemned, and in accordance with the measure you [use to] deal out to others, it will be dealt out again to you".... Matthew 7:1-2 The Amplified Translation

JUNE 9TH

* There is too much "thinking" going on amongst the people of God and not enough "obeying"!

...."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

JUNE 10TH

* A question which each one of God's children must ask themselves: "Is Jesus the Lord of the way I "feel" or is Satan the lord of the way I feel?"

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

JUNE 11TH

* If a child of God has a "tendency" to justify themselves by "explaining their actions, then they ought to set themselves apart unto God and repent of what "surely" has been the product of fear and uncertainty.

...."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

JUNE 12TH

* *...."Be of the same mind, of the same love".... Philippians 2:2-4*

Christ is not divided! Then what causes division and disunion in doing the work of God? What is the reason that the Lord's children find it so difficult to be of the "same mind", and still more difficult to esteem others better than themselves? Those who are really joined to Christ as members of His Body - who truly have Christ as their life - are certainly one in heart; they are certainly more or less of one aim - they want to please Christ - but they are so rarely of one mind. One in heart and in aim, yet not of the same mind! What is the cause of this? Do we see the importance of it? Do we realize so deeply the need of being of one accord, that we can wait patiently for others with whom we are in co-service, to come to the "same mind" before we take a certain course which may produce "division" or "faction"?

How the words strike home! Doing nothing that you know will tend to disunion in the Body of Christ. Surely if we were all of one mind to follow Christ to Calvary, "becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross..." there would be no "vainglory", no being "puffed" up in the cause of one against another (1 Corinthians 4:6); but we should really possess "lowliness of mind" - the mind that brought the Lord Jesus from the place of equality with God, down to the position of a servant; the mind that caused Him not to "grasp" the Throne: that did not make Him cling to being a "leader", but choose to be a servant. He was equal with God, yet He became a "servant" - a bond-servant. If we were all of one mind to serve one another! If we all longed to be servants, and did not want to be "heads" of "movements", or leaders of work, or aught else, how quickly this lowliness of mind would unite God's children, and make them to be of the "same mind" in the Lord!

JUNE 13TH

* The world says, "money is for me; money is to keep (hoard); money is my security; money is my power!" But money is not for keeping. God did not "design" money to keep because that is not where our "security" is to be. Money is for giving; money is for blessing; money is for buying; money is for rejoicing in and praising God with; money is for preaching with; money is for healing; money is to help the poor; money is for all those things.

...."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. [1 Sam. 16:7; Prov. 21:2]".... Luke 16:13-15 The Amplified Translation

...."But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as [it is] this day".... Deuteronomy 8:18 NASB

JUNE 14TH

* Our usefulness as servants of God is directly dependent upon our being disciplined in will and spirit, to do God's Will no matter what that means. Most modern Christians only look for a "comfortable" way of life. They only serve if they happen to "feel" like it. They know little of disciplined devotion to God, even less of literally "laying down" their lives, their strength, their money or "their" ambitions for others' sake. Our Lord spoke clearly of "counting the cost" to follow Him - and work with Him. That cost is suffering for righteousness' sake!

...."let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) and that sin

which so readily (defly 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

JUNE 15TH

* Do not weigh highly who may be for you or against you. But take thought and care that God be with you in every thing you do. Have a good conscience, and God will defend you well. For the one whom God has willed to aid, no perverseness of man will be able to harm. If you can keep silence and endure, you will see without a doubt the help of God. He Himself knows the time and manner of delivering you, and so you must yield yourself to Him. It is God's part to help and to deliver from all confusion. God protects and liberates the humble, loves and consoles the humble, inclines to the humble man, bestows great grace upon the humble, and when He has been cast down, He lifts him up to glory. To the humble He reveals His secrets, and sweetly draws and invites them to Himself. The humble, when rebuke has been accepted, is well enough at peace, because they stand in God and not in the world.

...."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

JUNE 16TH

* When the mind of the believer is "renewed", then it must be used, and I want to say to you in the strongest way I possibly can say it, do not let your mind "lie fallow", and become "passive", for as you allow your mind to cease to think, that is, bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, continually bringing to the "verdict" of the Word of God all the departments of your life - your experience and your actions - you are inviting Satan's beguilings into your mind.

So few Christians understand Satan's beguilings of the mind, that he is "able" to give them distorted views of the things of God, and of themselves, and of their friends, their future, their circumstances, and even their needs, without their recognizing the source of these distortions. Satan can give you such curious visions, that only the truth of the Word - the pure light of the Gospel - can expose them. Many have been led off into strange "leadings" by following sudden suggestions to the mind, believing they were obeying God. Others believe they have "revelations" from God, which are going to move the world, but the only outcome is

"faction" and "division" in the church. Only true and pure and continuous fellowship with God and His Word can remove the element of "self-exaltation" which leaves one open to the beguilings of the Evil One!

....*"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*

....*"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*

....*"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God".... Ephesians 6:10-17 KJV*

JUNE 17TH

* Underestimating the work that God wrought in Christ is the sin of ignorance.

....*"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest".... Hosea 4:6 NASB*

....*"prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY".... 1 Peter 1:13-16 NASB*

JUNE 18TH

* The secret of "dominating faith" lies in getting a true conception *[revelation]* of what Jesus actually did for us, and what we are in Him as a result of it, and what the Word promises we can do as a result of His "finished work", in us. Knowledge *[revelation]* that is not acted upon is of no value to our experience.

Know what Jesus did for us in His "substitution"; then dare to act on that *[revelation]* knowledge. That is the highest order of faith!

....*"If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the Truth [gain a revelation of Who I truly am and what I have Done {My Finished Work}], and [that revelation of] the Truth will make [and keep] you free...So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed".... John 8:31b,36 NASB*

....*"But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak".... 2 Corinthians 4:13 NASB*

....*"And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God". [lit. have the faith of God] 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*

JUNE 19TH

* Simply to admire God's Word, to say that you believe it, but to refuse to act upon it, robs you of faith in the time of need. When we come to know what He is and what He did for us, what actually belongs to us now, and what we may enjoy in our daily life, it makes us "victors". When we "know" that Ephesians 1:3 is real, "that He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus", and we know how to assimilate that, how to enjoy it, how to enter in the riches of it, then we truly appreciate our Master. We are getting to know Him. We are getting to the place in our spiritual growth where we begin to recognize the riches of His grace, and the riches of His own nature that He has imparted to us. First keep yourself in "peace", then you will be able to bring peace to others.

....*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him".... Ephesians 1:3-4 NASB*

....*"You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, and hopes confidently in You. So trust in the Lord (commit yourself to Him, lean on Him, hope confidently in Him) forever; for the Lord God is an everlasting Rock [the Rock of Ages]".... Isaiah 26:3-4 The Amplified Translation*

JUNE 20TH

* All who drink the water of this world will never be satisfied. The joy which our Lord gives alone satisfies, for it shall become in men and women, a well of water springing up to eternal life. Those who drink of this water shall never be thirsty again. Christians are not a people who try to attain happiness through contentment; rather, the joy of the Lord within them causes them to be fully and continually satisfied.

....*"Your words were found and I ate them, and Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; For I have been called by Your name, God of hosts".... Jeremiah 15:16 NASB*

....*"He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water".... John 7:38 The Amplified Translation*

JUNE 21ST

* Quietly put complete confidence [*trust*] in God. Simply comply with His commands in love. Set your will to do God's Will in every event. Quietly go out in the world and do His bidding.

....*"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*

JUNE 22ND

* In all the circumstances of life we should seek clear guidance from God. We need to be "specific" - and know His Will even in the small decisions.

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

JUNE 23RD

* One of the hall-marks of God's child is the capacity to forgive others for their wrongs. This is clear evidence that we have experienced the gracious forgiveness of Christ ourselves.

....*"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop [leave it, let it go], in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your failings and shortcomings".... Mark 11:25-26 The*

JUNE 24TH

* Those who trust the Most High to direct their affairs often have to wait long and patiently for Him to accomplish His work "behind the scenes". He is not always in a great hurry as we sometimes are.

...."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

...."O Lord of hosts, how blessed [divinely empowered and prospered] is the man/woman who trusts in You!".... Psalms 84:10-12 NASB

JUNE 25TH

* One of the foremost priorities for God's people is to give God's Word great honour [preeminence]. It is the expression of His Will for us. It calls for our hearty compliance and when this is done His gracious benefits are bestowed.

...."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

JUNE 26TH

* The impact of a person's life on others, for the honour of the Most High, is directly dependent upon the degree which the Lord lives in that individual day by day. Christ calls us to deny ourselves daily in order to do his bidding daily. He must be in total command. For many this is too high a price to pay!

...."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 [self] life will lose it; but whoever loses [denies] his [self] life for My sake will find it ["zoe"- divine life]".... Matthew 16:24-25 NASB

JUNE 27TH

* Modern men like men of old, rely on human resources. Yet God's Spirit ever calls us to rely on God and His Word. The choice is ours. We are, each of us, the sum total of all our choices.

....*"For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons/daughters of God"....*
Romans 8:14-17 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

JUNE 28TH

* The Almighty will move the earth or shift the sun to touch any man, woman or child who will just do His will [*believe and trust in His Word*]. He will bless beyond measure anyone who in love and loyalty gives Him all they own.

....*"For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand [outside.] I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, how blessed is the man/woman who trusts in You!"....*
Psalms 84:10-12 NASB

....*"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD and whose trust is the LORD. For he will be like a tree planted by the water, That extends its roots by a stream and will not fear when the heat comes; But its leaves will be green, and it will not be anxious in a year of drought nor cease to yield fruit"....* Jeremiah 17:5-8 NASB

JUNE 29TH

* Only the Almighty truly knows and sees our inner motives. Our deepest desire should be to please Him and bless [*divinely empower*] others.

....*"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 Amplified Translation

....*"[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

JUNE 30TH

* In the "beginning" and in the "end", it is God's estimation of us that counts - not man's!

...."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

*...."Before I formed you in the womb **I knew [and] approved of you** [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart".... Jeremiah 1:5 The Amplified Translation*

JULY 1ST

* Lies never prevail and love never fails!

...."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

JULY 2ND

* The Holy Spirit is the promise of the Father. That includes everything. Do we want to know God aright and to enjoy and experience all that Christ is and has for us? Do we want to enter and possess the heritage of the true and full life which a child of God may expect even here on earth? Then everything depends on our being possessed and filled with the Holy Spirit of God. Above all, if we are, not only individually but as a corporate body, to exercise rule and dominion over our fellow men in the power of the eternal redemption, we are absolutely dependent upon that abundant measure of the Spirit which God is so willing to give.

The Spirit is the promise of the Father. We know that the state of the church is a fallen one. We know about the unfaithfulness of the church and her lack of loyalty to Christ. We see that the world has a terrible power over her. We especially lament her powerlessness to carry out her commission here on earth. All of these are reasons to respond to God's urgent call: Turn ye at My reproof; behold I will pour out My Spirit abundantly" [*Proverbs 1:23*].

Let us once again listen to the great promise that Christ gave to His disciples when He was teaching them to pray. There is an ignorance as to the power of Christ's Cross and the holiness it offers. Can it be that Christian ministers and workers will continue to be content to struggle on in their "human" efforts to save men, without giving the Holy Spirit that first place which He must have? Surely our hearts must yield to this wonderful promise and turn to God for what He will so surely give!

....*"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?".... Luke 11:13 NASB*

....*"I [Jesus] am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high".... Luke 24:49 NASB*

JULY 3RD

* The "modern" mind has difficulty seeing God's love in Christ's Cross because the sense of Divine judgement has been lost and love has been reduced to mere sentimentality.

....*"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 [self] life will lose it; but whoever loses [denies] his [self] life for My sake will find it ["zoe"- divine life, divine love etc.]'"..... Matthew 16:24-25 NASB*

JULY 4TH

* The "now word" God is speaking today everywhere is "pray"! Persevering prayer is the strategy for appropriation; not prayer for general needs, but prayer that is forceful and demanding for doing spiritual warfare, and repentant and intercessory for needs of the Church. Success in powerful evangelism, unity in the Church, the raising up of apostolic and prophetic ministries, equipping believers for service, walking in victory under persecution, and becoming like Jesus all hang on this principle of appropriation through "believing" *[faith-filled]* prayer.

....*"pray without ceasing [remain in constant communication with God]".... 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NASB*

JULY 5TH

* Righteousness, and only righteousness, mark those who are children of the Kingdom; ministry, doctrine, church membership or miracles do not prove one's citizenship in the Kingdom of God.

....*"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*

....*"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

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

JULY 6TH

* To minister the "gospel of the kingdom" requires being diligent to guard and watch over one's heart, for the "life" of ministry issues forth from there.

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

JULY 7TH

* All true ministry is an impartation or demonstration of spiritual life. Ministry involves a flow of God's life in spiritual manifestations such as revelation, counsel, healing, teaching, spiritual gifts, confrontations and acts of love; such acts express the character and life of the Lord.

....*"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

JULY 8TH

* Those who submit to the Will and authority of Christ will have Grace to exercise authority in His Name. A leader's "authority" is made perfect by their personal obedience and submission to Christ. The authority of "elders" to oversee local churches is not given so that they can rule and dominate [*control*] the lives of others; it is given to men and women, who because of their godly character, have the Grace to feed, care for and serve the flock of God entrusted to them.

....*"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

JULY 9TH

* The major emphasis of most believers has been to do battle when they are attacked by Satan. We must make the transition to a strategy of attack!

....*"When He [Jesus] had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display"*

of them, having triumphed over them through Him".... Colossians 2:13-15 NASB

...."For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons. For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds, [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)".... 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 The Amplified Translation

JULY 10TH

* The Lord's "Church" in an area can only be built from a place of authority in the heavens over that location. "Strong men" or princes of the enemy must be recognized and pulled down wherever the Lord's house is to be established.

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

JULY 11TH

* The issue for Christians is not a question of success or failure but of obedience or disobedience.

...."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.... 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 28:1-2, 15 NASB

JULY 12TH

* The proof of our identity as Christians to the world depends on the "reality" [*state*] of our love for one another.

...."By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another".... John 13:35 NASB

JULY 13TH

* "Partial" [*tainted*] truth is the greatest danger to the Church of Jesus Christ!

"tainted" - to infect, contaminate, corrupt, or spoil *[in this case, corrupted by "beliefs" that are bound by sin-conscious, darkness and unbelief];*

...."And ye shall know [gain a revelation of] the truth, and the truth [that revelation of absolute truth that enters your heart] shall make [and keep] you free".... John 8:32 KJV

JULY 14TH

* A restored Church is beginning to emerge in the earth. "Bonds" that had held the church to "techniques" and methods of the world and to religious traditions are being broken. The Lord is raising up a new generation of bondservants and handmaidens upon whom He writes the Gospel of the Kingdom for this generation to read, a Gospel unique in its power of witness; the Gospel of the Kingdom is not simply words, it is a demonstration of the Power and Character of God.

...."For the kingdom of God does not consist in words [alone] but [also] in [a demonstration of] power".... 1 Corinthians 4:20 NASB

JULY 15TH

* Much ministry in the church has historically contained a mixture of God's anointing and "arm of flesh". There will be no such mixture in that which is to come; God will move in such a way through His people that all will know that His Spirit is doing the work, and the Lord shall be glorified! The lack of character that God has tolerated in ministers of the past will not be allowed in these days; We shall again see a holy reverence for God that existed in the days of "Ananias and Sapphira".

The Lord has promised to shake all things, including heaven and earth. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken, which includes that which has been built by the arm of flesh in churches. The fire of God will test and reveal the quality of all that has been or "promoted" in His name. Many ministries will experience the smell of smoke as He touches works of the flesh such as hidden sins, pride, spirits of control and manipulation, etc. The soulish shall be separated from the spiritual; the holy from the profane. These are days to learn more perfectly how to enter into His rest and cease from "programs" and "works" designed to make a church look successful in our eyes.

...."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

...."Then Peter said to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of

the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out as well." And immediately she fell at his feet and breathed her last, and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear came over the whole church, and over all who heard of these things".... Acts 5:9-11 NASB

...."Behold, I have made you a new, sharp threshing sledge with double edges; You will thresh the mountains and pulverize them, and will make the hills like chaff".... Isaiah 41:15 NASB

...."According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is [to be] revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire".... 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 NASB

JULY 16TH

* Many traditional practices, organizational concepts and techniques of service will be found wanting and be burned up in the crucible of shaking that lies ahead. Only what is relevant to the Holy Spirit's ministry will remain in the armory of the Lord. The "clergy-laity" mind-set and the role of strong dominant independent individuals will fade away as the body of Christ comes to maturity.

"Nominal" church membership will be replaced by deep personal commitments to the Lord. The measure of success by head count in a church will be replaced by the quality of spiritual life that is present. There may well be large churches, but it will be the power and presence of Jesus that marks their success. Not all believers will make these transitions but those who are equipped by the Holy Spirit will do so.

...."And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN." This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire".... Hebrews 12:26-29 NASB

JULY 17TH

* There will be specific characteristics, degrees of glory, as well as levels of responsibility,

that will make each of us unique in the Kingdom to come. The place we are called to fill in His purpose during our generation, and subsequently the future role we will play in His family of sons and daughters, were in the heart of God when He formed us in our mothers womb. For, knowing our response to the gospel, our failures, the circumstances we would face, the spouse we would have, and the dimensions of our sphere of service, He has allotted grace to us and placed within certain qualities that will enable us to perform the work of service He has prepared for us.

Within us there are diverse "latent" abilities and characteristics that make each of us a unique person, and when anointed by the Holy Spirit, they constitute a unique expression or service in the body of Christ. The qualities that Jeremiah required to be a "prophet to the nations" were created in him and consecrated by God while he was yet in his mother's womb. Inherent in God's call was is foreknowledge of Jeremiah's training as a child, his family, and secular life, as well as his obedience to God's call on his life.

...."Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you".... Jeremiah 1:5 NASB

...."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

JULY 18TH

* The Lord sees each of His children as uniquely diverse but of equal worth; as distinct but with partiality in His eyes. We all have the same call: to lay down our lives in total commitment to Jesus, knowing that apart from Him we can do nothing or be of no value in His kingdom. Even before we responded to His call He foreknew the mistakes and disasters we would make from going our own way. Even these were used by the Lord to prepare us for service. Our "equipping" can only begin after we come to a place of commitment.

All of our manhood *[or womanhood]* must embrace death at the Cross if it is to be raised up anointed and equipped for service. What we have been through in the past can contribute to our preparation for serving him. Therefore, we should not keep looking back and regretting past mistakes. The Lord knew that we would do so and has provided grace accordingly. Our mistakes and sins are under His Blood. We are to focus on His call for our life today and on the Grace that is ours for what lies ahead.

*...."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

...."Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of [it] yet; but one thing [I do:] forgetting what [lies] behind and reaching forward to what [lies] ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus".... Philippians 3:13-14 NASB

JULY 19TH

- * The first degree of humility [*trust*] is obedience without delay.

...."how blessed is the man/woman who trusts in You!".... Psalms 84:10-12 NASB

JULY 20TH

- * Obedience to God is a life-giving discipline. Obedience begets [*generates more and more*] obedience.

...."he/she who sows to the Spirit [Who is the Spirit of obedience] will from the Spirit reap eternal life [true Kingdom {Covenant} prosperity]".... Galatians 6:7-8 The Amplified Translation

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

JULY 21ST

- * You are to have God's ability in you....God's ability to speak, to use the name of Jesus; God's ability to understand the Scriptures; God's ability to do His Will; His ability to face the world with fearless confidence; also to suffer any kind of persecution without yielding a particle.

...."But ye shall receive power [supernatural ability], when the Holy Spirit is come upon you".... Acts 1:8 KJV

JULY 22ND

- * A theological seminary which aims mainly at the culture of the intellect, and sends out learned men and women who lack the endowment of power from on high, is a snare and a stumbling block to the Church.

I have often been surprised at the judgement men form in regard to the prospective usefulness of young men preparing for the ministry. If a young man is a good scholar, a fine writer, and stands high in intellectual culture, they have strong hopes for him, even though they must know in many such cases that these young men cannot pray - that they have no unction, no power in prayer, no spirit of wrestling, of agonizing and prevailing with God. Yet they are

expecting them because of their culture, to make their mark in the ministry, and be highly useful. For my part, I expect no such thing of this class of men. I have infinitely more hope for the usefulness of a man, who at any cost, will keep up daily fellowship with God; who is yearning for and struggling after the highest possible spiritual attainment; who will not live without daily prevalence in prayer and being clothed with power from on high.

....*"I [Jesus] am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high".... Luke 24:49 NASB*

JULY 23RD

* In offering the Lord's Prayer, "Thy Kingdom come," it is plain that sincerity is a condition of prevailing with God. But sincerity in offering this petition implies the whole heart and life devotion of the petitioner to the building up of this Kingdom. It implies the sincere and thorough consecration of all that we have and all that we are to this end. To utter this petition in any other state of heart involves hypocrisy and is an abomination!

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

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

JULY 24TH

* Nothing but the life and energy of the Spirit of Christ within us can save us from sin, and trust [*faith in the Father and His Word*] is the uniform and universal condition of this "saving Energy" working within us.

....*"how blessed is the man/woman who trusts in You!".... Psalms 84:10-12 NASB*

JULY 25TH

* How deeply rooted in the heart of man are self-righteousness and self-dependence! So deeply that one of the hardest lessons for the human heart to learn is to renounce self-dependence and trust wholly in Christ. When we open the door by "implicit" trust He enters in and takes up His abode with us and in us. By shedding abroad His love He quickens our whole souls into "agreement" with Himself, and in this way, and in this way alone, He purifies our hearts through faith. He sustains our will in the attitude of devotion. He quickens and regulates our affections, desires, appetites and passions, and becomes our sanctification.

"implicit" - unquestioning or unreserved; absolute;

.... *"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*

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

JULY 26TH

* Faith itself is an active and not a passive state. A "passive" holiness is impossible and absurd. Let no one say that when we exhort people to trust wholly in Christ we teach that anyone should be or can be passive in receiving and co-operating with the Divine influence within. O that it could be understood that the whole of spiritual life that is in any man is received direct from the Holy Spirit by faith, as the branch receives its life from the vine! Away with the "religion of resolutions"! It is a snare of death. Away with the "effort" to make the life holy while the heart has not in it the love of God! O that we would learn to look directly at Christ through the Gospel, and so embrace Him by an act of loving trust as to involve a "universal" agreement with His state of mind. This and this alone, is sanctification.

.... *"we have the mind of Christ [the Messiah] and do hold the thoughts [feelings and purposes] of His heart".... 1 Corinthians 2:16b The Amplified Translation*

JULY 27TH

* Intercession is the highest proof of the image of God in which we have been created, and of the exercise of our king-like privilege of ruling [*and reigning in*] the world.

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

JULY 28TH

* If any of God's children approach the blessings of Divine prosperity apart from a deep and abiding desire to walk in a "perfect obedience" then they shall in some way allow the Evil One to move them apart from the Will of God for their lives and, if they persist in seeking first "things" rather than the establishment of God's Kingdom, then it is certain that a "spirit of delusion" and a "spirit of idolatry" shall "compel" them to keep their eyes on the "ends of the earth!"

.... *"the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth".... Proverbs 17:24b NASB*

.... *"But YOU shall remember [obey] the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is*

this day".... Deuteronomy 8:18 NASB

JULY 29TH

* Our warfare is not an earthly warfare, nor is it entirely a warfare of "temptation" - a warfare of overcoming some sin. It is the warfare of one who is united with the ascended Christ, clothed with the luminous garments of the whole armor of God, for God has provided a luminous garment to clothe His redeemed ones, through which the "fiery darts of the Wicked One" cannot penetrate; and that luminous garment is called "the armor of light".

...."The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light".... Romans 13:12 NASB

...."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

JULY 30TH

* We must make men understand that it is only their "lack" of faith and half-hearted consecration that hinders the rapid advance of the work. It is only their own coldness that keeps back His redemption from a lost world. We must ever bear in mind that God is eager and able to save the world "already redeemed" by Christ, if only we, His professed followers on earth were willing that He should.

...."For God [the Father] 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

JULY 31ST

* When one speaks the name of Jesus in the name of Jesus, demons will tremble and fear and flee in terror - without exception!

...."Resist the devil [through faith-filled proclamation] and he will flee from you".... James 4:7-8 NASB

*...."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

AUGUST 1ST

* Focusing on tomorrow can cause worry. Focusing on the past can produce regret. Both are futile. The only productive focus is TODAY!

...."So do not worry or be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have worries and anxieties of its own. Sufficient for each day is its own trouble"....

AUGUST 2ND

* Just as thankfulness is an express acknowledgment of God's goodness toward you, so grumbling and complaining are as plain an "accusation" [*statement*] of God's lack of goodness toward you.

...."All things do without murmurings and reasonings".... Philippians 2:14 Young's Literal Translation

AUGUST 3RD

* How often the complaint is heard that it is so hard to pray properly, to pray enough, to pray in power. The reason is simple. We think mostly of prayer as a means of getting blessing for ourselves. We enter so little into the thought of yielding ourselves entirely to holy fellowship with God and the "self-denying" sacrifice needed in bearing the burdens [*needs*] of our fellow man. We are so little conscious of our being "kings", no wonder that the confidence of our priestly access to God for the work of bringing down blessing on the world is so weak.

O that God's children might take hold of the wonderful promise that whatsoever they ask in the Name of Jesus it shall be done unto them. May they learn to look upon themselves as God's chosen intercessors, the channels without whom His love cannot do its work. They may be sure that prayer will begin to have a new attraction, and fellowship with God will become their highest privilege.

...."Be earnest and unwearied and steadfast in your prayer [life], being [both] alert and intent in [your praying] with thanksgiving".... Colossians 4:2 The Amplified Translation

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

AUGUST 4TH

* The Holy Spirit is within us as a personal power, with a will and a purpose of His own.

As we yield up our personalities to His we shall not lose our personality, but find it renewed and strengthened to its highest capacity; and we see how entirely the Holy Spirit takes charge of that which the flesh before had charge of!

....*"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you **all** things, and bring to your remembrance **all** that I said to you ".... John 14:26 NASB*

....*"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into **all** the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come ".... John 16:13 NASB*

....*"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit".... 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 NASB*

AUGUST 5TH

* The spirit of a man must dictate his "desires" not the soul or the body. For if one's desires are dictated by the soul and body [*the flesh*] they shall be "unrighteous" in nature and based only on the gratification of oneself, without any regard for God's Will. On the other hand, the "desires" impressed upon the spirit of a man by the Holy Spirit, through prayer and constant fellowship with God, shall be "righteous" in nature, and as these desires are continually acted upon, in other words, as one orders their entire life in and through these righteous [*godly*] desires, they shall attain to the fulness of their calling and shall constantly be, both in God's sight and in the sight of man, a most holy "sign and wonder".

....*"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*

....*"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish [*desire*], and it will be done for you".... John 15:7 NASB*

AUGUST 6TH

* If we are pure and holy within, all of creation will become for us as a book of the knowledge and goodness of God.

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

AUGUST 7TH

**"Fear not, only believe...."* - If we are bearing the burden of a dead or a dying church and if we are going to take part in the work of rousing her and lifting her up into abundant life in Christ, we need a word like this. It will bring us the joyous assurance, day by day, that Christ is with us, that He will work through us, and that we can count upon Him to give the blessing. Even when the word comes, "there is no hope, death reigns, all your efforts are in vain", we are still to be of good cheer and hold on to His word. "Fear not, only believe" must be our watchword. But only to the one who waits at Christ's feet in prayer and looks to Him alone. There we shall learn that throughout all Scripture it is faith, in the midst of seeming impossibility, that waits and claims the fulfilment of the promise.

Think of Abraham, "who waxed strong through faith, giving glory to God, being fully assured that what He had promised, He was also able to perform".

It is as we persevere in prayer and take hold of definite promises and beseech Him greatly to fulfill them, that we shall, in spite of every obstacle, hold fast our confidence to the end. We may find that as time goes on, as the insight into the deadly state of the church grows deeper, and as experience teaches us how very hard it is to rouse Christians to the full meaning of, and full surrender to, the claims of Christ, our hearts will often fail us for fear and grow faint. But if we have made our covenant with Christ that we dare not go back, but are determined to hold on, we shall find that just one word from our Lord hidden in the heart and lived on day by day, will give strength in the time of the greatest darkness.

....*"and Jesus having heard, answered him, saying, 'Be not afraid, only believe'".... Luke 8:50 Young's Literal Translation*

AUGUST 8TH

* We can only achieve perfect liberty and enjoy fellowship with Jesus Christ when His command, His call to absolute discipleship, is appreciated in its entirety. Only the one who follows the command of Jesus single-mindedly and unresistingly lets His "yoke" rest upon them, finds His burden easy, and under its gentle pressure receives the power to persevere in the right way. The command of Jesus is hard, unutterably hard, for those who try to resist it. But for those who willingly submit, the yoke is easy and the burden is light. "His commandments are not grievous" [*1 John 5:3*]. The commandment of Jesus is not a sort of spiritual shock treatment. Jesus asks nothing of us without giving us the strength to perform it. His commandment never seeks to destroy life, but to foster, strengthen and heal it.

....*"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light".... Matthew 11:28-30 KJV

AUGUST 9TH

* There is no greater display of "selfishness" than for one to disobey God. There is no greater act of Love than for one to obey God on the behalf of another.

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

AUGUST 10TH

* The plea of "inability" is the worst of excuses. It slanders God so, charging Him with infinite tyranny, in commanding men to do that which they have no power to do. All pleas in excuse for not submitting to God, are acts of rebellion against Him!

...."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

...."I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency]".... Philippians 4:13 The Amplified Translation

AUGUST 11TH

* No more solemn trust can be given to anyone than the gift to sway hearts by anointed speech.

....."A man has joy in making an apt answer, and a word spoken at the right moment - how good it is!".... Proverbs 15:23 The Amplified Translation

...."A word fitly spoken and in due season is like apples of gold in settings of silver".... Proverbs 25:11 The Amplified Translation

...."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".... Isaiah 50:4 NASB

AUGUST 12TH

* *"With men it is impossible".... Matthew 19:26*

It seems easy to say, and yet how difficult to realize it and act it out. What is it that hinders the church in this day from falling on its knees and beseeching God by His Holy Spirit to give revival? It is this: men and women do not consider that the work they need to do is impossible with man. They consult and organize and labour, so "diligently", and yet the members decline by the thousands. They cannot see that the work of winning men to become members of Christ and His Church is a work that God alone can do through men and women who have yielded themselves to the Holy Spirit.

AUGUST 13TH

* If prayer has power with God, if it loosens the bands of sin, purifies the soul, reforms our hearts and draws down Divine grace, how can it be called a "small matter" when we are robbed of an hour of prayer through disobedience?

....*"pray without ceasing [remain in constant communication with God]".... 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NASB*

AUGUST 14TH

* If a carnally-minded man were to pray every day against all the instances of a worldly attitude; if he should make a full description of the temptations of greed, and really ask God to help him to reject them all, and to disappoint him in all his greedy plans, he would find his conscience so awakened that he would be forced either to stop praying like that or to stop leading a "worldly" life.

....*"To the pure [in heart and conscience] all things are pure, but to the defiled and corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure; their very minds and consciences are defiled and polluted".... Titus 1:15 The Amplified Translation*

....*"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 15TH

* In the believer there is always going on a secret struggle between the soul and the spirit. On behalf of God, the spirit seeks to possess and pervade all. On behalf of self, the soul seeks to

take the first place, and to assert the right of "independent" action. As long as this is the case, and the soul takes the lead expecting the spirit to follow, and help and bless what it does, our life and work will be barren of truly spiritual results.

Only when the soul, with all its self-willing and running, is daily denied and laid in the dust for the Spirit to work, will the power of God be manifest in our service. Here is the cause of such frequent failure in the spiritual life: Our faith stood more in the wisdom of man, in the influence of human teaching and human apprehension, than in the power of God and His Spirit!

...."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

AUGUST 16TH

* As you pray, your spirit is contacting the Father. Your spirit is reaching other human spirits through the Father. Paul said, "my spirit and the Lord Jesus will be with you in your deliberations." It does not seem credible! Sense knowledge cannot grasp this. It is in the realm of the re-created (born-again) spirit. We become so utterly one with God. We become so utterly ruled and governed by the Word and by the Holy Spirit that we become masters of demons and of their work. We cast out demons with the Word. We pray for sick folks and the diseases leave them. Weakness is destroyed by the strength of God. The very life of God flows out through our lips.

Do you remember John 7:38-39 where Jesus says, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water." 20th century translation: ..."Shall gush torrents of living water"... Jesus is speaking of the Holy Spirit's indwelling presence; and how, from our inner life of prayer, there gushes forth a torrent of the very life of God that speeds on its way to that one who is in need.

No one knows yet about the fulness of this. We are in the very infancy of this prayer life in the Church. I know that our prayers bring the very presence of God upon men in any part of the world and God, through you, is ruling the demons and evil forces all over the world. You become His voice in the name of Jesus. The Word really becomes the sword of the Spirit and it is waging a war against demonic forces who rule men and women. His Word, through your lips, dominates these "world forces" and they are cramped, bound, hindered, and conquered. Indeed, God through you can sway the nations. You become God's will toward a Satan-ruled world.

...."For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf and for those who

are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge".... Colossians 2:1-3 NASB

AUGUST 17TH

* "The fiery darts of the wicked one"... They are forged in Hell, and have at the tip a little spark of fire from the pit, which inflames the mind and makes it incapable of receiving the truth. Fiery darts about that friend with which you are working - a jealous thought so that you are reading in the light of it everything that soul is doing. That is what is going on among many of God's children. Satan has let loose an avalanche of fiery darts amongst the "advancing" hosts of God's children and they have not lifted the shield of faith against them. They have allowed them to enter the mind and "burn" there. Is not this the great truth that the church needs just now, even to take the shield of faith to quench, and take the helmet of salvation to cover, and to take the sword of the Spirit to cut? This means quiet, deep steady resistance to the enemy, and a quiet, steady holding *[in faith]* of Christ's victory.

...."In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides]. Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil. For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despots, 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. Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place]. Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity and of moral rectitude and right standing with God, And having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace. [Isa. 52:7.] Lift up over all the [covering] shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one]. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit wields, which is the Word of God. Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people)".... Ephesians 6:10-18 The Amplified Translation

AUGUST 18TH

* True discipleship can tolerate no conditions which might come between Jesus and our obedience to Him.

....*"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'".... Matthew 16:24 NASB*

....*"And He [Jesus] summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, '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 and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?'".... Mark 8:34-37 NASB*

AUGUST 19TH

* Only the one who believes is obedient, and only the one who is obedient believes. In exactly the same way in which obedience is called the consequence of faith, it must also be called the presupposition of faith.

....*"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*

AUGUST 20TH

* One can not open the doors of the "world" wide open and expect not to be overcome. On the other hand one can expect nothing less than to overcome the world when their eye is single and constant.

....*"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*

....*"The eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye is clear, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is bad, your body also is full of darkness. Then watch out that the light in you is not darkness. If therefore your whole body is full of light, with no dark part in it, it will be wholly illumined, as when the lamp illumines you with its rays".... Luke 11:34-36 NASB*

....*"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*

AUGUST 21ST

* In the spirit quickened by God's power there "dwells the Holy Spirit. There, in the life which He has imparted, there He dwells. It is only the soul that knows that He dwells there, and waits for His teaching there, to whom will be given as much as it needs and can bear of the Truth in the intellect - which, without it, is impotent, and even dangerous. It is as one knows that they have a spirit, formed for receiving the communications from the Divine realm - deeper than thought or feeling - and retire there to wait on God's Spirit, and set it open to Him, that one will learn to know where "He dwells". Only when He is acknowledged and honored there, will He come forth from the secret place to manifest His power in the region of the soul and its conscious life.

...."Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words".... 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 NASB

AUGUST 22ND

* The Devil's trick is to keep the children of God down in the "earthlies", trying to deal with the effect of all they see contrary to God, and not with the cause; he pushes them to try and put things "right" in the Satan-blinded world, and Satan-dulled church, with their own faculties and strength; instead of understanding that in this spiritual warfare, the "action" is union with Christ, "far above all". There to hold His victory until we see Him deliver the souls. If we knew how to do this for the churches, if we knew how to "breakthrough" in the spirit to the heavenly realms, and how to dwell in that place of victory, and see the Lord set the souls free; what changes, what progress would speedily be made!

...."For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons [soulish intellect and reasoning]. For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds, [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge [revelation] of God; and we lead EVERY thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)".... 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 The Amplified Translation

AUGUST 23RD

* Why did God redeem us? Why did He make us "new creations"? Why did He make us righteous in Christ? Why does He dwell in us? Why does He give us the name of Jesus and why did He say that in Jesus' name we could cast out demons? What did God expect us to do after making us all this? Just to be good, "neutral" sons who never face the Enemy; who simply read the Word but never act on it; who do not take our Redemption and New Creation seriously? Is

He mocking us? Is His Word like "dry clouds" in a drought? Is Satan invincible? Must we yield to Satan's dominion and Satan-ruled circumstances? We must face this issue. We are surrounded by demonical forces that are dominating the human on earth, and if the Church does not have authority over these then no one has. But the Church does! And prayer is our method and mode of dominating these diabolical forces that are wrecking havoc upon our earth.

....*"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*

....*"For this reason also, since the day we heard [of it,] we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please [Him] in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. For He rescued us [past tense] from the domain of darkness, and transferred [past tense] us to the kingdom of His beloved Son".... Colossians 1:9-13 NASB*

AUGUST 24TH

**"Go ye therefore and make disciples"! This does not mean "converts", but "students" of the Word.*

....*"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me [the Word of God] cannot be My disciple".... Luke 14:27 NASB*

AUGUST 25TH

* A failure to discern and comprehend [appropriate] the absoluteness of God's authority [Word] will cause one to fall short in the carrying out of His Will for their lives.

....*"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".... Matthew 28:18 The Amplified Translation*

AUGUST 26TH

* To the degree that one's heart is given to God it is to that degree that they will have a revelation of His authority. Therefore, for the believer to walk in the fulness of absolute authority their hearts must be wholly given to God at all times. To the degree that one maintains an element of self-will it is to that degree that they will "refuse" to subject [submit] themselves to God's authority [the Word of God].

....*"My son, attend to my words; consent and submit to my sayings. Let them not depart*

from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart. For they are life to those who find them, healing and health to all their flesh. Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life".... Proverbs 4:20-23 The Amplified Translation

AUGUST 27TH

* Only those who seek to serve God from a pure and a whole heart will find themselves in the position to receive the revelation needful for them to walk in the fulness of God's Power.

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

AUGUST 28TH

* Dependence upon the five physical senses to perceive "anything" is the greatest hindrance to true ministry that the servant of God shall face.

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

AUGUST 29TH

* If our deepest heart desire is truly to come into the place of abiding then we must eat, sleep, drink and breathe the Word of God in our remaining time on this earth!

...."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 [desire], and it will be done for you".... John 15:4-7 NASB

AUGUST 30TH

* God's work and Will must be accomplished by God's Power without exception, and it is a lack of this revelation which has so seriously hindered the spread of God's Kingdom in the earth.

"Kingdom" - the domain [*sphere*] wherein the spiritual sovereignty of God or Jesus Christ extends, whether in heaven or on earth;

...."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

....*"Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you".... 2 Peter 1:10-11 NASB*

AUGUST 31ST

* Satan is not able to do anything in the church of Jesus Christ except that which has been agreed to through "subjection" to his lies.

To the degree that one fails to submit themselves to the authority of God [*Word of God*] it is to that degree that they are submitted to the "counterfeit" authority of Satan.

....*"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*

SEPTEMBER 1ST

* Faith is love for God in action.

....*"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*

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

SEPTEMBER 2ND

* Everything that has been made [*created*] in the material realm was made by God's words and, therefore, everything made responds to His Words. Thus, our entire lives are the result of our response to the Word of God - both in our physical lives in the earth and Eternity. How we see His words, how we treat His words, if we believe His words or do not believe [*trust in*] His words, receive His words or do not receive His words, if we do [*carry out*] His Words or refuse to do His words - whatever our response is to the Word of God, that is the sum total [*result*] of our life.

"Go into all the world and preach the Good News" - those are the words of God. What then happens: if one believes THEN they will be "saved" and if they refuse to believe it they will not be saved but rather condemned. What determined the person's life both now and in Eternity: their response to God's words.

.... *"My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them And health to all their body. Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it [flow] the springs of life".... Proverbs 4:20-23 NASB*

.... *"The sum of Your word is truth [the total of the full meaning of all Your individual precepts]; and every one of Your righteous decrees endures forever".... Psalms 119:160 NASB*

.... *"And He [Jesus] said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel [of the Kingdom] to all creation. "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned".... Mark 16:15-16 NASB*

SEPTEMBER 3RD

- * The neglect of prayer is a grand hindrance to holiness.

.... *"pray without ceasing [remain in constant communication with God]".... 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NASB*

SEPTEMBER 4TH

- * One of the special marks of the Holy Ghost in the Apostolic Church was the spirit of boldness. One of the most essential qualities of faith that is to attempt great things for God and expect great things from God, is holy audacity.

.... *"And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness".... Acts 4:29-31 NASB*

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

SEPTEMBER 5TH

- * Expect unexpected things, 'above all that we ask or think'. Each time, before you intercede, be quiet first, and worship God in His glory. Think of what He can do, and how He delights to hear the prayers of His redeemed people. Think of your place and privilege in Christ, and expect great things!

.... *"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

SEPTEMBER 6TH

* Cease Striving, Know, Then Obey...To enter God's rest requires we abide in full surrender to His Will, in perfect trust of His Power. We learn to rest from our works "as God did from His" *[Hebrews 4:10]*. To "rest from our labors" does not mean we have stopped working; it means we have stopped the laborious work of the flesh and sin. It means we have entered the eternal works that He brings forth through us. The turmoil caused by unbelief is brought to rest by faith. The strife rooted in unforgiveness is subdued by love. Our fearful thoughts, He calms with the Voice that calmed the sea. Such is the mind that has entered the rest of 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

SEPTEMBER 7TH

* Sadness is for a season but the fruit of faith is forever.

...."[in faith] 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

...."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

SEPTEMBER 8TH

* Prompt, simple obedience is the way to cleanliness, virtue, honor, strength, safety and peace.

"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]*;

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

SEPTEMBER 9TH

* "Self" is the opaque veil that hides the face of God from us. It can be removed ONLY in spiritual experience, never by mere instruction.

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

SEPTEMBER 10TH

* There is no state of mind so holy, so excellent and so truly perfect as that of thankfulness to God and, consequently, nothing is of more importance than that which exercises and improves this state of mind [*heart*].

....*"He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving **honors Me**; And to him who orders [his] way [aright] I shall show **the salvation of God**".... Psalms 50:23 NASB*

SEPTEMBER 11TH

* God aims first to renew man's darkened spirit... God's intent after that is to work out from the spirit [*through the Holy Spirit*] to permeate man's soul and body.

....*"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*

....*"Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life".... Proverbs 4:23 The Amplified Translation*

SEPTEMBER 12TH

* God became man to turn creatures into sons: not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man.

....*"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 13TH

* While others still slept, He [*Jesus*] went away to pray and to renew His strength in

communion with His Father. He had need of this, otherwise He would not have been ready for the new day. The holy work of delivering souls demands constant renewal through fellowship with God.

....*"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*

SEPTEMBER 14TH

* To truly forsake sin, is to leave it without any thought reserved of returning to it again.

....*"put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts [desires]".... Romans 13:14 NASB*

....*"whatever does not originate and proceed from faith [which is activated and energized by love] is sin".... Romans 14:23b The Amplified Translation*

SEPTEMBER 15TH

* Waiting for God is not laziness. Waiting for God is not going to sleep. Waiting for God is not the abandonment of effort. Waiting for God means, first, activity under command; second, readiness for any new command that may come; third, the ability to do nothing until the command is given.

....*"But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] shall change and renew their strength and power; they shall lift their wings and mount up [close to God] as eagles [mount up to the sun]; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint or become tired. [Heb. 12:1-3. Isaiah 40:31 The Amplified Translation*

SEPTEMBER 16TH

* If the Lord Jehovah makes us wait, let us do so with our whole hearts; for blessed are all they that wait for Him. He is worth waiting for. The waiting itself is beneficial to us: it tries faith, exercises patience, trains submission, and endears the blessing when it comes. The Lord's people have always been a waiting people.

....*"For since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like you, **who works for those who wait for him!** You welcome those who gladly do good, who follow godly ways".... Isaiah 64:4-5a NASB*

SEPTEMBER 17TH

* Biblically, waiting is not just something we have to do until we get what we want.

Waiting is part of the process of becoming what God wants us to be.

...."It [the vision] hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay. Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith".... Habakkuk 2:3-4 NASB

SEPTEMBER 18TH

* It is in the course of our feeble and very imperfect waiting that God Himself, by His hidden power, strengthens us and works out in us the patience of the great saints, the patience of Christ Himself.

...."Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand".... James 5:7-8 NASB

SEPTEMBER 19TH

* "Stand still" - keep the posture of an upright man/woman, ready for action, expecting further orders, cheerfully and patiently awaiting the directing voice; and it will not be long ere God shall say to you, as distinctly as Moses said it to the people of Israel, "Go forward".

"clothed" - covered with; cloaked; array;

...."I [Jesus] am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high".... Luke 24:49 NASB

SEPTEMBER 20TH

* Teach us, O Lord, the disciplines of patience, for to wait is often harder than to work.

...."And He 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

SEPTEMBER 21ST

* The delegated authority cannot, in any way, lead the children of God into the fulness of their inheritance in Christ apart from their own obedience and continued walking in the light. To the degree that one walks in "perfect obedience" it is to that degree that they shall be used

powerfully to "influence others to a life of absolute consecration and obedience; for indeed all God's power and life flows through the gateway of the "Cross" - and the Spirit thereof.

"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*];

....*"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. But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak".... 2 Corinthians 4:11-13 NASB*

....*"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*

SEPTEMBER 22ND

* A bondservant or handmaiden of the Lord can be defined as one who seeks and hears the Word of God at all times and measures [*magnifies*] that Word fully through "distinct acts" of obedience - always under the control of the "unction" of the Holy Spirit.

"magnify" - to cause to seem greater or more important; attribute too much importance to [*in this case, the lies and actions {works} of the Enemy above the absolute supremacy of God's Word*];

Latin: **"magnificare"** - to praise; glorify; extol; esteem greatly;

....*"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*

....*"Let all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let those who love Your salvation say [*proclaim*] continually, "The LORD be magnified!".... Psalm 40:16 NASB*

SEPTEMBER 23RD

* The one who has no vision of ETERNITY will never get a true hold [*understanding*] of TIME.

....*"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*

SEPTEMBER 24TH

* A delegated authority is one who is chosen as a vessel of God's authority, that is, one who is chosen to represent "perfectly" and be a messenger of the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart. Their main job is to proclaim accurately the uncompromised Will *[Word]* of God.

....*"For the LORD will not abandon His people, nor will He forsake His inheritance. For judgment [the administration of justice] will again be righteous [lit. return to righteousness], and all the upright in heart will follow it".... Psalm 94:14-15 NASB*

....*"And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ".... Ephesians 4:11-13 NASB*

SEPTEMBER 25TH

* The deeper one proceeds into the life of consecration and obedience, the deeper the realization they shall have that they can do "nothing" apart from Christ.

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

....*"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 26TH

* Those who "practice" obedience and are trained by it never feel bound or restricted regardless of where they are placed by God. If one takes any preconceived notions at all of what they want to do or would like to do, apart from that which has been revealed to them by the Spirit of God, then they are going to rely upon their own understanding to get them to the "place" where they desire to be.

On the other hand if one is wholly given to God and willing to do all His Will at all times then they shall not "feel" out of place for they shall have the deep assurance in their hearts that they are in the center of His Will - and there is NO GREATER security to be found in this earth than to "know" that we are in the center of God's Will!

"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*];

....*"He who has My commandments [gained a revelation of the Father's Will] and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him".... John 14:21, 23 NASB*

....*"the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day".... Proverbs 4:18 NASB*

SEPTEMBER 27TH

* To the degree that one holds part back, it is to that degree that they shall have to "settle" for less than God's best.

....*"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 28TH

* If one has not been "sent" by God to speak, regardless of how true the words may be, the "anointing" shall in no way be upon the words which are spoken and, thus, there will be no power to effectually change the hearts of the ones being spoken to. It is as we are pure and empty vessels and are then filled with the love of God [*"shed abroad in our hearts"*], that we are found "fit" to minister.

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

"clothed" - covered with; cloaked; array;

....*"I [Jesus] am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high".... Luke 24:49 NASB*

SEPTEMBER 29TH

* Have we as children of God come to the realization that we must be close to God in an abiding and intimate fellowship? Have we opened our hearts wide before the Lord to allow Him to deal with any ground which may be causing us to be presumptuous in our walk with Him? Have we desired first and foremost to carry out the Will of God in the way that He would have it

carried out? Have we come into a deep realization of the importance of our "words" and our constant need to obey the command to love one another at all times?

Do we yet understand our need to have all things revealed to us by the Spirit of God and to put aside all "mental ascension", knowing that it is this mental ascension which allows Satan to divide the house and keep men apart from the Will of God? Let us shout a resounding yes to all of these questions for it is only as we do that we can fully enter into the "Mind of Christ" and lead God's people into the fullness of their inheritance *[salvation]*!

"mental ascension" - the reaching out *["up"]* to understand the Word *[Will]* of God in one's "own" *[soulish]* strength and understanding *[intellect]*;

...."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 30TH

* We are to be brought into ever deepening fellowship with Christ's death. The knife must go deeper and deeper into this earth-life until we are severed from all things that tie us to the earth. Your spirit cannot dwell and move and live in God unless you are willing to let the Holy Spirit apply the death of "Christ's Cross" to you, and cut and cut until, as Peter says, "We are judged according to men in the flesh," so that we "might live according to God in the Spirit". It costs to let the knife be taken to this earthly life, and until God cuts deeper and deeper none of us know how intimately linked we are to the things of this world.

Oftentimes we have thought we have gone through the deepest fellowship of His death, then God has put us into new circumstances, and we have discovered that we are not as deeply severed as we thought. The price we have to pay for this deep union in spirit, and the consequent victory in spirit over the powers of darkness, is great, but we want, not only personal victory but a being brought to that place where God can exercise through us that complete mastery over the powers of darkness which the apostles did. At this present time for the deliverance of the whole church of God we must go on to know the "full victory" in Christ at any cost!

...."For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit".... 1 Peter 4:6 KJV

OCTOBER 1ST

* I have found that there are three stages in every great work of God: first, it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done.

....*"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*

OCTOBER 2ND

* Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible.

....*"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*

....*"All things are possible to [will SURELY come to pass for] him [the one] who believes".... Mark 9:23b NASB*

OCTOBER 3RD

* Each time your spirit goes under, and faints in the testings and trials which come to you, you lose mastery over the powers of darkness - that is to say, you get "below" them instead of abiding above them in God. Every time you take the earth standpoint and think as men think, and talk as men talk, and look as men look, you take a place below the powers of darkness. The "mastery" over them depends upon your spirit abiding in the place above them, and the place above them means knowing God's outlook, God's view, God's thoughts, God's ways, God's plans, by abiding with Christ in God.

You may be so entangled in the things of earth that your spirit cannot rise above them. The Devil knows this, and pours the earthly things upon you to keep you down, so that you go under, and not over when the battle comes. One cannot live and breathe easily on the "earthlies" once they have had that heavenly union with the Lord and known the power of the Holy Spirit.

....*"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*

OCTOBER 4TH

* *"The Word of God is quick.... dividing between soul and spirit discerning the mental conceptions".... Hebrews 4:12 (Fausset).*

It is clear to all of us that we have or have had a great many mental conceptions of God's Word, and "truth" which never came from His Spirit. Conceptions, for instance, of the way God ought to work - hence our inability to discern His working when He works contrary to these mental conceptions [*preconceived notions*]. One of the greatest hindrances to the Holy Spirit revealing to us the Will of God is our mental conceptions. One may also have a mental conception of the meaning of a verse of Scripture which prevents the Holy Spirit from showing them the real meaning of it. Thus, the division of soul and spirit is intensely necessary.

Many find difficulty in guidance simply because God is not able to make His guidance clear to them because of their "inability" to discern the difference between the things of their mind and the things of their spirit. Thus the need for letting the Word of God work in us continually as a sharp two-edged sword dividing soul and spirit.

....*"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*

OCTOBER 5TH

* Here is the sum of the commandments - to live in fellowship with Christ.

....*"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 [that is **profitable for the Kingdom**]. If a person does not dwell in Me, he is thrown out like a [**broken-off**] branch, and withers; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, and they are burned. 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 15:5-7 The Amplified Translation*

[OCTOBER 6TH

* The "faith" experienced by most today is more of a frantic hoping, a quest, a desire, a deep and sincere thirst for something "wanted" than it is the calm, full-bodied, confident assurance of foreknowledge that certain events are going to take place prior to their occurrence!

....*"faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience [**including the***

proclamation of "words" that are aligned with a revelation of the Father's Will/Word] to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead)".... James 2:17 The Amplified Translation

OCTOBER 7TH

* It is a hard work, a difficult work, a serious work. But let us not try to serve God with what costs us nothing. It cost Christ everything, His Blood and His Life, to conquer death and win for us a share in His abundant life. God's intercessors must learn, in deep humility and contrition, to give their whole life and strength to bear the burden of the state of their fellow Christians, if they are to have power to prevail.

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

OCTOBER 8TH

* God has planned with Divine wisdom, the Body of Christ; and the moment that you are born into that Body you have your place in which to function. If anyone thinks that because of lack of training or for lack of this or that, they have no place, they are deluded by the Enemy. You have a place and with that place comes responsibility, and with responsibility comes a reward or demerit. If you do not take your place in the Family of God, in the Church, and begin to function, the Body of Christ is weakened because of it.

Some have the idea that their special vocation is to criticize others because they are not doing more. The Holy Spirit is the only one who has this position. You have no right to set yourself up as a critic. Your business is to find your place and fill it! Until you do, you will pay the price. I want you to know, my brother, my sister, that the price you pay for staying out of the Will of God is expensive. You may pay it in sickness, in loss of money or in unhappiness with your loved ones; for you cannot be the "protected one", the "cared-for" one as long as you are standing outside of the Lord's Will for you. Take your place! Give yourself to meditation, prayer, and study of the Word. Do not allow anything to stand in the way of your finding your place. Life will not mean much to you outside of God's Will.

...."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

OCTOBER 9TH

* Many attempt to justify their "prayerlessness", saying that they were never called to give their lives in prayer. Indeed, you may not have been set apart by the Holy Spirit for that "special ministry", but it would be wise for you to spend enough time in prayer to get acquainted with the Father. There are only two ways of getting acquainted: through the Word and by prayer.

To see a need is to have a call to prayer. The prayer responsibility today is the most important thing of our lives. Many have been occupied with their pleasures and their dreams; and men and women, staggering under the burdens you should have carried, are "breaking down". God have mercy upon us!

...."pray without ceasing [remain in constant communication with God]".... 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NASB

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

OCTOBER 10TH

* The more proud anyone is in themselves, the more impatient they become at the smallest instant of it in other people. We must be so much an enemy of pride that we never spare it in ourselves and never look for it in others. Hating pride does one no good unless they hate to harbor any degree of it in their own heart. One can have no greater sign of a more confirmed pride than when they "think" that they are humble enough. Anyone who "thinks" they love God enough, shows themselves to be an entire stranger to that holy passion; similarly, anyone who thinks they have humility enough, shows that they are barely a beginner in the practice of true humility.

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

...."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

OCTOBER 11TH

* It is only through actual obedience that one can become liberated to believe.

....*"But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: "DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?'* (that is, to bring Christ down), or *'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?'* (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." But what does it say? *"THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"* - that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, 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 [deliverance].** For the Scripture says, *"WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED"*.... Romans 10:6-11 NASB

OCTOBER 12TH

* Suffering and rejection for righteousness' sake are a divine necessity and every attempt to prevent it *[through compromise]* is the work of the Devil.

Just as Christ is Christ only in virtue of His suffering and rejection, so the disciple is a disciple only in so far as they share their Lord's suffering and rejection and "crucifixion".

....*"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 13TH

* Self-denial is never just a series of isolated acts of mortification or a asceticism. For there is an element of self-will even in that. To deny oneself is to be aware only of Christ and no more of self, to see only Him who goes before and no more the road which is too hard for us. Only when we have become completely oblivious of self are we ready to bear the cross for His sake. If in the end we know only Him, if we have ceased to notice the pain of our own cross, we are indeed looking only unto Him.

....*"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 [self] life will lose it; but whoever loses [denies] his [self] life for My sake will find it ["zoe"- divine life]".... Matthew 16:24-25 NASB*

....*"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*

OCTOBER 14TH

* The "cross" is laid on every Christian. The first Christ-suffering which every man must experience is the call to abandon the "attachments" of this world. When Christ calls a man or woman, He bids them come and die. It may be a "death" such as that of the first disciples who had to "leave" home and work to follow Him, or it may be a "death" like Luther's, who had to leave the monastery and go out in to the world. But it is the same death every time - death in Jesus Christ, the death of the "old man" at His call. Only the one who is dead to their own will can truly follow Christ. In fact, every command of Jesus is a call to "die", with all our "affections and lusts". The call of Christ, His baptism, sets the Christian in the middle of the daily arena against sin and the Devil. Every day they encounter new temptations, and every day they must suffer anew for Jesus Christ's sake.

....*"No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier".... 2 Timothy 2:4 NASB*

OCTOBER 15TH

* According to the spirit and fashion of this world there are several things which pass for being "great and honorable and desirable" in the eyes of men. But this is so far from being the true purpose of life, that true greatness and honor consist in "not" desiring them. The spirit of the gospel is the history of Christ's conquest over the spirit of the world. And the number of "true" Christians is only the number of those, who, following the Holy Spirit, have lived exactly opposite to this "spirit of the world". But despite the clearness and the plainness of this teaching to renounce the world, yet a great number of Christians live and die slaves to the customs and attitudes of 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*

OCTOBER 16TH

* Every child of God that will "breakthrough" the plane of the Enemy to the place in the clear, pure light *[revelation]* above, is making a way for others to break through after.

....*"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, **keep seeking the things above,***

where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God [Ephesians 2:6]. **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

OCTOBER 17TH

* Christianity implies a deliverance from this world. Anyone who professes Christianity, professes to live contrary to everything that is peculiar to this evil world. The apostle John declares this opposition to the world in this way:

"They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God".... 1 John 4:5-6.

This is a description of the followers of Christ. It is proof enough that no people are to be reckoned "Christians" in reality, who in their hearts and attitudes belong to this world. "We know, writes John, that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one [1 John 5:19]. Christians, then, know that they are of God to the extent that they "know" they are not of the world; that is, they do not live according to the ways and spirit of the world. For all the ways, maxims, politics of the world lie in wickedness.

One is only of God, or born of God in Christ Jesus, who has through Jesus overcome this world, that is, who has chosen to live by faith. Such a person governs their actions by the principals of a wisdom revealed from God through Jesus Christ.

...."By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith".... 1 John 5:2-4 NASB

OCTOBER 18TH

* Meekness" points to a submissiveness of spirit that does not raise itself up against opposition, but bends like a reed before the storm. Meekness is not to be confused with weakness! It is an inwrought grace of the soul and the exercises of it are first and chiefly towards God. It is that temper of spirit in which we accept God's dealings with us as good, and therefore without dispute or resistance; it is closely linked with the word humility.

It is only the humble heart which is also the meek, and which, as such, does not fight against God and more or less struggle and contend with Him. Meekness describes a condition of mind and heart instead of action. It must be clearly understood therefore, that the "meekness (prautes) manifested by the Lord and commended to all believers is the fruit of power. The common assumption is that when one is meek that they cannot help themselves, but the Lord was "meek" because He had at His disposal the infinite resource of God at His command.

Described negatively meekness is the opposite of "self-assertiveness" and "self-interest". It [*meekness*] is an "equanimity" of spirit that is neither elated or cast down, simply because it is not occupied with self at all. When one grows in meekness one comes to the place where what is good for others is more important than one's own self-interest. Meekness is love at it's best and most refined state in the believer.

...."Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light".... Matthew 11:28-30 KJV

...."The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed and qualified me to preach the Gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor, and afflicted; He has sent me to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the [physical and spiritual] captives and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound".... Isaiah 61:1 The Amplified Translation

OCTOBER 19TH

* Throughout the whole world God, the Holy Spirit, is calling out the members of the glorious Body of the Heavenly Christ, who is seated at God's right hand; and the Body is rapidly forming, and pressing in spirit to faith union with the Ascended Head. What we must do now is to get our eyes off the "darkness" around us - a darkness which is deepening on the world - and live in personal victory up to the very utmost of the light God has given us.

If we could look from the Throne of God down upon the world, we would see the Holy Spirit moving here and there, "breaking out" wherever He can get an outlet. As the eyes of our heart are illuminated, we shall not be deceived by the "surface-civilization" of today, and imagine the "world is getting better". You will not be surprised to find, too, that the "Christianity" of today will stone the prophets as much as did the "Israelites" in the days of long ago.

Counterfeit Christianity will always turn upon the "true", but with the light of the Ascended Lord you can endure the "stones". Be not afraid of the persecution and the scoffing, the opposition and the rejection. It is the "prince of the air", and the spirit that works in every disobedient child.

...."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

...."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

OCTOBER 20TH

* I believe that God planned that we should live in the fullness of Divine life; that we should dare to take our positions as sons and daughters of God; and that the hour is coming before the Lord's return in which a "remnant" of the Body will rise and walk before God the Father in the fullness of the New Creation life!

...."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 all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father! The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God. And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory. [But what of that?] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time (this present life) are not worth being compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us and for us and conferred on us! For [even the whole] creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known [waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship]".... Romans 8:14-19 The Amplified Translation

OCTOBER 21ST

* Faith will lead you where "reason" cannot *[and will not]* walk.

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

OCTOBER 22ND

* God is challenging us in these last days to "receive" the light and the knowledge *[revelation]* that will fit us for the closing of this dispensation.

...."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

.... "[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

OCTOBER 23RD

* Temperance [*self-control*] enables believers to be moderate in action, thought and feelings. The fruit of self-control enables us to crucify" the flesh and they that are "Christ's have crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts" [*Galatians 5:24*]. God would not demand of His children that which would be impossible for them to fulfill. He never intended believers to overcome the flesh by their flesh, rather God has provided His children with a supernatural "seed" of strength and self-control. That seed only requires "cultivation" in order for it to produce overcoming power by the Holy Spirit. This power will surpass all previous unsuccessful "attempts" at self-improvement. It will overcome any area of lust in the individual lives of those Christians who possess and apply.

The fruit of "temperance" enables us to develop the necessary self-control to live in this world and yet not be conformed to it. Temperance will cause believers to "mortify" the lusts of the flesh and live in harmony with God's plan and purpose for their lives. As a believer yields to the Holy Spirit within them they will develop the strength they need to "control" their flesh and bring it into submission to their re-born spirit.

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

.... "*But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please*".... Galatians 5:16-17 NASB

OCTOBER 24TH

* "Unlawful things" demand that they be left alone. "Lawful things" however, demand "moderation". Even perfectly legitimate physical appetites must be kept firmly on hand. The body must be the servant and never the master!

....*"All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any".... 1 Corinthians 6:12 NASB*

OCTOBER 25TH

* Once one knows *[gains a revelation of]* the Will of God there is nothing to "discuss", only "do" - in the unction and power of the Holy Spirit.

"discuss" - this word speaks of a "bandying about" of "opinions" between two or more parties.

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OCTOBER 26TH

* We have not yet seen the full Divine intention of God for His people. God's people have "limited" an unlimited God through unbelief! And, thus, they do not see Him as He is. Consequently, they cannot see themselves as God intended them to be. There is a big difference between "being" what God intends for us to be and what we are or have been. But when we see God as He truly is the reaction is supposed to be that we see ourselves as we are IN Christ!

....*"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*

....*"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 27TH

* Your words are your reality!

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

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

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

...."But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak".... 2 Corinthians 4:13 NASB

...."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

OCTOBER 28TH

* Careless speaking is a vicious habit. When one realizes that words are the "coin" of their kingdom, and that their words can be a cursing influence or a blessing, they will learn to value the gift of speech. Control your tongue, or it will control you. You will often hear men say, "I speak my mind". That is well if you have a "renewed" mind, but if your mind is "poisoned", it is not good. An idle word spoken may fall into the soil of someone's heart and poison their whole life. What a blessing good conversation is and what a curse its opposite. Make your tongue a blessing, never a curse! A person is judged by their speech.

...."But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned".... Matthew 12:36-37 NASB

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OCTOBER 29TH

* Any irritability, weakness, and lack of spiritual insight comes from our not "sitting" in the presence of the Master. One cannot spend an hour in conscious communion with the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, without carrying away from that place, peace and strength to fulfill the task at hand.

...."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

OCTOBER 30TH

* The inward drive to walk on when "tired" is what makes one a strong and victorious conqueror.

...."let the weak say, I [am] strong".... Joel 3:10 KJV

...."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

OCTOBER 31ST

* Are the people of God at all awake to all that is implied in the "promise of the Spirit"? Is it enough that they "languidly" recognize their obligation to make known the Gospel to their fellow men, and take various steps to have it preached? Is not the great thing wanted this: that the Spirit of God should be so poured out upon Christ's people that men and women should be made aware of His Presence with them, and of the presence of Christ at the right hand of God? So poured out that the "powers of the world to come" should take hold upon men, and constrain them to cry out, "men and brethren, what must we do?"

...."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 [experience the fullness of salvation]. [Joel 2:28-32]".... Acts 2:17-21 The Amplified Translation

NOVEMBER 1ST

* If one denies that miracles are for this age, they deny the need, and the privileges and the benefits of prayer. Any divine intervention, any arrest of the laws of nature [*both physical and human*] that comes in answer to faith, is a miracle. The instant that one says there are no "miracles" in this dispensation, they deny that our walk, as children of God, is a walk of faith and they declare that our walk is a walk by "reason". I challenge you to find one place in the Word of God where God tells us as believers to walk by "reason". God is a faith God. We are a faith family. We are all born by faith. We are to live by faith. By faith, we live, move and have our being in Christ.

....*"As in the days when you came out from the land of Egypt, I will show you miracles"....*
Micah 7:15 NASB

NOVEMBER 2ND

* "Deception" has to do with the mind, and means a wrong thought admitted to the mind under the belief that it is truth. "Assumed" knowledge is as dangerous as ignorance, since it closes the mind to the Truth.

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

NOVEMBER 3RD

* Any leader is only as great as their prayer life. They are only as great as their ability and willingness to be led by the Spirit of God.

...."pray without ceasing [*remain in constant communication with God*]".... 1
Thessalonians 5:17 NASB

NOVEMBER 4TH

* Fasting and long hours of prayer, no matter how beneficial, do not "build" faith. Reading books about faith and about men and women of faith and their exploits stirs in the heart a deep passion for faith, but does not build faith. The Word alone is the source of faith. Faith is built in us by the Word being "built" into us, by our acting upon it. It is the "word of faith", and so as the Father builds that into us in our daily walk, faith becomes an "unconscious asset".

We come to realize that we are a part of Him as a branch is a part of the vine; that He is a part of us as the vine is a part of the branch; that we have His life, His ability, we have His love-nature, we have His strength. That gives us an "unconscious" certainty as we go into His presence. We know that we are working together with Him to one common end (the establishment of His Kingdom). We know that He is the strength of our life. We know that He is our ability. We know that we are His righteousness in Christ.

...."But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: "DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?' (that is, to bring Christ down), or 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART" - that is, **the word of faith** which we are preaching, 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** [deliverance]. For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED".... Romans 10:6-11 NASB

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

NOVEMBER 5TH

* Can anyone say that a love of God, a desire to please Him, a love of one's neighbor, a love of truth and goodness, a contemplation of eternity and the rewards of godliness are not stronger motives to great and good actions than a little uncertain popular praise? On the contrary, there is nothing in reality that weakens the mind more, and reduces it to meanness and slavery, nothing that makes it less master of its own actions than the love of the "world's" praise and honour.

...."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

NOVEMBER 6TH

* You cannot be "in Christ" and not be free from the "dominion" of the Devil.

....*"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*

....*"I sought the LORD, and He answered me, **and delivered [past tense] me from all my fears.** They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces will never be ashamed".... Psalms 34:4-5 NASB*

....*"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*

NOVEMBER 7TH

* Declaring [*proclaiming*] the Word of God in faith [*in the power of the Spirit of wisdom and revelation*] is the highest level of spiritual warfare there is.

....*"Submit therefore to God [in obedience]. Resist the devil [from the position of faith in a revelation of the Father's Word/Will] and he will flee from you".... James 4:7 NASB*

....*"For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons [soulish intellect and reasoning]. For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds, [Inasmuch as we] **refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge [revelation] of God; and we lead EVERY thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)**".... 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 The Amplified Translation*

NOVEMBER 8TH

* True worship is not dependent on buildings or any "external stimuli", for God is worshipped in man's heart and in God's Heaven. Worship begins in the spirit of man and, with the aid of the Spirit of God, ascends into the presence of God Himself in the Heaven of Heavens. Worship can occur when one is in the world's most beautiful cathedral or when they are milking cows in a barn.

Worship can take place with the aid of beautiful music or when surrounded by the insistent noise of every day commerce. It requires neither privacy nor the public performance of

God's appointed leaders in the church. A thousand things may assist a believer in their worship of God, but fundamentally that worship is an inner reaching out and up to God, so where it takes place on the face of this earth is totally irrelevant, for it must reach God in Heaven before it can become a full worship experience anyway, and that is where true worshippers worship.

.... "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" John 4:23-24 NASB

NOVEMBER 9TH

* Before one can experience the fulness of the reality of the "no greater love" in the Spirit, they must first experience the "reality" of the "no greater selfishness" of the flesh!

.... "For I know that NOTHING good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh" Romans 7:18 The Amplified Translation

.... "It is the [Holy] Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing" John 6:63a NASB

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

NOVEMBER 10TH

* "Criticism" and "complaining" are ignorance gone on a rampage!

.... "Do not judge and criticize and condemn others, so that you may not be judged and criticized and condemned yourselves. For just as you judge and criticize and condemn others, you will be judged and criticized and condemned, and in accordance with the measure you [use to] deal out to others, it will be dealt out again to you" Matthew 7:1-2 The Amplified Translation

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

NOVEMBER 11TH

* The Word of God in lips of doubt and fear is a dead thing; but in the lips of faith, it becomes "life-giving", and dominant. Through it the sick are healed; Satan's captives are set free. This living word on the lips of faith is God's answer to the heart cry of man. "Man's word" may fascinate and satisfy reason for a time, but the "heart" demands the living Word 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*

NOVEMBER 12TH

* The secret of winning *[victory]* is found in our "corresponding words and actions" - words and actions that are found in alignment with a revelation of the Father's Heart/Will.

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

NOVEMBER 13TH

* One cannot afford to talk failure, doubt or fear. Why? Because words "register" in your heart and after they have registered, they "take control" of your life!

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

*...."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 14TH

* I refuse to be intimidated by "sense evidences". I refuse to have my life governed by them. I know that "greater is He that is in me than the "forces" that surround me. The forces that oppose me work through the "senses." The power that is in me is the Holy Spirit; and I know that spiritual forces are greater than the forces in the sense realm. I maintain my confession of spiritual values, of "spiritual realities" in the face of the "contradictions" of the sense realm.

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

...."But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak".... 2 Corinthians 4:13 NASB

NOVEMBER 15TH

* Our faith or our unbelief is determined by our "confession". Few realize the affect of the

spoken word on our own heart or on our Adversary. He hears us make our confession of failure, sickness, of lack, and he does not forget; and we "unconsciously" go down to the level of our confession. No one "ever" rises above it. If you confess sickness, it develops sickness in your system. If you confess doubt, the doubts become stronger. If you confess lack of finances, it stops the money from coming in - and all of these things, without exception!

....*"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*

....*"You will also **decree** a thing, and it will be **established** for you and light [revelation] will shine on your ways".... Job 22:28 NASB*

....*"And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God". [lit. have the faith of God] "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*

....*"But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: "DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?'" (that is, to bring Christ down), or 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART" - that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, 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 [deliverance]**. For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED".... Romans 10:6-11 NASB*

NOVEMBER 16TH

* The children of God must live in the "now" or they are "doomed" to repeat the failures of the past.

....*"NOW faith is".... Hebrews 11:1 The Amplified Translation*

NOVEMBER 17TH

* The only reason that we "know" that we can succeed in the fulness of ministry is because Jesus Christ succeeded before us.

....*"the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He*

[Jesus] walked".... 1 John 2:6 NASB

...."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 18TH

* When we doubt the Father we are doubting His Word. When we doubt His Word it is because we believe something else that is contrary to that Word. Our confidence may be in the arm of flesh; it may be in medicine; it may be in institutions; but whatever our confidence is in, if it contradicts the Word of God it destroys our faith life. It destroys our prayers. It brings us again into bondage.

...."If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him. Only it must be in faith [trust] that he asks with no wavering [no hesitating, no doubting]. For the one who wavers [hesitates, doubts] is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither and thither and tossed by the wind. For truly, let not such a person imagine that he will receive anything [he asks for] from the Lord, [For being as he is] a man of two minds [hesitating, dubious, irresolute], [he is] unstable and unreliable and uncertain about everything [he thinks, feels, decides]"... James 1:5-8 The Amplified Translation

...."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

NOVEMBER 19TH

* Every person who walks by faith will have "testings". They do not come from the Father; they come from the Adversary. He is refusing to allow you to escape him. You become dangerous to the Adversary when you have become strong enough to resist him - when you have learned to trust in the ability of the Father to meet every need. When that becomes a reality in your consciousness, the Adversary is defeated. But as long as he can confuse the issue and keep you in a state of flux, you are at a disadvantage.

Every child of God must know that no word from God is void of power and there is not any "power" in all the universe to void one statement of fact in God's Word. It is written, "I watch

over My Word to perform it" [*Jeremiah 1:12*] and again, "Whosoever believeth on Him, shall not be put to shame. Your sole confidence must be in that unbroken, living Word, and you must hold fast to your confession in the face of every assault of the Enemy, knowing that "nothing" can stop it from coming to pass in your life.

You are not standing in "sense evidence". You are not standing on the faith of other people. You are standing squarely on God's own Word. Your confidence is not in the prayers of others alone, but in the unchanging, unbreakable Word of God and you must refuse to allow your lips to destroy the "effectiveness" of that Word in your situation. You must hold fast your confession even though it would appear that the prayer was never answered.

It is your "quiet assurance" in God's Word that gives you "supremacy" over your adversaries. You know that "all" authority is in the name of Jesus; that every demon and every disease and every "circumstance" must bow to that Name. So let us hold fast to our confession and never "cower" for a moment no matter how "sense knowledge" may produce evidence to the contrary. You are not standing on sense evidences. Feelings and appearances have no place here. This is God's field and God's alone!

...."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

...."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 [persecuted] 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

...."God is not the author of confusion, but of peace".... 1 Corinthians 14:33 KJV

NOVEMBER 20TH

* The Christian is one who no longer seeks "their" justification in themselves, but in Jesus Christ alone. They know that God's Word in Jesus Christ pronounces them guilty, even when they do not feel their guilt, and God's Word in Jesus Christ pronounces them not guilty and righteous, even when they do not feel that they are righteous at all. The Christian no longer lives of themselves, by their own claims and their own justification, but by God's claims and God's justification. They live wholly by God's Word pronounced upon them, whether that word declares them guilty or innocent.

...."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

...."and He [Christ] died for all, so that they who live might NO longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf".... 2 Corinthians 5:15 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

NOVEMBER 21ST

* The "basis" of "true" community is truth; the basis of "human" community is fleshly desire. The "essence" of true community is light; the essence of human community is darkness. True community is the fellowship of those who are called by Christ; human community is the fellowship of "devout souls". In true community there burns the bright love of service (Agape); in human community there glows the dark love of good and evil desire (eros).

In true community the Word of God alone rules; in human community there rules along with the Word, one who is furnished with "exceptional powers", and experience. In one God's Word alone is binding; but in the other besides the Word, men bind others to themselves. In the true community all power, honour, and "domination" are surrendered to the Holy Spirit; in human community spheres of power and influence of a personal nature are sought and cultivated. It is true, insofar as these are devout men and women, that they do this with the intention of serving the highest and best, but in actuality the result is to dethrone the Holy Spirit, to relegate Him to "remote unreality". In actuality, it is only the "human" that is operative here.

In true community the Holy Spirit governs; in human community, psychological techniques and methods. In the former "unconditional" love is extended constantly towards one's brother; in the latter psychological analysis and constructions; in the one the service of one's brother is simple and humble; in the other, service consists of a searching, "calculating" analysis.

...."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

...."There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death".... Proverbs 14:12 NASB

...."Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in [true] 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 [love, truth, revelation, righteousness] forever".... Psalms 133:1-3 NASB

NOVEMBER 22ND

- * It is not necessarily further teaching that the leaders of the church need at this time but rather a "direct interview" with God!

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

NOVEMBER 23RD

- * Faith's confessions create "divine realities".

....*"And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God". [lit. have the faith of God] "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*

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NOVEMBER 24TH

- * All disappointment stems from a "certain" unbelief in God's Word!

....*"For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED".... Romans 10:6-11 NASB*

NOVEMBER 25TH

- * The primary way in which one "transgresses" the Word of God is to lean upon their own understanding.

....*"the way of transgressors is hard".... Proverbs 13:15 KJV*

....*"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

NOVEMBER 26TH

* A "Christian" is one who abides in Christ [*the Word of God*].

*...."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 [*desire*], and it will be done for you".... John 15:4-7 NASB*

NOVEMBER 27TH

* Until we know our "legal rights" in the family of God, we will never become outstanding in our faith-life. We should know that the Bible is made up of two legal documents: the Abrahamic Covenant and the New Covenant; that Jesus' death was a "legal" death to meet humanity's legal needs; that His sacrifice, His substitutionary work was accepted by the "supreme court" of the universe; and that man has a legal right to take Jesus Christ as his Saviour and confess Him as his Lord which gives him a legal right to Eternal Life, the nature of God.

This makes him a son, and as a son he has a legal right to his Father's protection and care. He has a legal right to all that Jesus purchased for him in His redemptive work. He has a legal right to use the name of Jesus in prayer and when dealing with demonical forces. He has a legal right to the Holy Spirit's indwelling. All promises and statements of fact in the Word belong to him. He has a legal right to a "perfect redemption from Satan's dominion, from sickness and disease, from poverty and want. He has a legal right to stand in the Father's Presence because Jesus has become his legal righteousness, and he has legally become the righteousness of God in Christ. He has a legal right to Heaven as his home. This takes prayer out of the realm of doubt and puts it into the realm of absolute certainty!

*...."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*

*...."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

....*"But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord".... Romans 8:37-39 NASB*

NOVEMBER 28TH

* The goals and aspirations of every Christian should not lie in the worldly attitudes and traditions of men, but in the Throne Room of Almighty 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*

NOVEMBER 29TH

* Holding unforgiveness constitutes one being an "enemy of the Cross"!

....*"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop [leave it, let it go], in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your failings and shortcomings".... Mark 11:25-26 The Amplified Translation*

NOVEMBER 30TH

* The "spirit" of repentance and "spirit" of obedience are inseparable.

...*"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*

....*"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*

DECEMBER 1ST

* Trust is faith that has become absolute, approved, and accomplished. When all is said and done, there is a sort of risk in faith and its exercise. But trust is firm belief; it is faith in full bloom. Trust is a conscious act, a fact of which we are aware.

.... "O LORD of hosts, how blessed [divinely empowered and prospered] is the man/woman who trusts in You!" Psalms 84:10-12 NASB

DECEMBER 2ND

* Worry is a cycle of inefficient thoughts whirling around a center of 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

DECEMBER 3RD

* Our lives are full of supposes. Suppose this should happen, or suppose that should happen; what could we do; how could we bear it? But, if we are living in the high tower of the dwelling place of God, all these supposes will drop out of our lives. We shall be quiet from the fear of evil, for no threatenings of evil can penetrate into the high tower of God.

.... "The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower" Psalm 18:2
KJV

DECEMBER 4TH

* Only the one who can say, "The Lord is the strength of my life" can say, "Of whom shall I be afraid"?

.... "The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense 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. One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD And to meditate in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock. And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me, And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD".... Psalms 27:1-6 NASB

DECEMBER 5TH

* We fear men so much, because we fear [reverence] God so little. One fear [reverence of

God] cures another.

....*"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*

DECEMBER 6TH

* Have you noticed how much praying for revival has been going on of late - and how little revival has resulted? I believe the problem is that we have been trying to substitute praying for obeying, and it simply will not work. To pray for revival while ignoring the plain precept laid down in Scripture is to waste a lot of words and get nothing for our trouble. Prayer will become effective when we stop using it as a substitute for obedience.

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

DECEMBER 7TH

* A man/woman with God is always in the majority.

....*"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over".... Psalm 23:4-5 NASB*

DECEMBER 8TH

* We shall have all eternity in which to celebrate our victories, but we have only one swift hour before the sunset in which to win them.

....*"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away".... James 4:14 KJV*

DECEMBER 9TH

* If the people seek to "live" before flesh and blood then they become insensitive to sin and to disobedience. On the other hand, as the children of God seek to live before God and His Word they become sensitive to sin, and as they walk moment to moment in "perfect obedience" their thirst and hunger for righteousness "multiplies".

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

....*"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 12:2 NASB

DECEMBER 10TH

* "Human" *[soulish]* love is simply just selfishness refined!

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

...."[Divine] 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 11TH

* There are only ever two choices: one, to do the Will of God and two, to lean upon the "wisdom" that comes from one's "own" understanding. The latter leads to failure, unhappiness, worry, anxiety, fear, humiliation, disgrace and shame, unacceptance and disapproval; while the former leads to love, Grace, Wisdom, true happiness and contentment, satisfaction, peace, understanding, courage, strength, purity, righteousness, acceptance and approval.

...."Do you not know that if you continually surrender yourselves to anyone to do his will, you are the slaves of him whom you obey, whether that be to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience which leads to righteousness (right doing and right standing with God)?".... Romans 6:16 The Amplified Translation

DECEMBER 12TH

* It takes a will "aligned" with the Will *[Word]* of God for one to be set free *[enter into the fullness of the perfect liberty that is already theirs, in Christ]*.

...."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

DECEMBER 13TH

* The present darkness that has "engrossed" the world is blinding to all who would abide there!

....*"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".... Isaiah 60:2 NASB*

....*"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 14TH

* True faith is never anything less than an "absolute" dependence upon God and His Word - through a perfect obedience.

....*"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*

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

DECEMBER 15TH

* Fear robs - Faith "adds"!

....*"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*

DECEMBER 16TH

* The lies of Satan never become a "serious matter" until someone believes them!

....*"Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you".... James 4:7-8 NASB*

....*"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

DECEMBER 17TH

* So precious to the Lord are His servants who walk with Him in integrity of heart, that He yearns for their complete understanding and accord with Him in all His dealings with themselves, and with His people.

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

DECEMBER 18TH

* Fear is to the "demonic" what faith is to the Divine; when one allows themselves to be controlled by fear, they become worshippers of the "demonic" in the sense that they submit to their fear-inspired commands rather than to God's divinely inspired Word and the voice of His Spirit.

...."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

DECEMBER 19TH

* Pray for others in the same way you pray for yourself and you will find all those little, "wrong passions" die away. Your heart will grow great and generous, delighting in the ordinary happiness of others, just as you once delighted only in your own. As you constantly change and "adapt" your prayers for those around you, asking God to deliver them from their particular evils or to grant them whatever particular gift or blessing they need, such intercessions, besides being of help to them, will have a huge effect on your own heart, disposing you to every other good work. There is nothing that makes us love someone so much as praying for that person.

...."pray without ceasing [remain in constant communication with God]".... 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NASB

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

DECEMBER 20TH

* The only way that the children of God are going to truly understand the "Cross" *[and the "spirit thereof"]* is to give their heart "wholly" to Him! For any "holding part back" will only

serve to "muddy" and darken their "knowledge" of what the "Cross" truly is! It is only a "perfect obedience" that will allow the children of God to receive the clear and abundant revelation of the Cross that they need to fulfill the ministry that God has called them to.

"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*];

.... *"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'.... Matthew 16:24 NASB*

.... *"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*

DECEMBER 21ST

* It is significant that the apostle James places "stumbling not in word" as the supreme mark of a man or woman fully under the control of God. The same man, James says, is able to "bridle" the whole body. The references to Job by the apostle James show that he had studied his "history", and had him in mind as he pressed home his message of "patience" to the "tried ones" of his day, beseeching them to "count it joy" when in manifold trials, for the "proof of their faith" would work patience, and patience must have its perfect work if they were to be perfect and entire, lacking nothing. James well knew that the patience of Christ could only be wrought into the character by the "fire" of trial!

.... *"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing [*gaining and 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*

.... *"If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well. Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well. Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires".... James 3:2-4 NASB*

DECEMBER 22ND

* We, who have received eternal life (zoe), have in our "possession" today the resurrection power, or "ability" of God. I am convinced that before the Master returns, there will be groups of men and women who will recognize this "fully" and take their place and begin to show to the world a type of "supernatural ability" that will "startle" a "sense-knowledge ruled" world. It is no

small thing to have God "dwelling" in you!

...."You are from God, little children, and have overcome them [*the spirits of antichrist*]; because greater is He [*the Love of the Father; Jesus and all that He is - and has DONE [His "finished" work], the fullness of the Holy Spirit - Who is the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, the Spirit of Truth etc.] Who is in you than he who is in the world*".... 1 John 4:4 NASB

DECEMBER 23RD

* Every one of us , as children of God, must come to the place of abiding in "Christian perfection"; for it is only in this place that the Evil One "touches" us not! We must put aside any provision we have made "in the flesh" to "get us through" and, in putting aside this "double-mindedness", we shall surely come to understand God's power (ability) to bring us through the "impossible", and we shall find "all" of our "sufficiency" in God. For it is certain that we have yet to experience the fulness of God's ability, in the Holy Spirit and in Christ, to "quicken" and empower us to walk wholly in the supernatural realm.

Let our remaining time on earth be a time of faithfulness to the "omnipotent" God that we serve, for it is only the "unfaithfulness" of His children that can "limit" Him in carrying out the "mighty works that He has ordained His "spotless and unblemished" Church to carry out. We must strive, in the Lord, to put aside "all" fear, and the ground thereof, that God might have His way with us. For it must be understood that unless we constantly place ourselves in the position of "confrontation" (perfect obedience and therefore perfect intercession) we will "allow" the Evil One to "touch" (influence) us in some way, and thus allow ourselves to be used to "dissuade" others from the narrow path of perfect obedience and from "attaining to" (to succeed in reaching) a revelation of the fulness of God's Divine Requirement.

...."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. Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you".... 2 Peter 1:2-11 NASB

DECEMBER 24TH

* It is the fact that Jesus Christ became so "totally" identified with Satan, through the bearing of mankind's sin, that allows us, as children of God, to become so "totally" identified with the "perfect nature" of God and His righteousness, in Christ. And in no longer being sons and daughters of "man", we must walk as the sons and daughters of God that we truly are!

.... *"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*

.... *"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*

.... *"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*

DECEMBER 25TH

* All words of fear and unbelief spoken "breed" a contempt for God and His Wisdom, albeit "unknowingly". Let it be clearly understood that "any" situation one finds themselves in is a direct result of the words they have spoken and continue to speak. If their words have been in accordance with the Word of God then they shall surely overcome "every manifestation of the "law of sin and death" (the curse) as they continue on in the Word.

Quite simply put, everyone will both receive and experience that which they have believed in. If they have believed in a "doctor's diagnosis" of terminal illness ("incurable" illness), then unless they "switch" to a "higher wisdom" they shall experience the very "words" they have put their faith in. Are these things that I have just spoken of hard to understand? Are they so complex that many would rather suffer and perish than live?

.... *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life] [Matt. 12:37]".... Proverbs 18:21 The Amplified Translation*

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

.... *"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 [take heed] 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*

DECEMBER 26TH

* The child of God is a new creation. The old things of weakness and failure have passed away and behold the old man has become a new man and all these things are of God (2 Corinthians 5:17). This man is a partaker of the Divine nature, eternal life (zoe)."He that hath the Son hath the life"... He has the Son - he has the life. Now he has the Holy Spirit indwelling him."Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world"... This believer, this new creation, is a child of "Deity". They stand before the world as a very branch of the Vine. They are taking Jesus' place in the world and carrying out their portion of His ministry. And if this is not a "superman", then I do not know the meaning of the term. The church has kept this "Samson" imprisoned by false teachings and by creeds and doctrines. They have not only held them a prisoner to their "philosophies" and dogmas", but they have actually "put out their eyes".

But the Heavenly Father is going to restore sight to them and break the bonds that hold them. The bonds of "false teaching" are going to be broken, and this child of God, this superman, is going to come into their own. They have two "formidable" enemies. The worst one "sense knowledge". Entrenched in all of our universities, colleges and technical schools, backed up by the press and "religious periodicals" the great mass of the ministry are devotees of the achievements of the "senses" in the realm called science. And this "superman" in Christ has been held in bondage by them. They are the jailers, but not for long! The Heavenly Father is calling for His sons and daughters to come out of the "foxholes" of fear and doubt, and meet their enemies in open combat. Satan can no more conquer this "Body of Christ" when it "knows" its rights, then he could conquer Jesus on the day of His resurrection.

...." [I, Paul] do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; 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".... Ephesians 1:16-21 NASB

DECEMBER 27TH

* True worship, that is, intimate fellowship and communion with God in His presence, will reveal the truth to the worshipper. It will unfold to them truth about God because one learns more about a person by being with them for one day than by reading about them for several months.

...."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

DECEMBER 28TH

*"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that you ask or think, according to the power (or ability) that abideth in you"... Ephesians 3:20

If that does not make "supermen" out of common men and women, then the English language cannot convey God's thought! The problem is this: how long are we going to be held in bondage by "sense knowledge"? How long are we going to "refuse" to take our place as the sons and daughters of God? How long are we going to be "intimidated" by the fears and doctrines of men, while the Word of God is ignored? To them, it is a root out of dry ground. To most of the people it has been a "useless vine", something they could hang "their" doctrines and creeds upon.

But to those who love God, and who are truly seeking His Word, it is coming to be what it really is in the mind and heart of the Father. Here is the Holy Spirit's challenge: that you who read this, take your "rights" in prayer! Begin to act like sons and daughters of God. You have all of Heaven back of you; you have the very angelic forces to do your bidding; God is your strength and ability; all things are possible to you because you are "daring" to act on the Word of God in absolute faith; you are the righteousness of God - that makes you a master of Satan; that gives you access to the Throne; that permits you to take your place as a "victor", as a spirit-warrior, as a conqueror. You can do what God planned for the Church to do - for you are what He says you are!

...."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 pretend [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.]'.... Matthew 15:6-9 The Amplified Translation

...."For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father! The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God. And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory. [But what of that?] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time (this present life) are not worth being compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us and for us and conferred on us! For [even the whole] creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known [waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship]".... Romans 8:14-19 The Amplified Translation

DECEMBER 29TH

* There is nothing that so powerfully governs the heart, that so strongly excites us to wise and faithful actions, as a true sense of God's Presence.

....*"You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore. [Acts 2:25-28, 31.].... Psalms 16:11 The Amplified Translation*

DECEMBER 30TH

* What one "believes", and therefore confesses, is their "reality". If one's final authority is the word spoken by those who are ignorant of "godly wisdom" then those who "believe" their words will have their "temporal fate" sealed by the Devil, through the believing of his lies!

....*"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life] [Matt. 12:37]".... Proverbs 18:21 The Amplified Translation*

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

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

....*"But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak".... 2 Corinthians 4:13 NASB*

DECEMBER 31ST

* For one to "effectually" work the works of God, they must be dealt with through and through.

....*"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*