

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Volume 6

....*"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*

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]. U

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

* The world over, apart from the spirit of true Christianity, woman has been hampered and hindered in the "development" which God planned for her.

....*"The Lord gives the command; The women who proclaim the [good] tidings are a great host".... Psalms 68:11 NASB*

January 2nd

* When we become too glib in prayer we are most surely talking to ourselves.

"glib" - readily fluent, often thoughtlessly, superficially, or insincerely so;

....*"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*

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

January 3rd

* When filled with holy truth the mind rests.

....*"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*

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

January 4th

* Worry acted upon is a sign of mental poverty.

....*"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful".... John 14:27 NASB*

....*"Do not fret or have any anxiety ABOUT ANYTHING, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God. And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot*

of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus"....Philippians 4:6-7 The Amplified Translation

January 5th

* Giving and obedience are the two things which "allow" God to open the windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing that one cannot contain.

...."Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure - pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return".... Luke 6:38 NASB

January 6th

* Do unto God the Father as you would have your children do unto you.

...."whatever a man sows, this he will also reap".... Galatians 6:7 KJV

January 7th

* We do not say that men are not to think and use their "intellects" but he will use his intellect best who cultivates his heart most!

...."Trust in the LORD and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He will do it".... Psalm 37:3-5 NASB

January 8th

* Since the Ascension, Christ's place in earth has been taken by His Body, the Church. The Church is the real presence of Christ "in the earth".

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

January 9th

* Sense-knowledge men and women in the scholastic world repudiate the Bible; because

sense-governed reason cannot understand the Bible or its Author. One must receive God's nature before spiritual things become "intelligible".

....*"Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus *said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again'.... John 3:3-7 NASB*

....*"the natural, nonspiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly [meaningless nonsense] to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned and estimated and appreciated. But the spiritual man tries all things [he examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern or appraise or get an insight into him]".... 1 Corinthians 2:14-15 The Amplified Translation*

January 10th

**"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen".... Hebrews 11:1.*

Faith deals with the reality of "unseen things" that are not yet physically possessed. It does not need the impetus of excitement or sensation to push it onward because it wholly relies on what God is and what God has said. It does not depend on "appearances" and "feelings". The entire inner being of a "faith-man" enters into what God is, and their character and life are so influenced by what God has said that they live and act in a realm of "invisible certainties".

....*"Therefore, we consider and look not to the things that are seen [the lower reality - that which is real to the five physical senses] but to the things that are unseen [through faith in the higher Reality of God's Word]; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting) [subject to change], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting [Eternal]".... 2 Corinthians 4:18 The Amplified Translation*

January 11th

* The objective truths of death, burial, resurrection and ascension require faith. But faith alone is not enough, for day by day these truths demand obedience. Co-death calls for "yieldedness". The power of resurrection and the position of ascension by obedience.

....*"If you [really] love [and trust in] Me, you will keep [obey] My commands".... John*

14:15 *The Amplified Translation*

January 12th

* The "small things" that are spoken of in Luke 16:10 may be small by "appearance", but they are not small in importance!

...."He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much".... Luke 16:10 NASB

January 13th

* If the fear of man brings a snare (trap), and it does, then the fear (reverence) of God brings forth deliverance (salvation)!

...."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

January 14th

* To the degree that one "spends" according to the gratification of their flesh, it is to that degree that they "eat" their "seed"!

...."As long as the earth remains, there will be SEED TIME and HARVEST".... Genesis 8:22

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

January 15th

* The battle of faith is with "sense knowledge" reasonings. Man's word [wisdom], which is rooted and grounded in the "lies" of Satan, has been at war with God's Word [Wisdom] ever since Adam's treason in the Garden. The real struggle today that every believer must wage is with the sense-knowledge that governs the human race. We may talk about faith in man, faith in ourselves, faith in the "work" of man, without opposition; but when we talk about having faith in the Word of God we often find "rebellion" [great resistance]!

...."Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold of the eternal life to which you were summoned".... 1 Timothy 6:9-12 The Amplified Translation

January 16th

* In the fight of faith there is but one weapon - the sword of the Spirit. The combat [enemy]

is "reason" which is governed by the Adversary, through the senses.

....*"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*

January 17th

* Because God "is", all that He has said, shall be! Faith then, being sure of its ground, will persistently seek promised objectives - without doubting or wavering - until the heavens open. If it quits, it is not faith!

"quit" - to stop, cease, or discontinue; to give up;

....*"Love [God's Love in us] never fails [quits]".... 1 Corinthians 13:8 NASB*

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

January 18th

* Preach nothing down but the Devil, and nothing up but Jesus Christ!

"magnify" - to cause to seem greater or more important;

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

....*"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*

....*"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*

....*"I will extol You, my God, O King, and I will bless Your name forever and ever".... Psalm 145:1 NASB*

....*"And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever".... Revelation 20:10 NASB*

January 19th

* Without "tithing all other sowing will not work, because without tithing all other seed is "cursed"!

....*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. "Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes," says the LORD of hosts. "All the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts".... Malachi 3:10-12 NASB*

January 20th

* When we come to recognize that spiritual things are more real than physical things, then we will be able to understand the "background" of the faith-life.

Faith deals with facts. The Word of God has no speculations, no theories, just declarations of fact [spiritual reality].

....*"Therefore, we consider and look not to the things that are seen [the lower reality - that which is real to the five physical senses] but to the things that are unseen [through faith in the higher Reality of God's Word]; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting) [subject to change], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting [Eternal]".... 2 Corinthians 4:18 The Amplified Translation*

January 21st

* God will vindicate His "elect", though He long delays justice for them [in order to fulfil His highest purpose]. At times they must endure injustice, discouragement, persecution, and all kinds of wrong, and often they are weary and heart-sick in the conflict, but their loving Lord comes and ministers to them and "they press with holy vigor on".

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

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

January 22nd

* What is the revelation of the Holy Spirit? It is the Holy Spirit opening the "veil", as it were, to let you see the substance, or reality, behind the Word of God!

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

January 23rd

*"Christ sent Me...to proclaim the Gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the Cross of Christ should be made void... for the word of the Cross...is the power of God"... 1 Corinthians 2:2; I Corinthians 1:17-18

Since the meaning of the Cross was interpreted to Paul by the Lord Himself, we do not wonder that He was able to face the whole world with it, not even excepting "they of repute" in Jerusalem, who with all their prestige as men who had lived and walked and talked with Christ Himself, could add nothing to it, so complete and full had been the equipping of His chosen messenger by the Lord. The knowledge that God Himself was behind his message could even enable him to go into Corinth, that center of Greek intellectualism, and boldly declare that he had determined to know nothing in their midst but the gospel of the Cross - "Jesus Christ, and Him crucified."

Paul had studied secular learning at Tarsus, and was consequently quite able to meet the Corinthian intellectuals on their own ground. His Hebrew training in the Jewish law also equipped him to speak to the Jews, therefore every consideration from the viewpoint of men, would say that Paul was just the man to go among them and "win them" to the Gospel message. Yes, he was "just the man", but not from the academic standpoint, for he took the very opposite course to that which the wisdom of men would determine. He deliberately decides to put aside all the advantages his secular learning and position would give him, and boldly staking everything upon the message being the "power of God", proclaim a crucified Saviour, although "Jesus Christ, and Him crucified" would be a message of such offense to both Jew and Greek at Corinth, that nothing but the power of God working with him, could even gain him a hearing. And why did Paul come to such a decision, so opposite to all that human wisdom would inspire?

Paul saw the "Cross" from Heaven's standpoint, for he had been taught by the Lord Himself all that he wrote to the Colossians, of the purpose, an extent of the work on Calvary. The message itself carried its own witness. It contained in itself the power, or energy of God. It needed no additions or explanations devised by human wisdom; no compromising, or toning down to meet the intellect of men", since it was not the intellect that needed to be convicted of

sin, but the conscience and will of a "fallen creation".

January 24th

* Thousands of professing Christians have an "experience" that is only in their "feelings", and many "unwise" and "unethical" ministers constantly play on the carnal, religious feelings of these people. It is a serious deception not to "declare the whole counsel of God" to 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

January 25th

*"and they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers".... Acts 2:42

These early believers were consistently loyal to the apostles' teaching, and to the prayers, fellowship, and life of the Church. Being of one heart and mind with them, they were faithful "both" in their relationship to God and men. They had inward faith and manifested the outward evidence of it - as all true believers will do.

January 26th

* He who strives to withdraw himself from obedience, withdraws himself from Grace.

...."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 [and, thus, vindicate] you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.... 1 Peter 5:5b-7 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

January 27th

* The unction of the Holy Spirit "vitalizes" God's revealed truth, makes it living and life-giving. This unction makes God's truth powerful and interesting, draws and attracts, edifies, convicts, saves. Even God's truth spoken without this unction is light, dead and deadening. Though abounding in truth, though weighty with thought, though sparkling with rhetoric, though pointed by logic, though powerful by earnestness, without this Divine Unction it issues forth in death and not in life. Unction is a thing which you cannot "manufacture". And its counterfeits are worse than worthless. Yet it is, in itself, priceless, and beyond measure needful if you would

edify believers and bring sinners to Christ.

....*"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*

January 28th

* No revelation, no faith! For faith begins where the Will/Word of God is "known" [revealed to the heart].

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

January 29th

* There is nothing more foolish in this earth than for one to be found mistrusting God and His Word!

"mistrust" - lack of trust or confidence in [something or someone];

....*"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*

....*"Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith [trust in God]".... Habakkuk 2:4 NASB*

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

January 30th

* If athletes are willing to subject themselves to strict discipline to obtain a worldly prize or

the fame and wealth of this world, how much more should Christians be willing to discipline themselves to win the war and obtain the life of God (zoe)?

....*"Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but [only] one receives the prize? So run [your race] that you may lay hold [of the prize] and make it yours. Now every athlete who goes into training conducts himself temperately and restricts himself in all things. They do it to win a wreath that will soon wither, but we [do it to receive a crown of eternal blessedness] that cannot wither. Therefore I do not run uncertainly [without definite aim]. I do not box like one beating the air and striking without an adversary. But [like a boxer] I buffet my body [handle it roughly, discipline it by hardships] and subdue it, for fear that after proclaiming to others the Gospel and things pertaining to it, I myself should become unfit [not stand the test, be unapproved and rejected as a counterfeit]".... 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 The Amplified Translation*

January 31st

* Fasting is a divine corrective to the pride of the human heart. It is a discipline of the body with a tendency to humble the soul.

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

February 1st

* Philosophy is the "swan-song" of human failure; It is born of the "senses" [sense-knowledge] and the "wisdom" of man, and is apart from the Wisdom [a revelation] of God!

"swan song" - the last act or manifestation of someone or something; farewell appearance;

....*"As you have therefore received Christ, [even] Jesus the Lord, [so] walk (regulate your lives and conduct yourselves) in union with and conformity to Him. Have the roots [of your being] firmly and deeply planted [in Him, fixed and founded in Him], being continually built up in Him, becoming increasingly more confirmed and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and abounding and overflowing in it with thanksgiving. See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you yourselves captive by his so-called philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following human tradition (men's ideas of the material rather than the spiritual world), just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding [the teachings of] Christ (the Messiah). For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature]. And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead--Father, Son and Holy Spirit--and*

reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power]" Colossians 2:6-10 The Amplified Translation

February 2nd

- * Anything that cools my love for Christ is 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

February 3rd

- *"Thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms..." (Jeremiah 3:1-2).

The prophets were courageous men and women. They did not play politics nor seek the favour of leaders who followed the crowds. How great is the need for men and women with courage in the ministry today! Many are polluted with the love of money and the interests of their "organizations" which they have put above God. How will they answer to Him who will sit on the Judgement-Seat when He comes?

February 4th

- * No one who is ever used of God has failed to cross the threshold of obedience. Do not anticipate making spiritual advance if you never expect to cross the threshold. People must obey as well as believe - and not just yield once in obedience, but yield always. Obedience without faith lacks power; but faith without obedience remains mere theory. Please remember always that the principles of living to be found in the Scriptures are basically the twin elements of trust and obey. In the church of God today, there is either a deficiency in faith or a deficiency in obedience. Indeed, all failures in the house of God can be traced ultimately to a deficiency in either one or both of these basic life principles of the spiritual walk.

...."If you keep [obey] My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full".... John 15:10-11 NASB

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

February 5th

- * The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit, one moment slaying unbelief and doubts and

fears. The next moment it is the sweet force of love to heal the broken-hearted, give courage and strength to the weak.

The Word of God on your lips is like the Father's word on Jesus' lips. It defeats the forces of darkness. It strengthens those whom Satan has made weak. You have all authority over the power of the enemy. It is love that has been delegated to you. It is love pouring itself through your lips. You can enter the Throne-room at will. You are always welcome. You are master of the laws of nature that would hurt and hinder. You stand quiet in the presence of humanity's needs knowing that you have authority to open the flood-gates of grace, of life and love and let them pour over the wounded, broken-hearted men and women struggling in life's uneven fight.

.... "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

February 6th

* A "fast" undertaken at God's direction will strengthen the intercessor to maintain "pressure" until the Enemy is compelled to loosen his grasp on the captive.

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

February 7th

* Fasting has a way of "detaching" us from the world of the material (temporal) so that our "thinking" becomes rightly orientated, focused on God and the unseen world of which He is the center. This inevitably results in a release of faith!

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

February 8th

* Man eats too much. Thus he lives on only a quarter of what he consumes. The doctors, however, live on the remaining three-quarters!

.... "feed me with the food [both spiritual and physical] that is needful for me" Proverbs 30:8b The Amplified Translation

February 9th

* The "spiritual man" examines all things, for he is able by the Spirit to penetrate to the inner spiritual source of all things, and pierce through the veil of sense and sight to the spiritual verities lying at the back of all things, but the "soulish" man, the man who can only use his "natural" intellect cannot pierce any further than the intellect can go, he can examine all things in the natural sphere and no more!

...."the natural, nonspiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly [meaningless nonsense] to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned and estimated and appreciated. But the spiritual man tries all things [he examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern or appraise or get an insight into him]".... 1 Corinthians 2:14-15 The Amplified Translation

...."Therefore, we consider and look not to the things that are seen [the lower reality - that which is real to the five physical senses] but to the things that are unseen [through faith in the higher Reality of God's Word]; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting) [subject to change], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting [Eternal]".... 2 Corinthians 4:18 The Amplified Translation

February 10th

*"O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that Thou art God in Israel, and that I am Thy servant, and that I have done all these things at Thy Word".... (1 Kings 18:36).

There is no mention here of God explicitly speaking to the prophet about how to set up the "altar" and yet Elijah said to the Lord that he had done everything "at Thy Word". The structure that he stood before was not the fruit of human cleverness. This was a man so possessed of the Living God that the One to whom he was joined could lead him "step by step" in the establishing of that altar. The stage was set for the glory of God to be revealed and God's servant knew that the moment had arrived. Such moments shall come in each of our lives, moments of confrontation, moments of "eternal consequence. Our Lord does not consider it wasteful to spend a long time in the preparation of a man in order that in that "crucial moment", there shall be "answer".

Can you imagine the agony and impatience Elijah must have felt as he watched the systematic annihilation of all of God's prophets, and saw day by day, the disintegrating and degenerating of the moral condition of the people of Israel? He never once ventured to "come onto the stage" by his own volition. He never once said, "I cannot take it anymore! I have got to

Speak, I cannot be silent." In discipline he was hidden and obscure until the moment of "God's choosing", and then he perfectly performed the thing for which God had shaped his life. Are you willing to be dead, and hid with God in Christ until His glory shall be revealed? There is no "itch" stronger than the one that many have: they long to do, to be seen, to perform, to be rewarded, to be "acknowledged".

To each one who is impatient to be recognized God would counsel: "Wait! It is easy for you to distribute tracts; it is easy for you to knock on doors; it is easy for you to "witness"; but I have some other thing that has a much higher priority - My dealing with you in the depths of your inner man, where no one can see you, perfecting your character, that I might bring you forth in the perfect moment, wholly tested and wholly mine."

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

February 11th

* Children of God must know for their own safety the difference between soul and spirit. They must know the possibility of ignorantly using "psycho-analysis" in dealing with the "personal" problems of others, instead of leading such souls to the Cross for deliverance, in reliance upon the indwelling power of the Holy 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

February 12th

* Soul-force versus spirit-force is the battle ground today. The Body of Christ, is by the energy of the Holy Spirit within Her, advancing Heavenward. The atmosphere of the world is thickening with "psychic" currents behind which are masked the "aerial foes". The only safety for the children of God is an experiential knowledge of the "life" (Zoe) in union with Christ wherein they dwell with Christ in God, above the poisonous air in which the prince of the power of the air carries on his work. The Blood of Christ for cleansing. The Cross of Christ for identification in death. The power of the Risen and Ascended Lord, the Holy Spirit, continually declared, laid hold of and wielded, will alone bring the members of the Body through in victory to join the Ascended Head.

...."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 [thoughts, intellect] 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

February 13th

* The meaning of "soul-force" can be briefly defined as that which has its origin in the soul, and "spirit-force" as that which has its origin in the spirit. The soul is the medium or the outworking of both, and we can only tell which force is in action by its fruits. The soul is under the power of the "flesh", until the regenerated spirit rules by the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling within.

...."A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, you will know them by their fruits. Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter".... Matthew 7:18-21 NASB

February 14th

* We who would be used to prepare the way for the return of the Lord must first be willing to be "disciplined" ourselves in the school of the Spirit. In that school, in obscurity, through "grindings", breakings, and shapings at the hand of our loving Father, we shall be brought to a true maturity in Christ. Like Elijah, like John the Baptist, the mature Body of Christ shall speak with a voice of authority and integrity, a message that shall deal death to man's pride and offer eternal life to those who hunger and thirst after God's righteousness.

...."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

...."Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be [will not be found fit to be] My disciple".... Luke 14:27 NASB

February 15th

* We may hold the words and the doctrines of Scripture most intelligently and earnestly and yet know little of their life or power. We need to remind ourselves and the church unceasingly that the Scriptures which were spoken by holy men of old as they were moved by the Holy Spirit can only be understood by "holy men and women" as they are taught by that same Spirit.

...."But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own

interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God".... 2 Peter 1:20-21 NASB

February 16th

* Anyone who does not have the revelation that they can do nothing apart from Christ is a dangerous threat to the "true" Church of Jesus Christ!

...."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 17th

* In a battle, much depends upon your "unwavering position". Take your place where God has placed you. Your whole life depends upon knowing who your God is, and who you are as His redeemed one in Christ.

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

February 18th

* When we as Christians see something that we do not like (something apart from the will of God) it is our responsibility to change it! And we are to change it the way God changed things - by speaking faith-filled words!

*...."The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then **God said**, "Let there be light"; and there was light".... Genesis 1:2-3 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 [obstacle], '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

February 19th

* Redemption is simply the restoration of God's Will to its place in the earth. For this reason Christ came into the world and demonstrated in human life how man has only one thing to live for - the doing of God's Will. He showed us how there was but one way to conquer "self-will" and that was by a "death" to it. In obeying God's Will even unto death, Jesus atoned for our self-will and conquered it for us, opening a path through death and resurrection into a life devoted solely to the Will of God.

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

...."the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked".... 1 John 2:6 NASB

...."But 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

February 20th

* The Word of God always produces when it is "planted" in the heart.

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

...."And those sown on the good (well-adapted) soil [good ground] are the ones who hear the Word and receive and accept and welcome it and bear fruit -some thirty times as much as was sown, some sixty times as much, and some [even] a hundred times as much".... Mark 4:20 The Amplified Translation

February 21st

* When faith in God's Will (*Word*) and His ability to perform it masters our heart, then we shall have the courage to believe all that which He has spoken. We must understand that only by close union with Christ can all this happen in us. When it is our one heart's desire that God's Will might be done in us and by us as it is in Heaven, then our faith [*continued trust in the Father and His Word*] will SURELY overcome the world.

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

February 22nd

* Only by Divine guidance given through the Holy Spirit can the Will of God truly be known in its beauty, in its application to daily life, and its ever-growing revelation. It will only be given

to those with child-like attitudes who are willing to wait for and depend on what is given them. Our secret communion with God is the place where we repeat and learn these great lessons. It is in the morning hour, in the "inner chamber", that we can learn God's will and surrender ourselves joyfully to all of it.

.... "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

February 23rd

* There is a real power in the fruit of the spirit. It is the quiet influence of a beautiful, rather than the rushing power of fiery ministry. And it comes as a result of communion (fellowship) with God.

The power of the Holy Spirit sometimes works more irresistibly in the silent influences of love, joy, and peace, than in the mighty manifestations of miracles or prophesying. On the other hand, there are often "rocks" that need blasting, and doors that need opening, for which the dynamite (dunamis) of spiritual gifts is an absolute essential.

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

.... "NOW ABOUT the spiritual gifts (the special endowments of supernatural energy), brethren, I do not want you to be misinformed..... Now there are distinctive varieties and distributions of endowments [gifts, extraordinary powers distinguishing certain Christians, due to the power of divine grace operating in their souls by the Holy Spirit] and they vary, but the [Holy] Spirit remains the same. And there are distinctive varieties of service and ministration, but it is the same Lord [Who is served]. And there are distinctive varieties of operation [of working to accomplish things], but it is the same God Who inspires and energizes them all in all. But to each one is given the manifestation of the [Holy] Spirit [the evidence, the spiritual illumination of the Spirit] for good and profit. To one is given in and through the [Holy] Spirit [the power to speak] a message of wisdom, and to another [the power to express] a word of knowledge and understanding according to the same [Holy] Spirit; To another [wonder-working] faith by the same [Holy] Spirit, to another the extraordinary powers of healing by the one Spirit; To another the working of miracles, to another prophetic insight (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose); to another the ability to discern and distinguish between [the utterances of true] spirits [and false ones], to another various kinds of [unknown] tongues, to another the ability to interpret [such] tongues. All these [gifts, achievements, abilities] are inspired and brought to pass by one and the same [Holy] Spirit, Who apportions to each person individually [exactly] as He chooses".... 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11 The Amplified Translation

February 24th

* The maximum manifestation of spiritual power is achieved only when fruit and gifts go together. In this connection the New Testament is careful to record that those who had outstanding spiritual gifts were not only men and women of gifts but also men and women of grace and goodness.

The greatest example of the principle that supreme power is found where supernatural gifts and spotless holiness meet together in perfect balance, is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself

....*"Joy and gladness will be found in her [Zion], thanksgiving and sound of a melody"....*
Isaiah 51:1-3 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*

February 25th

* The fact that you are deeply interested in the knowledge of God's Word will not of itself nourish your soul. This is the "law of nourishment". It is not the amount of truth that one gathers from God's Word that is important. It is not how interested one is or how successful in studying their Bible. It is not how clearly they see God's truth or how much they grasp at a time that results in the health and growth of their spiritual. Not at all. All this may still leave them very much unsanctified and unspiritual, with very little of the holiness or humility of Jesus. Something else is needed. Jesus said that His meat was to do the will of Him that sent Him. That implies taking a small portion of God's Word, some definite command or duty of the new life in Christ; quietly receiving it into the will and the heart; yielding the whole being to its rule; deciding, in the power of the Spirit, to perform it; and then doing it. This is what it means to "eat" (assimilate) the Word, to take it into our innermost being in such a way that it becomes a constituent part of our very life. A truth or a promise should be handled the same way. What you eat becomes such a part of yourself that you carry it with you wherever you go.

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

February 26th

* Scriptural knowledge is one thing, assimilating it is another. You can gather and store grain to last for years, but you cannot swallow a large enough quantity of bread to last for days. Day by day, and more than once a day, you eat your food to replenish your physical body. So the eating of God's Word must be in small portions, just as much as your soul can receive and digest at one time. This must go on from year to year.

.... "feed me with the food [both spiritual and physical] that is needful for me".... Proverbs 30:8b The Amplified Translation

February 27th

* The flesh does not willingly desire to "die" (be crucified), to be restricted, or to be in subjection, or, of its own accord, be tamed, but the spirit of a man is eager to abide in the death of the Cross, resists sensuality, seeks to be subjected, and does not desire to exercise "personal liberty", loves to be held under discipline, and has no desire but to live, to abide, and be always under God and His Word, and for God's greatest purpose. It is always ready to be subject to any human being.

The flesh toils for its own advantage, and gives attention to what profit accrue to it from another, but the spirit takes thought rather, not of what is useful and advantageous to itself, but what profits many. The flesh gladly receives honour and reverence (the praises of men), but the spirit faithfully ascribes all honour and glory to God.

.... "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".... Philippians 2:3-4 The Amplified Translation

February 28th

* The flesh has an eye toward "temporal things", rejoices in earthly gain, is saddened by loss, is vexed by a small, injurious word, but the recreated spirit of a man looks to "eternal things", does not cling to the temporal, is not disturbed by material loss or made angry by harsh words, because it has established its pleasure and its joy in Heaven where nothing perishes.

The flesh is covetous, more gladly receives than gives, and loves what it personally owns, but love is kind and open-hearted, avoids that which is selfish, is contented with a few things and it judges it more blessed to give than to receive.

The flesh is glad to hold some "outward solace", in which the senses take delight, but the

spirit of a man seeks its consolation in God alone, and finds its delight in the highest good above all things that are seen.

The flesh does everything for gain and advantage, and can do nothing freely, but hopes to secure a like return, or better, or praise and favour for benefits conferred, and is eager that its deeds, its gifts and words should be highly valued. Love however looks for nothing temporal, and asks no other reward save God Himself for wages; nor desires more of temporal necessities save simply what can serve it in its pursuit of things Eternal (the will of God).

The flesh quickly complains of want and trouble, love constantly endures all things, through a perfect obedience.

The flesh bends back everything to itself, and for itself strives and argues, but love leads all things back to God, whence they flowed in the beginning, ascribes nothing good to itself, nor arrogantly presumes, makes no contention, nor prefers its own opinion to other's, but in all feeling and understanding submits itself to the examination of God and His Word.

The flesh is eager to know hidden things, and to hear what is "new", wishes to make outward show, and to experience many things through the senses, longs to be recognized, and to do those things which cause praise and admiration to come. But love does not care to understand the new and curious, because all this has sprung from "ancient corruption", and there is nothing new or lasting on the earth. It teaches, therefore to restrain the senses, and to avoid empty complacency and show, humbly to hide what is praiseworthy and admirable, and in everything, and in all knowledge, to seek the fruit of usefulness and God's praise and honour.

.... "But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the 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 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

February 29th

* True spiritual love is a direct result of our being made partakers of the Divine nature by regeneration.

.... "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

March 1st

* Natural love loves its own, flourishes in an atmosphere of "friendship", and is fed by mutual manifestations of affection. Only on very rare occasions will natural love persist to any great degree when no "apparent" return is given. But the fruit of the Holy Spirit goes beyond all this, for it even produces love for declared enemies. This is more than merely negative toleration; it is a positive activity moving us to do good to them who despitefully use us. It is one of the most remarkable features of Christ's Gospel that He commands such a love ([Matthew 5:46-47](#)); and the very command implies, as always, the grace to fulfill it. That grace comes through the indwelling and abiding Spirit of Christ [[Who is the Spirit of Grace](#)].

.... "You have heard that it was said, you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy; [Lev. 19:18; Ps. 139:21, 22.] But I tell you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, [Prov. 25:21, 22.] to show that you are the children of your Father Who is in heaven".... Matthew 5:43-45a The Amplified Translation

March 2nd

* If you pray one thing and say another, your saying will "nullify" your praying.

*.... "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. [And] **Whenever you stand praying**, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions. **But if** you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions".... Mark 11:23-26 NASB*

March 3rd

* The applause of men is a reward that is very short-lived and soon forgotten, but the applause of God lasts for all Eternity.

.... "Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God".... 1 Corinthians 4:5 KJV

March 4th

* What is the point of one living a life that does not bring a smile to the Father's Face - at every turn?

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

March 5th

**"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus"....*
Colossians 3:17

The Holy Spirit - your internal Resident is right there with you all the time. And whatever you say, do, watch, or participate in, you involve Him because He lives inside you. So if you can say and do things, knowing those words and deeds will bless the Holy Spirit and honor the name of Jesus, then go right ahead and say and do them. But if you are even a bit concerned that what you say or do will grieve the Spirit or bring dishonor to the name of Jesus, you should refrain from it.

....*"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 6th

* When *one's inner man [spirit]* is filled with holy Truth the mind rests.

....*"For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh [senses], but those who are according to the [recreated] spirit, the things of the [Holy] Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh [the mind of the senses] is [under the dominion of spiritual] death, but the mind set on [giving preeminence to] the [recreated] spirit is life and peace [under the dominion of Zoe - which brings peace and rest and quietness], because the mind set on the flesh [senses] is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh [living in the realm of the senses] cannot please God".... Romans 8:5-8 NASB*

March 7th

* Your true character is who you are when no one but God is watching you.

....*"The eyes of the LORD are in every place, watching the evil and the good".... Proverbs 15:3 NASB*

March 8th

* The spirit of the "morning-watch" means that we must have unceasing vigilance all day and every day. Every child of God must decide within themselves that the morning-watch is not only a "duty", but an unspeakable privilege and pleasure for the new spiritual nature. Fellowship

with God, abiding in Christ, loving the Word and meditating on it all the day are life and strength, health and gladness.

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

.... *"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*

March 9th

* All "false religion" from the most degrading idolatry to corrupted forms of Judaism and Christianity, has its root in emphasis on the "outward". What can please the eye, interest the mind, or gratify the taste, takes the place of truth in the inward part, that hidden wisdom in the heart and life which God seeks and gives.

The "inner chamber", with its secret fellowship with the Father *[and His Word]*, who sees in secret, is the symbol and the training school of the inner life. The faithful daily use of the inner chamber will make the inner hidden life strong and happy.

.... *"we consider and look not to the things that are seen [the lower reality - that which is real to the five physical senses] but to the things that are unseen [through faith in the higher Reality of God's Word]; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting) [subject to change], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting [Eternal]".... 2 Corinthians 4:18 The Amplified Translation*

March 10th

* In our Christian life the great danger is that we give more time and interest to the outward means than the inward reality. It is not the intensity of your Bible study, nor how often you do it, or how fervent are your prayers or good works, that necessarily make up a spiritual life. No! We need to realize that as God is a Spirit, so there is a spirit within us that can know and receive Him and become conformed to His likeness and be a partaker of His image *[divine Nature]*.

.... *"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".... 2 Peter 1:2-4 NASB*

March 11th

* By meeting God in the "inner chamber" we confess that our inward life needs daily renewal. It is only by fresh nourishment from God's Word, and fresh communion with God Himself in prayer, that the vigour of our spiritual life can be maintained and grow.

The reason some people see and feel nothing of God is because they seek for Him "outside", in books, in the church, in its outward exercises. They will never find Him there. He is found first in the heart. Seek for Him in your heart and you will never seek in vain. That is where He dwells; that is the seat of His light and Holy Spirit!

.... "The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all the innermost parts of his being".... Proverbs 20:27 NASB

.... "You will seek Me and find [Me] when you search for Me with all your heart".... Jeremiah 29:13 NASB

March 12th

* God's purpose in Creation was, "Let us make man in Our own Image, after Our likeness." Consider how glorious these words are. The actual reason God breathed His own life into man was to reproduce in man, on earth, a perfect likeness to God in Heaven.

In Christ we saw that image of God in human form. We have been predestined, redeemed, called, and are being taught and fitted by the Holy Spirit, to be conformed to the image of the Son. We are to be imitators of God, to walk even as Christ walked.

.... "the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked".... John 2:6 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 [through the continual exercising of a steadfast faith, love and obedience] 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

March 13th

* To be filled with *[a revelation of]* Heaven *[the Kingdom]*, a life must be emptied of the "world".

The spirit of this world and the Spirit of God are battling for the "possession" of our being. Only when we renounce and cast out the former can the Holy Spirit enter in and do His renewing and transforming work. But it will cost us the whole world and whatever is of the worldly spirit. It will look very costly as long as we are hesitating about it, or trying to do it in our own strength.

But after we truly learn that the Holy Spirit does it all, and have given up all to Him, the renewing becomes the simple, natural, healthy, joyous growth of the Heavenly life within us.

...."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 14th

* The true intercessor is one who knows that God knows their heart and life are wholly given to God for His Glory.

Intercession is preeminently a work of faith. Not the faith that only tries to believe that prayer will be heard, but the faith that is at home in Heavenly realities. That kind of faith does not trouble about one's own nothingness and weakness, because it is living in Christ. That faith does not depend upon "feelings", but upon the faithfulness of the Triune God. That faith has overcome the world, and sacrifices the "visible" so that it can be wholly free for the spiritual, Heavenly, and eternal, to take possession of it. That kind of faith knows that it is heard and receives what it asks. Therefore, it quietly and deliberately perseveres in its supplication until the answer comes. The true intercessor must be one with that kind of faith.

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

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

...."we consider and look not to the things that are seen [the lower reality - that which is real to the five physical senses] but to the things that are unseen [through faith in the higher Reality of God's Word]; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting) [subject to change], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting [Eternal]".... 2 Corinthians 4:18 The Amplified Translation

March 15th

* To pray well one must live well. The one who seeks to live with God will learn to know His Mind and what gives Him pleasure to such an extent that they will be able to pray according to His Will at all times. It is only out of a life of a true fellowship with God that the prayer of faith can be born.

Let the relationship between the life and the prayer be clear and close. As we give ourselves to walk with God, we shall "learn to pray". It is when "self" is lost in the desire for

God's Glory, and our life is devoted to work for God, that we will have the power to pray effectively.

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

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

March 16th

* Never ask anyone to do what God expects you to do. Never ask anyone to do anything when your deepest motivation is to benefit yourself.

....*"There is a way [which seems] right[eous] to a man, but its end is the way of death [self-serving]".... Proverbs 14:12 NASB*

March 17th

* God's children fall out of that place of being partakers of, and abiding in, His "All-sufficiency" [*Grace*] because they, in some way, begin to practice habitually a "form" of self-dependence.

....*"My Grace is sufficient [all-sufficient] for you".... 2 Corinthians 12:9 NASB*

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

March 18th

* Words "spoken" are powerful because you release them into your spirit. You release the ability of God by speaking His Word, which abides in you. God's Word in your mouth produces a force called "faith", in your spirit. What is abundantly in your heart gets back in your mouth, and when it gets in your mouth, it gets abundantly in your heart, and it generates "continually" a spiritual force called faith!

....*"faith comes by hearing, and the ear to hear by the [anointed] word [words] of God".... Romans 10:17 The Amplified Translation*

....*"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*

March 19th

* Selfishness "retained" in the words and actions of God's children makes them a vessel of "death and darkness" to all those who cross their path!

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

March 20th

* We must labour always fervently in prayer for those that God has given us that they might stand perfect and complete in all the Will of God.

.... *"We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me".... Colossians 1:28-29 NASB*

March 21st

* Happiness depends on the things that we have or own, like property or loved ones, but joy is a thing of the spirit. It is the one quality that has made "true Christianity" different to the world. Joy is an artesian well in the spirit that bubbles up and overflows. It is the one thing that Jesus said the Holy Spirit would give us.

.... *"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full".... John 15:10-11 NASB*

March 22nd

* The successful prayer life is one of self-denial. It is a recognition of the Lordship of Jesus Christ, a giving up of much that is not wrong in itself, but that hinders and takes our time.

A prayer life does not just mean hours spent in actual prayer, but also hours of study and meditation in the Word of God until the life becomes literally absorbed in the Word and the Word becomes a very part of us. One could spend hours in prayer fruitlessly if the heart is not prepared beforehand. The preparation of what and who we are in Christ, what He is to us, and what the Holy Spirit can mean to a life that becomes "God-inside minded".

Prayer is fellowship with the Father and with Jesus, a cultivation of a habit of communion and fellowship. It is learning to take full advantage of our rights in Christ. It is assuming the

"responsibility" that those rights give us. Prayer privilege means prayer responsibility!

....*"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 [obstacle], 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes [affirms] 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*

March 23rd

* How can a man preach who does not get his message fresh from God in the "closet"? How can he preach without having his faith quickened, his vision cleared and his heart warmed by his closeting with God? As far as the "real interests" of the Church are concerned, a pulpit without a closet will always be a barren thing. For truths will never come with power from such lips!

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

March 24th

* Seek always the lower place and to be subject to all. Desire always and pray that the Will of God may be completely fulfilled in you. Such a man or woman treads the frontiers of peace and rest.

....*"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".... Philippians 2:3-4 The Amplified Translation*

March 25th

* Believers in general have regarded "intercession" as just some form of rather intensified prayer. It is, so long as there is great emphasis on the word "intensified"; for there are three things to be seen in an intercessor, which are not necessarily found in ordinary prayer: identification, suffering for righteousness' sake, and authority.

Before God can lead a chosen vessel into such a life of intercession, He first has to deal to the bottom (root) with "all" that is natural. Love of money, personal ambition, natural affection for parents and loved ones, the appetites of the body, the love of life itself, all that makes even a

converted man live unto himself, for his own comfort or advantage, for his own advancement, even for his own circle of friends, has to go to the Cross.

It is no theoretical death, but a real crucifixion with Christ, such as only the Holy Ghost Himself can make actual in the experience of His servant. The "self" must be released from itself to become the agent of the Holy Spirit. As crucifixion proceeds intercession begins. By inner burdens, by calls to outward "obediencies", the Holy Spirit begins to live His own life of love and sacrifice for a lost world through His cleansed channel.

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

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

March 26th

* Why so few fully trust Jesus is because so few know the "real" Jesus, as we find Him in the Bible. We must come out from a Christ of imagination, a Christ of "feeling", and come back to the Christ given us in the Scriptures - a true, living Savior, dying for our sins, and living that we may live His own life of righteousness.

....*"But it is from Him that you have your life in Christ Jesus, Whom God made our Wisdom from God, [revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as] our Righteousness [thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God], and our Consecration [making us pure and holy], and our Redemption [providing our ransom from eternal penalty for sin]".... 1 Corinthians 1:30 The Amplified Translation*

....*"the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked".... John 2:6 NASB*

March 27th

* The vocation of every believer is this: to be a communicator of the love of Christ.

....*"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*

March 28th

* All of God's children need to do nothing apart from Him if they hope to accomplish "anything" for Him.

.... *"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*

March 29th

* Greater is Love in you than the selfishness and hatred and jealousy around about 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*

March 30th

* If I should neglect prayer but a single day, I should lose a great deal of the "fire of faith".

.... *"Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith".... Habakkuk 2:4 NASB*

.... *"It shall be done to you according to your faith".... Matthew 9:29 NASB*

.... *"I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?".... Luke 18:8 NASB*

.... *"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*

March 31st

* It is too late to do anything about what has happened in the past other than to walk in perfect obedience in the present!

"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];

.... *"Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. 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 3:12-14 NASB

April 1st

* Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man's power ends - and a revelation of the Father's Will is known [revealed to one's heart].

...."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

April 2nd

* There are times when we must trust God even though we do not understand him. We must pay the price of humility and submission to experience the purpose only his Spirit can fulfill in our lives.

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

April 3rd

* To experience the Father's best, you must believe that the cost of your obedience is less than the reward it will produce. Disobedience is always a greater risk than obedience.

...."If you will listen diligently to the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments which I command you this day, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you heed the voice of the Lord your God".... Deuteronomy 28:1-2 The Amplified Translation

April 4th

* Fear nothing but to fail God.

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

Psalms 25:12-14 NASB

.... "[only] Love [God's Love in us] never fails".... 1 Corinthians 13:8 NASB

April 5th

* The apostle Paul's task was to construct. God entrusted to him in a special way the work of building His Church, or in other words, the task of presenting Christ in His fulness to men, and of bringing those men as one into all that God had in His Mind for them in Christ. Paul had glimpsed that heavenly reality in all its greatness, and his commission was to build together the gathered people of God, according to that reality.

The special ministry of Paul was to build believing souls together according to the heavenly vision which God had given him. God is not satisfied for His people merely to become converts, "going to church", sitting and hearing well-composed sermons, and feeling content that as a result they are "good Christians". He is not even greatly interested in their special experiences of "second blessing", "sanctification", "deliverance" (or whatever terms they use) -as experiences.

There is something more in the Mind of God for His children even than these - something in terms of a "new Man" from Heaven. God has in view, as His goal and object in redemption, the union of Christ the Head and the Church His Body, so that the whole, Christ and His Church, make up together His one new Man - the Christ".

.... put on the new man [give the recreated spirit a place of prominence], which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him".... Colossians 3:10 NASB

April 6th

* It is too late to do anything about what has happened in the past other than to walk in perfect obedience in the present!

.... "Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. 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 3:12-14 NASB

April 7th

* The exercising of a perfect love is always the direct result of a perfect obedience.

"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];

...."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

April 8th

* The first thing that it is necessary to know in living out the "true" Christian life is the integrity of God's Word; to know that this word is actually what it declares itself to be - revelation from God to us. We should know that it is God speaking to us; that it is a God-breathed, a God-indwelt, a God-inspired message; that it is not only a book of the past and future, but it is a book of now.

Secondly, it is necessary for us to know the actual reality of our Redemption in Christ - not as a doctrine, not as a philosophy, but as an actual redemption out of the authority of Satan, and that we have been, by the New-Birth, translated into the Kingdom of the Son of His love; or in other words, into the very family of God.

Satan's dominion over us as a "new creation" is ended. Jesus is the Lord and Head over this new Body. Satan is a defeated foe over whom we reign through the Name of Jesus. Satan has lost his dominion over our bodies, over our minds, over our finances, over the "circumstances" of life. When we know these things, as we know that four and four are eight, the problem of faith will never bother us!

...."[The Father] has delivered [past tense] and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us [past tense] into the kingdom of the Son of His love".... Colossians 1:13 The Amplified Translation

...."But it is from Him [the Father] that you have your life in Christ Jesus, Whom God made our Wisdom from God, [revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as] our Righteousness [thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God], and our Consecration [making us pure and holy], and our Redemption [providing our ransom from eternal penalty for sin]".... 1 Corinthians 1:30 The Amplified Translation

April 9th

* It is impossible to live our daily life in Christ and be kept from sin, or to maintain a walk in the leading and power of the Holy Spirit, without daily, close fellowship with God. The "morning watch" is the key to unceasing and fully maintaining our surrender to Christ. By this simple daily act we express that we have a fixed determination that Christ shall have our whole lives and that we will fully obey the Holy Spirit in everything.

....*"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*

April 10th

* There is no "true" peace for a Christ-rejecting world and there is no "true" prosperity for a carnal [*sense-ruled*] Christian! "True" prosperity for every child of God is always a result of a perfect obedience!

....*"If you will listen diligently to the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments which I command you this day, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you heed the voice of the Lord your God".... Deuteronomy 28:1-2 The Amplified Translation*

April 11th

* When we are convinced that our success for the day depends on our seeking and finding and holding God in our "morning watch" [*the "inner chamber"*], we will allow nothing to interfere with it. It will be the means to this great end.

....*"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty [Whose power no foe can withstand]".... Psalms 91:1 The Amplified Translation*

April 12th

* Communion [*fellowship*] with God is the highest blessing on earth as well as in Heaven.

....*"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*

April 13th

* The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of "challenge" and controversy.

....*"Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him".... James 1:12 NASB*

April 14th

* Wisdom is the "God-given" gift to know what to do with knowledge.

....*"For whoever finds me [Wisdom] finds life and draws forth and obtains favor from the Lord".... Proverbs 8:35 The Amplified Translation*

.....*"Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding! Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will guard you; Love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom [is:] Acquire wisdom; And with all your acquiring, get understanding. Prize her, and she will exalt you; She will honor you if you embrace her. She will place on your head a garland of grace; She will present you with a crown of beauty".... Proverbs 4:5-9 NASB*

April 15th

* Revealed knowledge acted upon brings supernatural results.

....*"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*

....*"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 16th

* Do not trust your feelings; that which now is will be quickly changed into something else. The man or woman who is wise and well-taught in the spirit stands above all things or circumstances, not paying attention to what they feel, or from what quarter the wind of instability

may blow, but that the whole drive of their mind should make progress towards the proper and desired end [the Will of God]. For so will they be able to remain one and the same man, unshaken, with the single eye of their desire, fixed unflinchingly, through the manifold changes of circumstance, on the Word of God.

"sense knowledge" - that which is perceived by what one feels, hears, sees or thinks based on their outward circumstances; that which is perceived through the soul [mind, will, emotions] - apart from the Holy Spirit [Who is the Spirit of wisdom and revelation];

...."we walk by faith [revelation], not by sight [sense knowledge, outward circumstances]".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB

...."we consider and look not to the things that are seen [the lower reality - that which is real to the five physical senses] but to the things that are unseen [through faith in the higher Reality of God's Word]; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting) [subject to change], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting [Eternal]".... 2 Corinthians 4:18 The Amplified Translation

April 17th

* There is nothing that dulls the working of the Holy Spirit in one's conscience so much as to go against what they know to be "righteous". The incoming of the Holy Spirit as a Person to dwell in you, quickens your conscience, and you must take heed not to quench the voice of conscience. The more you do what you know to be right[eous], the more clear and acute will grow the knowledge of what is right and wrong in the sight of God.

...."be filled with the Spirit".... Ephesians 5:18 NASB

...."solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil".... Hebrews 5:14 NASB

...."For those who are according to the flesh [sense-knowledge] set their minds on the things of the flesh [senses], but those who are according to the [recreated] spirit, the things of the [Holy] Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh [the mind of the senses] is [under the dominion of spiritual] death, but the mind set on [giving preeminence to] the [recreated] spirit is life and peace [under the dominion of Zoe - which brings peace and rest and quietness], because the mind set on the flesh [senses] is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh [living in the realm of the senses {sense-knowledge}] cannot please God".... Romans 8:5-8 NASB

April 18th

* The highest blessedness of prayer fellowship with God will be when we stop "praying" and let God speak.

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

April 19th

* It has been said that "love is blind". This is true only of natural [sense-ruled] love. Spiritual Love keeps its eyes very wide open to everything, acts accordingly - and keeps on loving!

....*"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*

April 20th

* Fear never motivates one to do the "right" [righteous] thing!

....*"There is no fear in Love".... 1 John 4:18 The Amplified Translation*

April 21st

* Not one bit of power has departed from God's Word. There is as much power in His Word now as there was in the day that He spoke it. God's Word is not void of power - but many times His people are void of "wholesome speech". They will not speak what God has said, but they speak what the world says, they speak what the Enemy says.

Even as there is creative power in the Word of God to be released when you speak it, there is even also evil power present in the words of the Enemy [*words of fear and darkness*] to afflict and oppress everyone who speaks them!

....*"Death and life are in the power of [released through] 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*

....*"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*

April 22nd

* To know what the "perfection" that God requires is we must begin by accepting the command and obeying it with our whole heart. Our natural tendency is the very opposite. We want to "discuss" and define what "Christian perfection" is, to understand how the "command" can be reconciled with our assured conviction that no man is perfect, to provide for all the dangers we are sure to be found in the path of perfection. This is not God's way! Jesus said, "If any man will do....he shall know."

The same principle holds good in all human attainment. It is only he who has accepted in adoring submission and obedience the command "be perfect", who can hope to know what the perfection is that God asks and gives. Until the church is seen prostrate before God, seeking this "blessing" as her highest good, it will be no wonder if the very word "perfection", instead of being an attraction and a joy, is a cause of apprehension and anxiety, of division and offense. May God increase the number of those who, in childlike humility, take the word from His own lips, as a living seed, in the assurance that it will bring forth much fruit.

....*"you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect".... Matthew 5:48 NASB*

April 23rd

* We war not with flesh and blood, not with humans, but with demons who know that we are, in Jesus' name, their masters. Every demon knows that you, the Re-created One, are his master. But if we allow them to they rule us by subterfuge, by bluff, by deception. They put diseases upon us and hold us in bondage through our ignorance of what and who we are in Christ Jesus - and what belongs to us.

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

....*"Jesus approached and, breaking the silence, said to them, 'All authority [all power of rule] in heaven and on earth has been given to Me".... Matthew 28:18 The Amplified Translation*

April 24th

* There is no journeying without the "Way", no knowing without the "Truth", no living without "Life"!

....*"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to [enters*

into the Will of] the Father but through Me".... John 14:6 NASB

April 25th

* Sometimes we have thought that the gifts of the Spirit would inevitably bring unity. They undoubtedly would if they were "always" exercised in conjunction with the fruit of the Spirit. But the condition of one's spirit can so affect the manifestation and revelation of the Holy Spirit flowing through it, that even Christ can be preached in contention, and "tongues" can become "sounding brass". It is gifts and fruit working together in a sacred combination that alone will bring true unity.

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

.... "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all [persons.] But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another [various] kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills".... 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 NASB

.... "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 [love, truth, revelation, righteousness] forever".... Psalms 133:1-3 NASB

April 26th

* Endurance [*faith, patience*] and humility [*trust and dependence upon Him*] in adversity please God!

*.... "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*

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

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

April 27th

* Never allow yourself to be overwhelmed by the thoughts and impressions you are experiencing when you have entered into intercession on the behalf of others. For that which you are experiencing does not represent your heart [which is already established through revelation] but rather the heart and mind of those you are standing in the gap for.

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

April 28th

* Faith comes by hearing the words of God and fear comes by hearing the "words of the Devil". So if hearing God's words produces faith, hearing the Devil's words produces fear. Just as faith is the substance of things desired, fear is the substance of things not desired.

If you live by "every" word of God, then it is just as true that you would "die" (experiencing death in all its forms i.e., darkness, corruption, sinfulness, fear) by the words of the Devil. Because the Word of God produces life-giving faith, the words of the Devil produce death-giving fear.

When you are speaking contrary to the Word of God, you are producing fear in both your life and in the lives of those who "hear" you. Whether we realize it or not, when we speak contrary to the Word of God we release "negative" spiritual forces out of our *mouths [fear, darkness, unrighteousness etc.]!*

....*"Death and life are in the power of [released through] 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*

....*"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*

....*"If anyone does not stumble in what he says, this one is a spiritually mature man, able to hold in check also his entire body. Now if, as is the case, we put bridles in the mouths of the horses in order that they may be obeying us, we also guide their entire body. Behold also the ships, though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, are guided by a very small rudder wherever the impulse of the steersman leads him".... James 3:2-4 The Wuest Translation*

April 29th

* If God commands me to go to the "other side" then I am going, regardless of what I feel or hear or think or see before me!

....*"And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side... But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary".... Matthew 14:22-24 KJV*

April 30th

* We speak words: either words of faith or words of fear. Words of faith bring God on the scene with all His Ability. Words of fear bring the Devil on the scene and release his ability to kill, to steal, and to destroy! Words are important. Just as people learn to use the natural laws of this physical earth, they must learn to operate in spiritual laws. Your words are as seeds that are sown. They will produce a harvest just as surely as you plant them.

....*"But I tell you that every careless [idle, useless, non-faith producing] 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*

....*"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; **So will My word be** which goes forth from My [one's] mouth; It will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it".... Isaiah 55:10-11 NASB*

May 1st

* Worry [**anxiety**] is a cycle of inefficient thoughts whirling around a center of fear.

....*"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*

....*"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*

May 2nd

* 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

May 3rd

* Fear imprisons, faith liberates; fear paralyzes, faith empowers; fear disheartens, faith encourages; fear sickens, faith heals; fear makes useless, faith makes serviceable.

...."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

May 4th

* If the Lord be with us, we have no cause of fear. His eye is upon us, His arm over us, His ear open to our prayer - His grace sufficient, His promise unchangeable.

With the power of God within us, we need never fear the powers around us.

...."Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world".... 1 John 4:4 KJV

May 5th

* Tell me what you do with your time and money and I will tell you where your heart is.

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

May 6th

* We can have no power from Christ unless we live in a persuasion that we have none of our own.

....*"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

May 7th

* God looks upon the heart of a man. A heart that is "perfect" with Him is one which continually strives for a whole-hearted consecration to His will and an abiding fellowship with Him. A life that takes as its motto, "wholly for God", has in all ages, even where the Holy Spirit had not yet been given to "dwell" in the heart, been accepted by God as the mark of the "perfect" man.

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

May 8th

* The judgements of God are to be feared [*revered*], not "discussed", because they are beyond the understanding of the mind of man, and only those who are in close and abiding fellowship with Him are able to discern them.

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

....*"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"....* *1 Corinthians 2:14-15 NASB*

May 9th

* Resist the Devil! Even though it seems as if all of Hell has broken loose against you, say what God has said about you in His Word. It causes faith to come!

....*"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*

May 10th

* It is sometimes argued that a "virgin birth" is no aid to the explanation of Christ's sinlessness. Mary being herself sinful in nature by birth, it is held the taint of corruption would be conveyed by one parent as really as two. It is overlooked that the whole fact is not expressed by saying that Jesus was born of a virgin mother. There is the other factor - "conceived of the Holy Ghost". The birth of Jesus was not, as in ordinary births, the creation of a new personality. It was a divine Person - already existing - entering on this new mode of existence.

The belief in the virgin birth of Christ is of the highest value for the right apprehension of Christ's unique and sinless personality. Here is one who, free from sin Himself and not involved in the Adamic liabilities of the race, reverses the curses of sin and death brought in by the first Adam, and establishes the reign of righteousness and life. As one of Adam's race, not an entrant from a higher sphere, He would have shared in Adam's corruption and doom, and would Himself have required to be redeemed.

*...."For if, through the transgression of the one individual, Death made use of the one individual to seize the sovereignty, all the more shall those who receive God's overflowing grace and gift of righteousness reign as kings in Life through the one individual, Jesus Christ"....
Romans 5:17 Weymouth Translation*

May 11th

* You may say: ever since I began to testify to Satan's defeat at Calvary, and to take authority over him and pray with a view to the "tearing down of his strongholds", he has been attacking me. That is because he sees the "prize" before you. He is attacking those who will judge the "fallen angels" if they obtain the prize of the Throne. Will you not then hold fast your crown? How are you to do it? Just with a steady, unswerving aim to be true to Christ, and to the light He has given you, at all cost to yourself.

Say to yourself, "The Lord is training me for the Throne." Say again and again: "Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world". "Hold fast that which thou hast that no man take thy crown." For every bit of the conflict there will be the gain. So Paul said, "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us."

...."we do not become discouraged (utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear). Though our outer man is [progressively] decaying and wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day after day. For our light, momentary affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour) is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!], since we consider and look not to the things that are seen [the lower reality - that which is real to the five physical senses] but to the things that are unseen [through faith in the higher Reality of God's Word]; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting) [subject

*to change], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting [Eternal] ".... 2
Corinthians 4:18 The Amplified Translation*

May 12th

* I would urge upon you that it is now - now, in this present year; now, through our present circumstances, that God desires to work in us. God has put you into just the one place where He can fulfill your prayer, and prepare you for the future. You may think that the Enemy interfered with your circumstances; apparently they are all upside down, almost as if you were in the Devil's hand. My friend, that is God's highest vote of confidence in you! God is greater than the Devil. The things that are the blackest and most difficult, that look as if the Devil was having his own way with you - do believe that it is out of that very condition that God is working out your future glory and rulership. "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." That is the way to rulership.

How deep can your faith go? If you can stand in the midst of all that, and trust God absolutely, without anything to show that He is with you - if you can stand unmoved through it all, and say, "I believe that God is God and that He is able" - that is victory. "Be still and know that I am God" - How far can you trust God in the "dark"?

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

May 13th

* "Longsuffering" is the direct result of our being made "partakers of the divine nature," and it only grows into maturity as we live in communion with God.

"longsuffering" - patient; enduring;

...."I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace".... Ephesians 4:1-3 KJV

...."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

May 14th

* In perfect obedience to His Father's Will, Jesus accepted and drank the cup of suffering and death! How can we fathom what it meant to Him "who knew no sin", to be "numbered with the transgressors", and "made sin on our behalf?" This view of Calvary may reveal to us one cause of the victory of Christ over the terrible one. The Devil had sought to be exalted even as the Most High, but the Son of God humbled Himself, and consented to be made lower than the lowest. Therefore God highly exalted Him, and He gave unto Him the name which is above every name; for Calvary in its depth of shame on earth, was exaltation in Heaven.

...."Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:] Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained, but stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being. And after He had appeared in human form, He abased and humbled Himself [still further] and carried His obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of the cross! Therefore [because He stooped so low] God has highly exalted Him and has freely bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, That in (at) the name of Jesus every knee should (must) bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, And every tongue [frankly and openly] confess and acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father".... Philippians 2:5-11 The Amplified Translation

May 15th

* The chief mark of the perfect heart is reliance upon God. God looks for men and women who trust Him fully; in them He will show His power. God is a being of infinite and incomprehensible glory and power. Our mind can form no right conception of what He can do for us. Even when we have His Word and promises, our human thoughts of what He means are always defective. By nothing do we dishonour God more than limiting Him. By nothing do we limit Him more than by allowing our "human ideas" of what He purposes to be the measure of our expectations.

The reliance of a heart perfect towards Him is simply this: it yields to Him as God, it rests upon Him, it allows Him, as God, to do in His own way what He has promised. The heart is perfect towards Him in meeting Him with a perfect faith for all that He is and does as God. Faith expects from God what is beyond all expectation.

...."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

May 16th

* The one great need of the spiritual life is to know how entirely it is dependent upon God working in us, and what the exceeding *[surpassing]* greatness of His power is in us who believe.

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

May 17th

* Trouble can affect one in one of two opposite ways. It can either make them bitter towards God, or make them tender towards God.

....*"Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He brought them out of their distresses. He caused the storm to be still, So that the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad because they were quiet, so He guided them to their desired haven [harbor, place of refuge from the storm]".... Psalms 107:28-30 NASB*

....*"Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration and holiness without which no one will [ever] see the Lord. Exercise foresight and be on the watch to look [after one another], to see that no one falls back from and fails to secure God's grace [His unmerited favor and spiritual blessing], in order that no root of resentment [rancor, bitterness, or hatred] shoots forth and causes trouble and bitter torment, and the many become contaminated and defiled by it".... Hebrews 12:14-15 The Amplified Translation*

May 18th

* Rising above the schemes of the Evil One calls for a "spiritual sensitivity".

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

May 19th

* Gentleness must never be confused with mere weakness. Gentleness is power under the control of perfect Love.

....*"the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*

gentleness, self-control".... Galatians 5:22-23 NASB

May 20th

* Perfection includes two elements. The one is the perfection of heart, the earnestness of purpose, with which a man gives himself up to seek God and His Will. The other, the perfection of obedience, in which a man seeks, not only to do some, but all the commandments of his God, and rests content with nothing less than the New Testament privilege of "standing perfect in all the Will of God."

...."Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the Will of God".... Colossians 4:12 KJV

May 21st

* The message of the Cross is the power of God; it is the word of the Cross spoken by the Holy Spirit, in conjunction with the spirit of the Cross imparted to the messenger, that produces the fruit of the Cross in other souls.

...."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. For it is written, "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe".... 1 Corinthians 1:18-21 NASB

May 22nd

* The only way that one is able to overcome the love of money is the Love of God!

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

May 23rd

* The Bible reveals the Will of God in regard to the healing of the body as clearly as it

reveals the Will of God in regard to regeneration of the spirit.

...."Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he [was] wounded for our transgressions, [he was] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [was] upon him; and with his stripes we are healed".... Isaiah 53:4-5 KJV

May 24th

* The self-sacrificing love of Christ, His humility, and meekness and gentleness, manifested in daily life, are the most perfect fruit of the Spirit, the true proof that a man is spiritual. A man may have great zeal in God's service, he may be used to influence many for good, and yet, weighed in the balance of love, be found sadly wanting. In the heat of controversy, or under unjust criticism, haste of temper, slowness to forgive and forget, quick words and sharp judgements, often reveal an easily wounded sensitiveness, which proves how little the Spirit of Christ has full possession or real mastery. The spiritual man is the one who is clothed with the spirit of the suffering, crucified Jesus.

...."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

May 25th

* It is God's dwelling in us that makes us holy, that gives us not only the motive, but the courage and the power to perfect holiness, to yield ourselves for Him to possess perfectly and entirely. It is God's being a Father to us, begetting His own life, His own Son within us, forming Christ in us, until the Son and the Father make their abode in us, that will give us confidence to believe that it is possible to perfect holiness, and will reveal to us the secret of its attainment. There are hindrances that check and prevent our growth in holiness. These must be watched against and removed.

"Having these promises.... let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord." Every defilement, outward or inward, in conduct or sentiment, in the physical or spiritual life, must be cleansed and cast away. Cleansing in the Blood, cleansing by the Word, cleansing by the pruning knife or the fire - in any way or by any means - but we must be cleansed. In the fear of the Lord every sin must be cut off and cast out;

everything doubtful or defiling must be put away; soul and body and spirit must be preserved entire and blameless. Thus cleansing ourselves from all defilement we shall perfect holiness: the Spirit of holiness will fill God's temple with His holy presence and power.

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

May 26th

* Meekness differs from gentleness. In many ways these two fruits of the Spirit are the same; but meekness is an inward and passive thing, whereas gentleness is an outward and active thing. A man feels meek, but he acts gently. Meekness becomes spoiled by too much self-consciousness, though its inward blessings afford the deepest joy and peace. A truly meek spirit is one of the hardest things on earth to imitate. Gentleness can sometimes be used when the spirit does not "feel" gentle; but if the heart is not really meek the inward fire of anger and pride will inevitably reveal itself sooner or later.

...."I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace".... Ephesians 4:1-3 KJV

....the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge]".... Galatians 5:22-23 The Amplified Translation

May 27th

* Sinful ones, if repentant, are to be restored "in a spirit of meekness", and their misdeeds forgotten, even as God forgets our forgiven sins. This warning is necessary because the pride of those who have not failed in the very way the sinful ones have, would love to keep reminding them of their lapse. The reason for this - the consciousness of personal frailty on the part of those who sit to judge - should appeal to all men of sense. It is only the Grace of God that has kept the "judge" from being the criminal! Of course this does not abolish the rightful place of church discipline: it only indicates the spirit in which it must be used.

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

...."for we walk by faith [revelation, Love], not by sight [sense knowledge, outward circumstances]".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB

May 28th

* Listening to the Word is a great art - perhaps as great as preaching it. If our listeners prepared themselves by prayer as much as our preachers, what a revival we should enjoy! Human hearts are like soil, and their condition determines the result of the sowing far more than the skill of the sower. Meekness ensures a condition of receptivity likely to yield a good harvest. This does not mean a foolish credulity that soaks in every new or strange doctrine. What it does mean is a laying down of all rebellion in spirit, and a readiness to obey at any cost what may be fairly proved to be the "sincere milk of the Word". It also implies a putting away of that foolish pride which refuses to admit that anything more can be learned upon the particular subject at hand.

The victories won by meekness are worth far more than all the doubtful benefits of hastily standing on dignity and asserting the prerogative of office. Probably nothing indicates a ripening of character in Christ more than an obviously meek spirit.

...."And those sown on the good (well-adapted) soil [good ground] are the ones who hear the Word and receive and accept and welcome it and bear fruit -some thirty times as much as was sown, some sixty times as much, and some [even] a hundred times as much".... Mark 4:20 The Amplified Translation

May 29th

* A soul that "prosper" can hear the voice of God and is sensitive to His leading.

...."Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers ".... 3 John 1:2 NASB

May 30th

* The "man of God"! How much that term signifies! He is a man who comes from God, is chosen and sent by Him. He is a man who walks with God, lives in His fellowship and carries the mark of His presence. He is a man who lives for God and His Will; who's whole being is ruled by the glory of God - who involuntarily and unceasingly leads men to think of God. A man of God is one in whose heart and life God has taken the right place as the All in all, and who has only one desire, that God should have that place of pre-eminence throughout the world.

In Christ the world has been redeemed for God. But God has no way of showing men what they ought to be, of awakening, calling and helping them, except through men/women of God in whom His life, His Spirit and His power are working.

A man/woman of God knows and proves three things: God is all; God claims all; God works all.

...."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

...."We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me".... Colossians 1:28-29 NASB

May 31st

* The peace that God gives is not an artificial one. It is so deep that even the Devil cannot disturb it. You cannot hear things in the spirit, while you have any turmoil or fear in you. You cannot take a shade of fear into the presence of God.

...."Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful".... John 14:27 NASB

...."Do not fret or have any anxiety ABOUT ANYTHING, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God. And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus"....Philippians 4:6-7 The Amplified Translation

June 1st

* A "scared" world needs a fearless Church".

...."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

...."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

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

June 2nd

* Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know better than He does what should be done.

...."Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is [already done] in heaven"....

Matthew 6:10 NASB .

June 3rd

* Humility [*complete trust in - and dependence upon - the Father and His Word*] is the key to the Kingdom.

...."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 [*and, thus, vindicate*] you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.... 1 Peter 5:5b-7 NASB

...."Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child [*with a child-like faith and trust*] will not enter it at all ".... Mark 10:15 NASB

...."[The Father] has delivered [*past tense*] and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us [*past tense*] into the kingdom of the Son of His love".... Colossians 1:13 The Amplified Translation

June 4th

* In the Wisdom of God the Cross of Christ is the pivot, or central truth, which keeps all other truth in its due proportion both in doctrine and in practice.

The message of the Cross is full of paradoxes on its experiential side, and these paradoxes can only be understood as we "progress" in experience (obedience).

The Cross is not a favorite theme with the wise of this world, even in many areas of the Christian church. The very words - the Cross" - seem to be a stumbling-block to the "intellect" of the natural man, but the Holy Spirit is watching over the "message" as it goes forth among the people of God, for upon its reception and assimilation by the believer, depends the fulfillment of the Ascended Lord's desires for His Church.

If it is true - and we know it is - that from thence - the Cross of Calvary - all "life-power" radiates forth to the church of Christ, how much depends upon our increasing knowledge of what the Holy Spirit has to teach us about it!

...."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

June 5th

* Defeat comes from looking back; distraction comes from looking around; discouragement comes from looking down, deliverance comes from looking up.

...."we consider and look not to the things that are seen [the lower reality - that which is real to the five physical senses] but to the things that are unseen [through faith in the higher Reality of God's Word]; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting) [subject to change], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting [Eternal]".... 2 Corinthians 4:18 The Amplified Translation

...."let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus [Who is seated at the right Hand of the Father], the author and perfecter of faith".... Hebrews 12:1-2 NASB

June 6th

* A Christian is one who no longer seeks their salvation, their deliverance, or their justification in themselves, but in Jesus Christ alone.

*...."[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*

June 7th

* *....."In my body I bear about continually the dying of Jesus, that in my body the life also of Jesus might be shown forth. For I in the midst of life am daily given over to death for the sake of Jesus, that in my dying flesh the life whereby Jesus conquered death might show forth its power"... 2 Corinthians 4:10-11*

What is the meaning of this? Why the need for "always bearing about in the body the dying of Jesus"? Because in the body we are open to the assaults of the world, the flesh, and the Devil, whilst in spirit we are joined to the risen Lord, and sit with Him "enthroned in the heavenly realm"; and so we need continually in ever-deeper measure to be made conformable to His death, for it is only as we are thus willing "to sink ourselves after His likeness" that the true life in spirit in the heavenly sphere, can be maintained in purity, and increased in power.

June 8th

* All true knowledge of God's Word depends upon there being first the will to do it. I want to emphasize this: God will refuse to unlock the real meaning and blessing of His Word to any except those whose will is definitely set upon doing it.

.... *"Your people will offer themselves willingly in the day of Your power, in the beauty of holiness and in holy array out of the womb of the morning [the "inner chamber]".... Psalms 110:3 The Amplified Translation*

June 9th

* We can do many things with God's commands: we can seek to know them; we can admire their beauty; we can praise their wisdom; but if we do not do them, we deceive ourselves and fall short of pleasing God. They are meant to be done. Only as we do them will their real meaning and blessing be unfolded to us. Only as we do them can we really grow in the Divine life - walking worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit unto every good work", and then "increasing in the knowledge of God". We must approach God's words with the same view which God has, that they should be obeyed.

Bible study is mere theory, just a pleasing experience or an exercise of mind and imagination, worth little or nothing for a life of true "Christ-likeness", until the student is determined never to open or close his Bible without making God's purpose his very own. He must be ready to hear and obey when God says, "Do all that I speak".

.... *"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*

June 10th

- * We can trust God too little, but we cannot trust Him too much!

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

June 11th

- * If a man is faithful to God he is bound to lose some friends, but God always raises up others and truer ones to take the "vacant" places.

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

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

June 12th

- * Taking counsel with "flesh and blood" before setting oneself apart to pray and fellowship with God will always "lead" to a wrong and faithless decision!

....*"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*

June 13th

- * Everything depends on our "doing". It is only that heart which delights in God's Word, and has set its will determinedly on doing it, that can receive God's enlightenment [revelation]. Without this will to do, our knowledge will not profit and will only be "head-knowledge".

....*"Trust in the LORD and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He will do it".... Psalm 37:3-5 NASB*

June 14th

- * The Christian, the child of God, who has committed his body as well as his spirit and soul to God, ought not be a "subject" for healing. He ought to be a subject of continuous, abiding health, because he is filled with the life of God.

....*"In the way of righteousness [right standing and communion with the Father and His Word] is [the continual impartation of] life [Zoe - divine Life, Grace, divine Love, divine Light, divine Wisdom, resurrection power - first to oneself and, then to all those who cross their path], and in its pathway there is no death [no death in any of its forms [darkness, fear sickness and disease etc.] can remain standing]".... Proverbs 12:28 NASB*

June 15th

* Neither education nor culture can ever change man's nature; the New Birth is man's only hope.

....*"Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus *said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again'".... John 3:3-7 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*

June 16th

* The only way to the heart of the Father, and His way to ours, is through delighting in and doing God's Will. The way to every blessing is the keeping of His commandments.

....*"If you will listen diligently to the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments which I command you this day, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you heed the voice of the Lord your God".... Deuteronomy 28:1-2 The Amplified Translation*

June 17th

* There was no other reason that Christ gave his commandments except that they should be obeyed. The mere accumulation only darkens and hardens, and the final result will be some kind of pleasure in the exercise of Bible study which makes us unfit for the Holy Spirit to teach.

....*"If ye know these things, blessed are ye if ye do them..." John 13:17*

....*"If ye love Me keep My commandments, and the Father will send you the Comforter..." John 14:15*

.... "He that hath My commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me, and he shall be loved by My Father..." John 14:21

.... "If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you..." John 15:7

.... "If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love..." John 15:10

.... "Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you..." John 15:14

Study and compare these passages until the words enter your heart and work their deep conviction in you. Is not the conclusion that keeping Christ's commandments is the indispensable condition of all true spiritual blessing?

June 18th

* It is right in our "inner chamber" [*morning-watch*] that the question is decided whether we will keep the commandments of Christ through the day. Here, too, it will be decided if, in the future, we are to have developed in us the character of a person wholly given up to know and to do the Will of 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

June 19th

* No man need ever break down through overstrain in the ministry of intercession: for they are not called or sustained by their own power but by the power of God abiding within them.

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

THEREFORE

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

June 20th

* The "renewal" of the Church will depend on the "renewal" of our prayer life. The powers of the "world to come" are at our disposal if we will make time for quiet hours for fellowship and communion, which is our Lord's supreme yearning desire.

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

June 21st

* It is only life, experience, possession of God and His goodness, that gives true knowledge. The knowledge of the "intellect" cannot make alive. Certainly we need the intellect to hear and comprehend initially God's Word, but we need to know clearly that the possession of the Truth by the intellect alone cannot profit. Only the Holy Spirit can make it life and truth in our hearts. We need to yield our hearts and wait on God in quiet submission and faith so that the Holy Spirit can work it in us. As this becomes our habit, we shall learn how our intellect and heart can work in perfect harmony.

....*"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*

June 22nd

* God does not set understanding as the condition of our approach to Him.

"understanding" - mental process of a person who comprehends *[in this case a comprehension through personal interpretation]*;

....*"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 23rd

* The basis of all spiritual reality is the clear, manifest *[revelative]* Word of God in Jesus Christ.

The basis of all human reality is the dark, turbid urges of the human mind *[sense-knowledge]*.

The basis of the "community of the Holy Spirit" (the Church) is truth; the basis of human community is desire.

The essence of the community of the Spirit is Light; the essence of human community is darkness. It is the deep night that hovers over the sources of all "human" action, even over "all noble and devout" impulses of the flesh.

....*"we consider and look not to the things that are seen *[the lower reality - that which is real to the five physical senses]* but to the things that are unseen *[through faith in the higher**

Reality of God's Word]; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting) [subject to change], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting [Eternal]".... 2 Corinthians 4:18 The Amplified Translation

June 24th

* In the true Church, the Word of God alone rules. There God's Word alone is binding [final authority].

...."[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

June 25th

* The Word of God is a "living seed".

...."For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; So will My word be which goes forth from My [one's] mouth; It will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it".... Isaiah 55:10-11 NASB

June 26th

* It is what we "do" today that will get us delivered not just what we know! It is revelation knowledge acted upon that gets results. Nothing is going to come to pass in the "physical realm" from just your heart alone. If you truly desire God's results then you must do things God's way. Heart and mouth must come into perfect agreement with the Word of God!

...."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 [proclaim]" 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 [obstacle], 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes [affirms] 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

.... "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

June 27th

* A part of "self-denial" is taking no offense at what others say or do to you.

.... "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 28th

* Faith in God's Word should teach us two lessons: the one is how little we know; the other is how much we should "expect".

.... "My expectation is from Him ["from Him is my hope" Young's Literal Translation]"....

June 29th

* He who has no tender heart of love inside him, nor God before his eyes, is easily stirred by a word of "censure" [disapproval]. But he who trusts wholly in God, and refuses to stand by his "own" judgement, is beyond the "fear of men".

"censure" - strong or vehement expression of disapproval; to criticize or reproach in a harsh or vehement manner;

....*"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*

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

....*"There is no fear in love".... 1 John 4:18 The Amplified Translation*

June 30th

* Two years ago a new epoch began in My life. I resolved to know nothing but Christ and "Him crucified". The result has been a fiercer conflict with the "invisible" powers of darkness, then I could have previously believed possible. Misunderstanding, false judgement, envy and strife - and that amongst Christian workers - seemed to surround me. The strain of what I have passed through would have caused me to perish had I not learned the secret of the "hiding place".

In spite of being pressed upon all sides, and there has been "keen" suffering, too, at times - yet in the midst of all, one knows the secret of victory, and the mind is at rest, and there is peace within the soul, too deep to express. In consequence, the body is kept in health, there is restful sleep at night, and one wakes in the morning refreshed and with renewed strength. There is grace to suffer long and be kind, to pour out one's life, and expect nothing in return, only that God may be glorified!

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

....*"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*

July 1st

* One cannot conceive of anything that will cripple faith and put the believer in bondage more quickly and surely than underestimating what Jesus Christ truly is, and what we are in Him. Along with that will come an "underestimation" of the Word. We will say right out, "O, I believe the Bible is the Word of God." And yet we turn to the arm of flesh for help. And when we pray, we do not come with that quiet assurance that we would if some banker had given us his word in regard to our financial standing at the bank.

This is an unconscious underestimation of the Word, and it is an underestimation of the integrity of the Master Himself, who is the Author of this Word - indeed He is the Word! This leads to weakness, to doubt and fear. It makes a "vacillating" type of faith. We became what James calls "a double-minded man that is unstable in all his ways". What will change it? When we realize what Jesus Christ has done for us in His Great Substitution and in the New Creation!

....*"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*

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

July 2nd

* We are put on earth to know God; to love Christ; to enjoy the company of His Spirit; to do His will; to enrich others. Not to serve ourselves!

....*"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'".... Matthew 4:8-10 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*

July 3rd

* Study universal holiness of life. Your whole "usefulness" depends on this, for your sermons last but an hour or two; your life "preaches" all the week. If Satan can only make a covetous minister a lover of the praises of men, of pleasure, of good eating, he has ruined their ministry. Give yourself to prayer, and get your texts, your thoughts, and your words from God.

....*"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*

July 4th

* We cannot place too little confidence in ourselves, because grace and understanding are often lacking in us. Little light is in us, and this we lose through negligence. Often we do not notice because we are so blind within. Often we act wrongly and make worse excuses. Sometimes we are moved by passion and think it is zeal. We blame small things in others, and pass over greater things in ourselves. Quickly enough we feel and weigh up what we endure from others; but how much others bear from us we do not notice. The one who well and rightly weighs their own shortcomings, cannot pass severe and unrighteous judgement on another!

...."Do not judge so that you will not be judged. "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. "Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye".... Matthew 7:1-5 NASB

July 5th

* The spiritual man who humbles himself before God continually and casts all his cares upon His God, and who diligently attends to the "narrow path", easily keeps silence about others. You will never be spiritual and devout, unless you keep silence about things that do not concern you. And particularly pay heed to your own walk before God. If you direct your attention wholly to yourself and God, little will move you that you perceive abroad.

...."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

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

...."we walk by faith [revelation], not by sight.... therefore, from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer".... 2 Corinthians 5:7,16 NASB

July 6th

* You will make much progress if you keep yourself free from all temporal care. You will greatly fail, if you set your mind on anything temporal. Let nothing be to you great, high,

pleasing, acceptable, save simply God and His affairs. Think wholly empty whatever consolation comes from anything created. The soul that loves God despises anything beneath God. God alone is eternal, beyond measure, filling all things, the solace of the soul and the heart's true joy.

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

July 7th

* God is going to have a disciplined Army; that Army is going to be saturated; that Army is going to be full of the Holy Spirit; and that Army is going to be "controlled" by the Holy Spirit!

God is going to have an Army that is 100% victorious over 100% of the Enemy with a 100% clean, pure, unadulterated mind!

....*"The Lord utters His voice before His army; Surely His camp is very great, for strong is he who carries out His word [Will]. The day of the LORD is indeed great and very awesome, and who can endure it?".... Joel 2:11 NASB*

....*"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 8th

* Up until this time, the church has been in no condition for the manifestation of the "fullness" of the power of God!

....*"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*

July 9th

* In the day of "battle" two things happen: cowards flee and champions are born!

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

....*"the righteous are bold as a lion [in both word and deed]".... Proverbs 28:1b NASB*

July 10th

* When we give it will be given to us. Not only will God give to us, but men, whether they

know it or not, will be God-inspired to be generous with us.

...."Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure - pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return".... Luke 6:38 NASB

July 11th

* It is more "productive" [*profitable*] to give than to receive! For what we receive is not multiplied, but only what we give!

...."In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'".... Acts 20:35 NASB

July 12th

* Giving is the spontaneous outgrowth of looking to God as your source, of loving Him enough to give, and of giving as "seed" that you may receive.

"gift" - something given voluntarily without payment in return, as to show favour toward someone, honour an occasion, or make a gesture of assistance;

...."Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure - pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return".... Luke 6:38 NASB

July 13th

* When you give freely, joyously, with full measure, then your giving will be multiplied back to you in the same spirit.

...."Now this [I say,] he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one [must do] just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.... Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality".... 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 NASB

July 14th

* Money is the medium of exchange. It is you. It represents your labour, your skill, your sweat and effort - your whole self. When you give it, you give yourself.

.... "Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, for you will find it after many days. Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight, **for you do not know what misfortune may occur on the earth**. If the clouds are full, they pour out rain upon the earth; and whether a tree falls toward the south or toward the north, wherever the tree falls, there it lies. He who watches the wind [physical circumstances] will not sow and he who looks at the clouds will not reap. Just as you do not know the path of the wind and how bones [are formed] in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes all things. Sow your seed in the morning and do not be idle in the evening, for you do not know whether morning or evening sowing will succeed, or whether both of them alike will be good".... Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 NASB

July 15th

* What you give is the seed you plant. And like attracts like. You plant wheat and you will get wheat. Plant peaches and you will get peaches. God says, "each after its kind." If you have a financial need, then give "seed-money" for Him to "reproduce" and multiply. If your need is not money but something else, let the seed you give represent it. Use it as your "point of contact" to release your faith for God to meet this need.

For example, if you need companionship, find a lonely person (you shall not have to look far) and share seed-friendship; or give a seed-smile or seed-love, or seed-compassion. Just as you breathe out in order to breathe in, you will see these as seed-giving multiplied back in the form of your need. Not necessarily from the person to whom you give, because the person to whom you give is not the "source". But God will multiply it back to you in your time of need through the person "He" chooses. God, as your "Source", is a better selector of persons, or the instrument to help you than you are.

.... "Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good".... Genesis 1:11-12 NASB

July 16th

* Seed-faith is giving that you might receive, in order that you might be "blessed to be a blessing".

Only what you give can God multiply back to you. If you give nothing, even if God were to multiply it, it would still be nothing!

Your continual giving produces a continual renewing of your finances.

.... "Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God".... 2 Corinthians 9:10-

July 17th

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THREE ESSENTIALS OF SEED-FAITH

1. God is the "source" of your supply.
2. God desires to be first in your life and your giving. Whatever you give, you give it as seed-faith.
3. You are to "expect" a miracle. What you give you expect God to "multiply" back to you in the form of your need.

First turn your life wholly over to God and look "directly" to Him as the source of your supply. Second, because you love God and trust in Him as your source, you give to Him first. Your giving becomes seed for Him to help others, and to multiply back in the form of your need. Giving becomes your lifestyle as it was Jesus'. God is your source, and always giving to Him first, becomes "seed-faith". It is on the basis of seed-faith that you have "evidence" to put into practice the third key principle. You expect a miracle! God has told us to do "certain things" first as evidence to help us release our faith. When we do them, and know in our heart that we have, we come into a state of "knowing". It is while you are in this state of knowing that you can really "release" your faith and truly expect a miracle! Expecting a miracle is absolutely essential! Just as you look to God for your supply, and give to God a seed, so you expect a miracle from God.

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

July 18th

* The child of God is "defeated" as long as they keep their eyes on the "problem". For where one's eyes are "fixed" [*focussed*] their thoughts are fixed [*focused*].

...."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

...."The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness".... Luke 11:34-35 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]"....

July 19th

* There is a certain "depth" where the multiplying of your seed-giving starts. It is beyond the level of your "old thoughts" and "practices" of building your life-pattern around yourself. It is going beyond self to God, to that point where He is first in your life, where you give Him your best, then you ask Him for His best. That is where your miracle starts - at your depth. You cannot compromise your depth or what you give, you must give it first. when you do, it is a great moment in your life. For now Jesus is at the helm of your boat; He is in control of your life; He is directing you where the "supply" is.

...."And my God will liberally supply [fill to the full] your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus".... Philippians 4:19 The Amplified Translation

July 20th

* There is no shortage of God's "resources", none whatsoever. There is only a shortage in faith, and in our understanding of the goodness of God.

...."How great is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear [reverence] You, which You have wrought for those who take refuge in You".... Psalm 31:19 NASB

...."I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living".... Psalm 27:13 NASB

...."They shall eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant goodness and will shout joyfully of Your righteousness".... Psalm 145:7 NASB

July 21st

* A person who is "bound" to the "past" often does not realize that all they talk about is what happened to them.

...."But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God".... Luke 9:62 NASB

...."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 22nd

* Jesus Christ is rest for your soul. Jesus Christ is peace for your inner man. Jesus Christ is

light for your path. Jesus Christ is bread for your hunger. Jesus is healing for your whole being. Jesus Christ is the supply for all your needs. Jesus Christ is God's will for your life. Jesus Christ is the hope of your existence. Jesus Christ is the beginning and the end of your faith. Jesus Christ is the solution of "all" your problems.

... "[I pray] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all"..... Ephesians 1:17-23 NASB

July 23rd

* A rejected opportunity to give is a lost opportunity to receive. When we give we put ourselves in a position continually to receive all that God has provided for us. And He has provided for our every need - superabundantly.

.... "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure - pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return".... Luke 6:38 NASB

July 24th

* Do not multiply your "doubts" by your thoughts, multiply your faith.

.... "When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul".... Psalm 94:19 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

July 25th

* The only unit of time God recognizes is the "now". With God this moment is the most important in your life.

.... "NOW faith IS".... Hebrews 11:1 NASB

.... "NOW I will arise," says the LORD, "NOW I will be exalted, NOW I will be lifted up"....
Isaiah 33:10 NASB

.... "Behold, I will do something new, NOW it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it?
I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert".... Isaiah 43:19 NASB

July 26th

* The glory of a good man or woman is the testimony of a good conscience. Keep a good conscience and you will always have gladness. A good conscience can bear exceeding many things, and is exceeding glad amid adversity. A bad conscience is always afraid and uneasy. Sweetly you shall rest, if your heart does not condemn you.

.... "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

July 27th

* To the degree that one is "self-centered, it is to that degree that they are "need-centered"!

.... "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 NASB

July 28th

* The key to releasing God's blessing upon your finances is in developing your relationship with Him, where you are faithfully walking in absolute obedience to the Divine pattern He has established in His Word concerning giving and receiving.

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

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

July 29th

* The living Word of God is "the" foundation of our faith. The Word lies "dormant" in one's life until it becomes the foundation for faith.

*...."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*

July 30th

* Faith is as important to your spirit-being and to the rest of your eternity as breathing is to your physical body!

Faith-filled words dominate the law of sin and death. The Word of the Living God dominates death. Faith-filled words dominate the laws of death because faith-filled words are life and life "swallows up" death, just as light swallows up darkness.

...."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

...."[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 [Who is the Word of God] hath made me free from the law of sin and death".... Romans 8:1-2 KJV

July 31st

* He will be easily content and brought to peace, whose conscience is clean. You are not more holy if you are praised, nor the baser if you are reviled. You are what you are in proportion

to your "obedience" to God. Nor can you be called better than what you are in God's estimation. Man looks upon the outward appearance but God upon the heart. Man considers deeds but God weighs the heart's desires.

....*"But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart'.... 1 Samuel 16:7 NASB*

....*"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*

August 1st

* Doubt is just as real in a negative way as faith. Doubt (or unbelief) is the reversed form of faith. It is when you believe God does not exist. Or, if you believe He exists, you believe He is not concerned with you as a person; He is not concerned with your needs. You believe what man can do is more reliable than what God will do. You believe that it is not up to God at all, but what people do to you or you do yourself. You believe your main duty is to look out for "number one" - self - and you put God second or last in your scale of "values" and your approach to your needs. You believe that human forces are sources rather than God. Through doubt you become very positive in your "believing" but in a reversed form. You are taking your "capacity" to believe and reversing it in a negative way. This is doubt and unbelief. It is bad for you! As "seed-faith" is multiplied back, so is "seed-doubt"!

You can believe "wrongly" by looking to men rather than God as your source, and this becomes an act of your "believing" and creates doubt in your heart towards God. You can think of what you are going to receive, rather than what you can give. In this "negative spirit" you block the flow of God's intervention in your behalf to turn the tide. "Doubt" cuts you off from the sources of unexpected supply. God controls both the "expected" and the "unexpected" source!

"doubt" - to be uncertain about; consider questionable or unlikely; hesitate to believe; to mistrust; to fear or be apprehensive about; to be uncertain about something; to be undecided - causing a form of double-mindedness;

....*"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 [obstacle], '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 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

August 2nd

* Remember: God would not tell you to give if you had nothing to give.

Remember: God would not tell you to give if He did not plan to use it to "help others" and multiply it back to meet your needs.

Remember: God does not "play with something as important as your life!

...."Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure - pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return".... Luke 6:38 NASB

...."[Remember] this: he who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to someone] will also reap generously and with blessings. Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, `prompt to do it") giver [whose heart is in his giving]. [Prov. 22:9.] And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation]. As it is written, He [the benevolent person] scatters abroad; He gives to the poor; His deeds of justice and goodness and kindness and benevolence will go on and endure forever! [Ps. 112:9.] And [God] Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness [which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity]. [Isa. 55:10; Hos. 10:12.] Thus you will be enriched in all things and in every way, so that you can be generous, and [your generosity as it is] administered by us will bring forth thanksgiving to God"....2 Corinthians 9:6-11 The Amplified Translation

August 3rd

* The "preacher" is the golden pipe through which the Divine oil flows. The pipe must not only be golden, but open and flawless, that the oil may have a full, unhindered, unwasted flow. Preaching is not the performance of an hour or two. It is the outflowing of a life. It takes "twenty" years to make a sermon, because it takes twenty years to make the one giving it. The true sermon is a thing of life. A sermon grows because the one giving it grows. The sermon is forceful because the one giving it is forceful. A sermon is holy because the one giving it is holy. The sermon is full of the Divine unction because the one giving it is full of the Divine unction.

.... *"Now am I trying to win the favor of men, or of God? Do I seek to please men? If I were still seeking popularity with men, I should not be a bond servant of Christ (the Messiah). For I want you to know, brethren, that the Gospel which was proclaimed and made known by me is not man's gospel [a human invention, according to or patterned after any human standard]. For indeed I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but [it came to me] through a [direct] revelation [given] by Jesus Christ (the Messiah)".... Galatians 1:10-12 The Amplified Translation*

.... *"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things? For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God".... 2 Corinthians 2:14-17 NASB*

August 4th

* Fear - fear that we are not going to have enough - holds us back from being faithful to the Word of God concerning tithes and gifts.

Tithing is nothing more than us manifesting that we are in partnership with God. Tithing recognizes that everything He puts in our hands comes from Him, and we bless Him by giving Him back that which belongs to Him as our "financial partner" in Covenant. Tithing is a Divine plan ordained by God. It is not a "legalistic form" or ritual required by the law. It is an "outward" expression of the Covenant relationship we have with God, and it is God's method of pouring out His blessings upon us.

When you give tithes, you are not giving them to a church, a denomination, a ministry, or to any man; you are giving them to God. Christ, as the "High Priest" of the Most High God, receives them, as Melchizedek received "Abram's" tithes, and presents them to God on our behalf. By virtue of His Divine authority as our High Priest, Christ then pronounces blessings upon us and releases God's "promised" blessings into our lives!

.... *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes, says the LORD of hosts. All the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land, says the LORD of hosts".... Malachi 3:10-12 NASB*

August 5th

* True prosperity is the abundance of God's blessing, both spiritual and temporal. It is total provision - continual supply!

....*"the righteous will be rewarded with prosperity".... and the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous".... Proverbs 13:21a,22b NASB*

August 6th

* Before you can break out of the financial bondage and receive the great financial increase that God desires to give you, you must come to a position where you do not doubt!

....*"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*

August 7th

* Subjectively it is the work of the Spirit of God to apply to us the "power" of Christ's death and resurrection; to bring us "inwardly" into correspondence with our "position" in Christ - crucified, buried, risen, and ascended in the Redeemer. The "objective" and "subjective" aspects must both be made real to the child of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, if "life out of death" is to be known in practical reality.

....*"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*

....*"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*

August 8th

* To walk with God in spirit and not to be held by any affection outside, is the state of a "spiritual man".

The "gratification" of one's flesh causes "unnecessary" spiritual hardship!

....*"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 9th

* The love of a created thing is deceiving and unstable. The love of Jesus is faithful and goes

on forever. The one who "clings" to a created thing will fall with what can fall; the one who "embraces" Jesus will be established forever.

....*"Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven".... Psalm 119:89 NASB*

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

August 10th

* The preacher must "impersonate" the Gospel. Its divine, most distinct features must be embodied in them. The constraining power of love must be in the preacher as a projecting, eccentric and all-commanding, self-oblivious force. The energy of self-denial must be their being, their heart and blood and bones. They must go forth as a man or woman among men or women, clothed with humility, abiding in meekness, wise as a serpent, harmless as a dove; the bonds of a servant with the spirit of a King, a King in high, royal, independent bearing, with the simplicity and sweetness of a child.

The preacher must throw themselves, with all the abandon of a perfect, self-emptying faith and a self-consuming zeal, into their work for the salvation of men. Hearty, heroic, compassionate, fearless martyrs must those be who take hold of and shape a generation for God. If they be timid time-servers, place-seekers, if they be "men-pleasers" or men-fearers, if their faith has a weak hold on God and His Word, if their denial be broken by "any" phase of self or the world, they cannot take hold of the church nor the world for God!

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

August 11th

* Not only do we have power to use the Name of Jesus to cast out demons, or to heal the sick, but that Name gives us access to the Father, and is the absolute guarantee of answered prayer.

....*"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*

....*"[For I {Paul} always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,*

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

August 12th

* Jesus, the man at the right hand of God, who loved me and died for me, now ever lives for me! He was God's answer to the universal cry of humanity. He talked like God. He acted like God. He lived like God, and on the Cross He died like God. He was not a philosopher searching for the truth. He was the Truth. He was not a mystic. He was not an "experimenter" searching for reality. He was and is Reality! He was not a reformer. He was the Recreator. He was not a visionary. He was the light of the world. He never reflected. He never reasoned. He knew. He never asked prayers for himself. He never sought the help of man. He was never in a hurry. He was never afraid. He never showed weakness. He never hesitated. He was always ready. He was sure. There was a sureness in all He did or said. He had no sense of sin or need of forgiveness. He never sought or needed advice. He knew why He came. He knew from where He came. He knew who He was. He knew the Father. He knew about Heaven. He knew where He was going. He knew man. He knew Satan. He had no sense of lack. He had no sense of limitations.

From the arrest to the Cross He had no sense of fear. He had no anger, no sense of disappointment, no sense of being defeated or being forsaken. He had no sense of need of human sympathy. He did not shrink from pain or brutal treatment. He was Master when they arrested Him. He was the Master at the trial. He ruled the seen and the unseen while He was on the Cross. He was Almighty, yet a man. He died as God. After the resurrection He had no sense or revenge. He was love. He was a revelation of a new kind of love. There were no dramatics. He died a Lamb. He arose as Lord. He acted like God. He spoke like God. His resurrection had all the simplicity of God. He was and is God!

...."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

...."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

August 13th

* *...."Every one therefore which heareth these words of Mine, and doeth them, shall be likened unto a wise man which built his house upon the rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon the rock. And every one that heareth these words of Mine and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and smote upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall thereof".... Matthew 7:24-27*

Jesus does not allow His "hearers" to go away and make of His sayings what they will, picking and choosing from them whatever they find "helpful", and testing them to see if they work. He does not give them "free rein" to misuse His Word with their "mercenary" hands ("mercenary" - influenced by a desire for personal gain or reward;), but gives it to them on condition that it retains exclusive power over them. Humanly speaking, we could understand and interpret the Sermon on the Mount in a thousand different ways. Jesus knows only one possibility: simple surrender and obedience, not interpreting it or "applying" it, but doing and obeying it. That is the only way to "hear" His Word. He does not mean that it is to be discussed as an ideal, He really means us to get on with it! The only proper response to the Word which Jesus brings with Him from eternity is simply to do it. Jesus has spoken: His is the word, ours is obedience.

Only in the doing of it does the Word of God retain its honour, might and power among us. Now the storm can rage over the house, but it cannot shatter that union with Him, which His Word has created. There is only one other possibility, that of failing to do it. It is impossible to want to do it and yet not do it. To deal with the Word of God otherwise than by doing it is to live a lie! It is to deny the Sermon on the Mount and to say no to His Word. If we start asking questions, posing problems, and offering interpretations, we are not doing His Word. However "vehemently" we assert our faith, and fundamental recognition of His Word, Jesus still calls it "not-doing". But the Word which we fail to do is no "rock" to build a house on. There can be no union with Jesus for He has never "known"(oida Gr.) us. That is why as soon as the "hurricane"

begins we lose the Word, and find that we have never really truly believed it. The "word" we had was not Christ's, but a word we had "wrested" from Him and made our own by reflecting on it instead of doing it. So our house crashes in ruins, because it is not founded on the "Living Word" of God!

August 14th

* True ministry is God-touched, God-enabled, and God-made. The Spirit of God is on the preacher in anointing power, the fruit of the Spirit is in their heart, the Spirit of God has "vitalized" the man and his word; their preaching gives life, gives life as the spring gives life; gives life as the resurrection gives life; gives ardent life as the summer gives ardent life; gives fruitful life as the autumn gives fruitful life. The life-giving preacher is a man or woman of God, whose heart is ever athirst for God, whose soul is ever following hard after God, whose eye is single to God, and in whom by the power of God's Spirit, the flesh and the world have been crucified and their ministry is like the generous flood of a life-giving river.

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

...."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 15th

* No words are "lifeless", they either speak victory or they speak defeat. They either speak life or its counterfeit death. They either speak blessing or they speak cursing. For death and life are in the power of the tongue!

...."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

August 16th

* The words of Christ were not limited by man's natural laws. They possessed life in themselves; they were infallible, they were unchangeable, they were eternal, they were impregnable, they contained life in themselves! God intended that His words in our mouth become containers of spirit and life. God did not intend that there be any vagueness or thoughtlessness or foolishness or uncertainty or to be without definite aim, in any word we speak.

....*"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*

....*"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 [including oneself]".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB*

August 17th

* All the mighty achievements wrought by men and women of God have been accomplished by faith in the Word of God!

....*"By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going".... Hebrews 11:8 NASB*

August 18th

* My faith is in the living Word, the written Word. It is that Word on my lips that heals the sick, that breaks the power of demons over men; I hold it in my hand. I have it in my heart. I have it on my lips. I live it. It lives in me. The Word is my healing, my strength. It is the bread of life to me. It is the strength, the very ability of God to me. The Word is my confession. The Word is my light and salvation. The Word gives me quietness in the midst of confusion; it gives me victory in the midst of defeat. It gives me joy where desolation once ruled. The Word on my lips becomes the living, life-saving, soul-inspiring voice of God.

....*"But he [Jesus] answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God".... Matthew 4:4 KJV*

August 19th

* The Devil does not sleep, nor is the flesh yet dead apart from a diligent faith and perfect obedience; therefore cease not to prepare yourself for battle, for there are enemies on the right hand and the left who never rest!

....*"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*

....*"For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere. 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 6:12-18 The Amplified Translation

August 20th

* The time has passed wherein the people of God can "pick and choose" from the words which "flow" out of true apostolic and prophetic ministry. For to reject one word of the true apostle or prophet is to reject "all" of their words. But the receiving of God's words through His messengers shall surely cause the "hearer" to "touch" the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart.

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

August 21st

* The Cross of Calvary can only be understood in the light of the "utter ruin" of man in the "Fall", and the extent of the fall of man can only be seen in the light of Calvary. Moreover, the knowledge of sin as it is in the sight of God, can only come to men who are blinded by the Fall,

and darkened in their understanding, by the convicting of the Holy Spirit of God. And the knowledge of the "remedy" in the propitiatory sacrifice of the Son of God on the Cross of Calvary, can only come by the same convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

...."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

August 22nd

* *...."These twelve (apostles), Jesus sent forth, and charged them, saying, "Go not into any way of the Gentiles, and enter not into any city of the Samaritans; but go rather to the lost sheep of Israel".... Matthew 10:5-6.*

All the activity of the disciples is subject to the clear precept of their Lord. They are not left free to choose their own methods or adopt their own conception of their task. Their work is to be "Christ-work", and therefore they are absolutely dependent of the will of God. Happy are they whose service is fixed by such a precept, and who are therefore free from the tyranny of their "own" ideas and calculations.

August 23rd

* Being established, or stabilized, in the Lord is by believing in God and His Word. It is not by following after flesh and blood; but when it comes time for God to "prosper" His people then God puts His words in the mouths of His prophets, and when they speak the words of God and you listen to those words, not only do revelation and understanding come about the way that God desires to bless and prosper you, and not only is His goodness revealed to you, but "power" comes forth to prosper you. When you believe the words of God's true prophets, so shall you prosper!

...."They rose early in the morning and went out to the wilderness of Tekoa; and when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, 'Listen to me, O Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, put your trust in the LORD your God and you will be established. Put your trust in His prophets and succeed".... 2 Chronicles 20:20 NASB

August 24th

* In these last days, the people of God are going to need to hear "strong words" from God through His leaders. For there is going to be a "spirit of negativism" against God, rise up in the world as never before, and the "spirit" can only be countered and crushed by the outpouring of God's power, through His anointed words to His people!

...."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

August 25th

* There is no "possession" of eternal things without action. Believing is acting on the Word. Acting on the Word in a perfect obedience is your "confession". Let it be a fixed fact in your mind that confession is proof of faith. There is no believing that does not climax in confession. It is faith expressing itself. "Mental assent" dares not confess. It wishes to be sure of "results" first, so it always stands on the negative side of the issue. It never wins. It is never a success. Mental assent is the voice of the senses, the mind of the senses, or the mind of the flesh. Faith is from the mind of the spirit - your re-created spirit, "dominating" your reason faculties.

....*"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

....*"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 [obstacle], '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

August 26th

* The men and women who learn the secret of reaching the Throne, getting the ear of God become dangerous to the hosts of darkness. Some have said that prayer is the greatest opportunity ever offered to a man in Christ. If this is true, and it is, then you can understand why there would be "enemies" to stand in the way of a prayer life. You can understand why the Adversary would make it his business to see that the prayer life of an individual, and of a church should be ineffective. A church is only as powerful as the prayer life of its members!

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

August 27th

* The tongue has the capability of defiling and contaminating the entire body. It has the power to contaminate and hinder the flow of God. You will find that long before a person ever sins or falls, that they began to say things and be "loose" with their tongue.

There is only one power that can purify, and one power that can deal death to that power in the tongue and that is the power of the Holy Spirit.

...."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. So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell. For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way".... James 3:2-10 NASB

August 28th

* There is a powerful linkage between our words and what is truly inside us. What comes out of our mouth reveals our true character. The Christian who is constantly criticizing, constantly gossiping, back-biting, speaking words of negativism and fear and doubt and unbelief is revealing what is inside them. Every Christian has the potential to put a curse on themselves!

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

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

August 29th

* I am convinced that the most outstanding enemy of the true prayer life is a lack of knowledge of who we are in Christ, and of what He is in us, what He did for us, and of our standing and legal rights before the Throne of God.

...."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

...."He made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin [to be] sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him".... 2 Corinthians 5:21 NASB

August 30th

* Five specific areas of our lives where God desires to manifest His end-time wave of "divine restoration":

1. restoration of our position of power and authority in Christ;
2. restoration in our minds (thoughts, imaginations, wills);
3. restoration in our families;
4. restoration in our health;
5. restoration in our finances.

August 31st

* We can change the entire course of our life by bringing our tongue under the control of the Holy Spirit!

...."If anyone does not stumble in what he says, this one is a spiritually mature man, able to hold in check also his entire body. Now if, as is the case, we put bridles in the mouths of the horses in order that they may be obeying us, we also guide their entire body. Behold also the ships, though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, are guided by a very small rudder wherever the impulse of the steersman leads him".... James 3:2-4 The Wuest Translation

...."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

Love]".... Galatians 6:2 NASB

September 1st

* No learning can make up for the failure to pray. No earnestness, no diligence, no study, no gifts will supply its lack.

"communication" - the imparting or interchange of thoughts or information *[in this case, love and revelation]* by speech, writing, or signs.

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

September 2nd

* Talking to men for God is a great thing, but talking to God for men is greater still. He will never talk well and with real success to men for God who has not learned well how to talk to God for men!

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

September 3rd

* Do not step down to the level of your circumstances, but lift them to your own high calling in Christ.

....*"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*

September 4th

* No church can long survive the "silencing" of its women! The church which silences women will be found to silence the Holy Spirit. A sect, or sex or race which attempts a monopoly of the Holy Spirit's voice and power, will find that the Holy Spirit will flee far from it. Woman is destined to have a very large share in the preaching of God's messages and bringing souls to Christ.

....*"The Lord gives the command; The women who proclaim the good tidings are a great host"....
Psalm 68:11 NASB*

....*"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*

September 5th

* O, what power has the pure love of Jesus, unmixed with any selfish gain or love! Should they not all be called "mercenary" who are always seeking consolations? Are they not rather proved lovers of themselves than of Christ, who are always thinking of their own advantages and gain? Where shall be found one who is willing to serve God for nothing?

...."but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.... For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake".... 2 Corinthians 4:2, 5 NASB

September 6th

* No one is richer, no one more potent, no one more blessed, than the one who knows how to abandon self and reckon themselves the lowliest.

...."Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous--with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the poor in spirit (the humble, who rate themselves insignificant), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!"....

September 7th

* The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.

...."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. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things".... Philippians 4:6-8 NASB

September 8th

* We are entering into the greatest time of spiritual destiny the Church has ever known! We are headed for a "final showdown"! Simultaneously, as the power of the Holy Spirit is being poured out upon the Body of Christ, Satan will be intensifying his attacks and with great fury will be pouring out his wrath through his demon principalities. These two spiritual forces - God's power and the "power" of Satan (soul power) are both intensifying and coming to a great climax where God is going to totally crush Satan and his "kingdom" and "eventually" remove every trace

of evil from this earth.

....*"For in Him [the Word of God] the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature]. And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power]. In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, but in a [spiritual] circumcision [performed by] Christ by stripping off the body of the flesh (the whole corrupt, carnal nature with its passions and lusts). [Thus you were circumcised when] you were buried with Him in [your] baptism, in which you were also raised with Him [to a new life] through [your] faith in the working of God [as displayed] when He raised Him up from the dead. And you who were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh (your sensuality, your sinful carnal nature), [God] brought to life together with [Christ], having [freely] forgiven us all our transgressions, Having cancelled and blotted out and wiped away the handwriting of the note (bond) with its legal decrees and demands which was in force and stood against us (hostile to us). This [note with its regulations, decrees, and demands] He set aside and cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to [His] cross. [God] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it [the cross]".... Colossians 2:9-15 The Amplified Translation*

September 9th

* We must shake ourselves out of our spiritual sleep and apathy, and rise up in these closing hours of time with a new sense of purpose, a new sense of urgency and a new spiritual determination and consecration, to fulfill all that God has planned to do through us.

.....*"wake up the mighty men".... Joel 3:9 KJV*

....*"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision".... Joel 3:14 NASB*

....*"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*

September 10th

* Those Christians who call Jesus "Lord" but fail or neglect to live according to the Word of God, and who fail to do His will, are "hypocrites"!

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

September 11th

* A spirit of true holiness, righteousness and consecration of a new level is coming to the Body of Christ to prepare us for Christ's coming. There will be no more compromise or hypocrisy. "Emotionalism" will be replaced by serious dedication!

....*"The LORD roars from Zion and utters His voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth tremble. But the LORD is a refuge for His people And a stronghold to the sons of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. So Jerusalem will be holy, and strangers will pass through it no more"*.... Joel 3:16-17 NASB

September 12th

* In this great end-time outpouring of the Holy Spirit, members of the Body of Christ shall experience a new boldness and fearlessness to confront the Enemy. They will not shrink back in fear but will stand up to the powers of the Enemy in direct confrontation! As the Body of Christ rises up in this "new-found" authority to preach the Word in a demonstration of the miracle power of God...on the job...at home...at school...in the market place...one on one... house to house...the identity of the demon powers shall be revealed. The demon powers and principalities stationed over our cities, over our governments shall be made known to us by the Holy Spirit, so that we will be able to confront them directly and break their strongholds.

....*"the righteous are bold as a lion [in both word and deed]"*.... Proverbs 28:1b NASB

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

....*"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}*.... Ephesians 6:11-14 KJV

September 13th

* In the coming wave of "true unity" the Body of Christ shall have a fresh revelation of Christ in all His glory; we shall receive a spiritual breakthrough which shall cause us to have a clear understanding of what the Body of Christ is; the Holy Spirit shall bind us together in a "new bond" of God's love; the Body of Christ shall enter into a new relationship where we are walking in a close Covenant-relationship with one another; the Holy Spirit shall break down the "barriers" of selfishness, suspicion, jealousy, competitiveness and pride that are hindering the Body Christ from functioning together in unity; members of the Body of Christ shall recognize the sacred relationship and bond as part of the Body of Christ and shall give preeminence to that relationship above the "natural relationships" of flesh and blood; members of the Body of Christ shall be molded into one Body where they are functioning together in the unity God intended, which will result in a "full manifestation" of Christ in all His fulness!

...."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 [love, truth, revelation, righteousness] forever".... Psalms 133:1-3 NASB

September 14th

* The "true unity" that is coming to the Body of Christ is not on the "surface". It is not an outward manifestation of various denominations and church "organizations" united together, adhering to certain rules and coming into agreement on various "doctrines and methods" of worship. The unity God has planned for us to experience is not a man-made unity. It is a "spiritual unity" - or unity in the spirit by the power of the Holy Spirit!

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

September 15th

* In God's eyes there are not hundreds of different churches separated by "denominations" there is only "one" Body!

The church, up until this time, has been disjointed. We have become separated by denominational barriers and church doctrines. Each denomination is functioning individually as a separate organism with its own set of goals, needs, problems. Each denomination's major concern is its "own" progress and welfare. Within the denomination itself, there are major conflicts and factions dividing it. At the local level, we see the same principle repeated. Most local churches are so totally engrossed in their own efforts, problems, and ministering to the "needs" within their

own church body, that they very seldom consider how they are "fitting together" with other members of the Body of Christ. Within the churches, smaller groups or factions are operating which are more concerned with doing things their way than they are of keeping unity within the "Church" through a perfect obedience to the Word, and voice of the Holy Spirit.

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

September 16th

* God is calling us to separate ourselves from the "apostate church" and the world. He is separating the chaff from the wheat. As this separation takes place, an end-time "holy remnant" shall emerge as the true Body of Christ.

...."Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name. 'They will be Mine,' says the LORD of hosts, on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him. So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him. For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. You will tread down [devastate] the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing,' says the LORD of hosts".... Malachi 3:16-4:3 NASB

September 17th

* The prerequisite to one giving themselves "completely" to another in service is to first give oneself "wholly up unto God!

....*"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 18th

* The Church of Jesus Christ is not a building. It is not a lot of individual churches and denominations who are separated and divided by "man-made" doctrines and teachings. The Church is not an organization that an individual joins by simply coming before a local church body and agreeing to adhere to its doctrinal teachings and "rules". The Church is the literal Body of Christ, where the fulness of Christ dwells! We are His Body! We are not a product of man's organization. Members of this "sacred body" have been born again by the Spirit of God and have been made part of His Living Body. We have not joined an "organization". We have been "birthed" into His Divine Body, connected to the Head, who is Christ!

....*"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 19th

* As part of this end-time outpouring of His Spirit, God is sending a wave of "wisdom and discernment" upon the Body of Christ! We shall experience a manifestation of Wisdom, wherein our minds shall be anointed and we shall know the absolute and perfect Will of God. It shall not be a manifestation of man's natural wisdom and understanding, but an impartation of God's Divine wisdom. When these words of Wisdom are spoken, people shall know that it is the voice of God.

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

....*"My son, if you will receive my words and treasure my commandments within you, make your ear attentive to wisdom, incline your heart to understanding; For if you cry for discernment, lift your voice for understanding; If you seek her as silver and search for her as for hidden treasures; THEN you will discern the fear of the LORD and discover the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He stores up*

sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice, and He preserves the way of His godly ones. Then you will discern righteousness and justice And equity and every good course. For wisdom will enter your heart And knowledge will be pleasant to your soul".... Proverbs 2:1-10 NASB

September 20th

* Man, who was created in God's image, was pure, holy and without sin. His spirit, soul and body were in perfect harmony with God. He was filled with the knowledge and wisdom of God. He possessed the ability to rule over every aspect of his mind; his thoughts, imaginations, emotions and will. He was full of God's love and enjoyed intimate communion and fellowship with God. God came down and walked and talked with "them". Man was a perfect creation of God. He was perfectly whole in every way - spirit, soul and body. He had no physical defects, disabilities or limitations. There was no pain, sickness or death. God intended for man to live forever.

When Adam and Eve yielded their wills to Satan and rebelled against God, they ceased to be a representation of the glorious image of God: Man lost his sinless perfection! Man lost his intimate fellowship and communion with God! Man lost his spiritual position wherein his spirit, soul and body were in perfect harmony with the will of God! Man lost his ability to rule over his mind - to control his thoughts, imaginations, emotions and will! Man lost his position of absolute power and authority in the earth! The ground was "cursed"! Sin, sickness and death came upon the earth! From his exalted position of power, authority and dominion as a representation of God, man became a slave. He no longer had the ability to rule over himself - he was now ruled by Satan! Satan gained power over man's mind, thoughts, imaginations and will. Man's relationship with God was severed. In his sinful condition, he no longer had the freedom or privilege of coming into God's presence.

Jesus, who was and is the express image - the "visible" representation and manifestation of God - defeated Satan! He destroyed the works of Satan! He broke the power of sin, sickness and death! He restored and elevated man to an even greater position than Adam had before the Fall! He has removed our sins from us and has restored us into close fellowship and communion with God. The Father, and elevated us to the position of "joint-heirs" with Him! He has restored our ability to rule over our spirits and minds - to control our thoughts, imaginations and wills! He has restored us to total wholeness wherein it is possible for every aspect of our beings - spirit, soul and body - to be brought into complete harmony with the will of God! He has restored us to a position of power, authority and dominion over the earth!

...."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

September 21st

* In the coming worldwide "financial crisis", God's Hand of supernatural provision shall be seen upon His people. And in the midst of this financial crisis the world shall see God's strong arm of provision for His people.

....*"How great is the goodness you have stored up for those who fear [reverence] you. You lavish it on those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world"....*
Psalm 31:19

....*"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 [has trusted] in You!"....* Psalms 84:11-12 NASB

September 22nd

* It is time that we purposed ourselves before God to not sin with our tongue!

....*"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*

....*"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

September 23rd

* Let the Deceiver persuade a man that in his own nature dwelleth some "good thing", and he beguiles him to retain some part of the old fallen creation wherein his evil spirits can find their "workshop".

....*"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

September 24th

* The extent of the apprehension of the depth and utter ruin of the First Adam nature caused

by the Fall, determines the extent of the "experiential" knowledge of the New Birth, and the imparted life of Christ. It determines also the extent to which the new life in Christ can be brought to full growth in the believer, for just so far as that one clings to one supposed "good thing" in them, so far the power of the Cross is nullified in their life; and so far the growth of the new life unto the fulness of salvation is hindered in them.

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

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

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

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

September 25th

* Why do you fear to take up the Cross, through which is the road to the Kingdom? In the Cross is salvation, in the Cross life, in the Cross protection from our foes; in the Cross is the inflow of Heaven's sweetness, in the Cross strength of mind, in the Cross joy of the spirit; in the Cross is the height of virtue, in the Cross perfection of holiness. There is no salvation for the soul, nor hope of eternal life (zoe), save in the Cross. For if you have died with Him equally too, you shall live with Him; and if you have been a partner in His suffering, you will be a partaker of His glory too.

...."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

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

September 26th

* The holiness of God is the consummate perfection, purity, and absolute sanctity of His nature. Hence we recognize that God is entirely separate from all that is evil and all that defiles, both in himself and in relation to all His creatures. There is absolutely nothing unholy in Him at all; consequently there is nothing within Him that can be sympathetic with defilement and sin!

....*"You, therefore, must be perfect [growing into complete maturity of godliness in mind and character, having reached the proper height of virtue and integrity], as your heavenly Father is perfect".... Matthew 5:48 The Amplified Translation*

....*"Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, 'I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate, says the Lord. 'and do not touch what is unclean; And I will welcome you. And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me', says the Lord Almighty. Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear [reverence] of God".... 2*

Corinthians 6:14-7:1 NASB

September 27th

* This matter of being holy, is far more than a deep, religious "feeling". It radically affects our lifestyle. It is concerned with our attitudes, actions, associations, adorations, thoughts, love, and obedience level. Holiness is a governing principle of life to be manifested in every area of life as displayed inwardly and outwardly towards God, ourselves, or others.

....*"[Live] as children of obedience [to God]; do not conform yourselves to the evil desires [that governed you] in your former ignorance [when you did not know the requirements of the Gospel]. But as the One Who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all your conduct and manner of living. For it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy".... 1 Peter 1:14-16 The Amplified Translation*

September 28th

* In the measure that we know more of the love of God, we also know more of the fear of God; one involves the other and regulates the other; there is no contradiction!

....*"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*

....*"Who is the man who fears [reverences] the LORD? He will instruct him in the way he*

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

September 29th

* As I have gone from place to place laboring in revivals, I have always found that churches were blessed in proportion to their "liberality". Where they have manifested a disposition to support the Gospel, and to pour out their substance liberally into the treasury of the Lord, they have been blessed both in spiritual and in temporal things. But where they have been "parsimonious" and let the minister preach for them for little or nothing, these churches have been cursed instead of blessed.

...."Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure - pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return".... Luke 6:38 NASB

...."Now this [I say,] he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one [must do] just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.... Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality".... 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 NASB

September 30th

* It will always be true that the wisest course for the disciple is always to abide solely by the Word of God in all simplicity.

...."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

October 1st

* Nothing could be more ruthless than to make men think there is still plenty of time to mend their ways. To tell men that the cause is urgent, and the Kingdom of God is at hand is the most charitable and merciful act we can perform, the most joyous news we can bring.

...."Now after John was arrested and put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the good news (the Gospel) of the kingdom of God, And saying, The [appointed period of] time is

fulfilled (completed), and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent (have a change of mind which issues in regret for past sins and in change of conduct for the better) and believe (trust in, rely on, and adhere to) the good news (the Gospel)".... Mark 1:14-15 The Amplified Translation

October 2nd

* It is not in the nature of man to bear the Cross, to love the Cross, to buffet the body and bring it into servitude, to bear insults willingly, to despise oneself and desire to be despised; to bear any adversities and losses, and to long for no "prosperity" which is of the world. If you look to yourself, you will not be able of yourself to do any of this; but if you trust in the Lord, strength will be given you from Heaven, and the world and flesh shall be subjected to your sway. You shall not even fear your enemy, the Devil, if you have been armed by faith and marked by the Cross of Christ.

...."For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void. 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 1:17-18 NASB

October 3rd

* God's call to the Kingdom is sounding out to all the earth to day, and the faithful ones are coming out to a life of perfect obedience and separation.

...."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

October 4th

* God's calling is for the purpose of forming a Church - a body of people, called to repentance, to love Him, to be justified and glorified, to be holy, to be saints, and to be conformed to the image of Christ. It is a Heavenly calling, a holy calling, a high calling to God's eternal prize, a calling to share His victory at "Armageddon", a calling to the "Marriage-Supper", a call to holiness and to the Kingdom.

*...."Then he *said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he *said to me, "These are true words of God." Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he *said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." 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 19:9-16 NASB

October 5th

* It may be put down as a spiritual axiom, that in every truly successful ministry, prayer is an evident and controlling force!

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

October 6th

* Time is "irrelevant" in the "eternal" work of God's Kingdom. The only thing that one need consider as being "relevant" is abiding in the Word of God unto a perfect obedience!

"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*];

...."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

...."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

October 7th

* If one does not have a clear revelation of the Father's love for them then they shall always, in some way, continue to seek the praises and approval of "flesh and blood".

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

October 8th

* In any given moment the children of God are either aligned with, and in perfect agreement with, the Word of God or aligned with the lies of Satan!

...."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

.... *"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 9th

* In a very real way, holiness [*righteousness*] is a Divine energy that is completely destructive to all that is unholy [*unrighteous*]. It is similar to light (another descriptive aspect of God's essential nature) which, whenever the two meet, cannot help but destroy darkness.

.... *"This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God"....* John 3:19-21 NASB

October 10th

* True worship is the overflow of a grateful heart, under a sense of Divine favor.

.... *"A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true [genuine] worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth [reality]; for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers. **God is a Spirit** [a spiritual Being] and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth [reality]"....* John 4:23-24 The Amplified Translation

.... *'The secret [of the sweet, satisfying companionship] of the Lord have they who fear (revere and worship) Him, and He will show them His covenant and reveal to them its [deep, inner] meaning. [John 7:17; 15:15.]"....* Psalms 25:14 The Amplified Translation

October 11th

* The Cross is not only the answer to the Fall, but in its message and acceptance individually, it is the "power of God" to destroy the "wisdom of the wise", that is, the fallen wisdom of the natural man, which is "foolishness with God". Man's fallen "wisdom" is destroyed by the Word of the Cross, when he submits to the wisdom of the Creator, and humbly accepts salvation and redemption through that Cross.

The "word of the Cross" to them that are perishing is "foolishness" to the wisdom of man; but the "foolishness of God", in what man calls the "folly" of salvation through the death of another on a cross, is "wider than man", for through the very message of the Cross, the Creator destroys the fallen wisdom which keeps men from the true wisdom of God.

....*"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. For it is written, "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe".... 1 Corinthians 1:18-21 NASB*

October 12th

* In Biblical use the words "examine, try, test, prove" contain the technical idea of putting something to a test to determine if it is genuine or counterfeit. That which endures the test is genuine, and that which fails the test is counterfeit. In some cases where men and women are spoken of as having been tried, it does not mean merely that they have been tested but that they have victoriously passed the test and continue to do so.

....*"He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. They afflicted his feet with fetters, he himself was laid in irons; Until the time that his word [destiny] came to pass, the word [vision] of the LORD tested him. The king sent and released him, the ruler of peoples, and set him free. He made him lord of his house and ruler over all his possessions".... Psalms 105:17-21 NASB*

October 13th

* Blessed is the soul which hears the Lord speaking within, and receives the word of consolation from His lips. Blessed are the ears which pick up the "rills" of God's whisper, and pay no attention to the whisperings of this world. Blessed are the ears which listen, not to the voice which sounds abroad, but the one which teaches truth within. Blessed are the eyes closed to things without, but "fixed" on those within. Blessed are they who go deep within, and work hard to prepare themselves more and more by daily disciplines to receive the "secrets" of Heaven. Blessed are they who continually seek God, and shake themselves free from every hindrance of the world. Give your attention to this my soul, and close the doors of your carnal nature, that you may be able to hear what the Lord your God says within you!

"rill" - a small rivulet or brook.

....*"Blessed [happy, enviably fortunate, and spiritually prosperous - possessing the happiness produced by the experience of God's favor and especially conditioned by the revelation of His grace, regardless of their outward conditions] are the pure in heart, for they shall see [both know and understand] God! [Ps. 24:3-6]".... Matthew 5:8 The Amplified Translation*

October 14th

* In order to "touch" the spirit of other brethren, one has to deal strictly with *[discipline]*

themselves first!

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

October 15th

* Heart and mind determine the "actions" of the words that are coming out of our mouths. Blessing or cursing, power or weakness, faith or unbelief, victory or defeat, abundance or lack, for life and death are in the "power" of the tongue!

....*"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*

October 16th

* We cannot rid ourselves of doubt and unbelief until we give the Holy Spirit control over our tongue.

....*"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. So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell. For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way".... James 3:2-10 NASB*

October 17th

* The short prevailing prayer cannot be prayed by one who has not prevailed with God in a mightier struggle of long continuance.

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

October 18th

* Those who are still afraid of men have no fear of God, and those who have fear of God

have ceased to be afraid of men!

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

October 19th

* The Throne Room of God is as close as the hearts of His children desire it to be!

...."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

October 20th

* As Jesus was the express image of the Father, so you and I are supposed to be the express image of Jesus Christ. The very same anointing that anointed Jesus Christ of Nazareth two thousand years ago is the same Holy Spirit and the same anointing that anoints you and I today!

...."the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked".... 1 John 2:6 NASB

October 21st

* God's end-time people are going to speak forth words that God places in their hearts and in their mouths! The Word of God is going to come forth with such power that it will literally destroy the work of the Enemy and free captives that are being held in the clutches of Satanic oppression.

...."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

...."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

October 22nd

* This is the awful and true meaning of the Fall - the fallen flesh taken possession of by the powers of evil. In Calvary alone is the antidote or remedy. Fallen creation thus poisoned was crucified on the Cross in the person of the Saviour, so that every man might have the option of leaving the "old race" of the First Adam, to begin again, "in Christ" as a New Creation.

.... *"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*

October 23rd

* We would not have any think that the value of their prayers is to be measured by the clock, but our purpose is to impress on our minds the necessity of being much alone with God; and that if this feature has not been produced by our faith, then our faith is of a feeble and surface type. The men and women who have most fully illustrated Christ in their character, and have most powerfully affected the world for Him, have been men and women who spent so much time with God as to make it "the" notable feature of their lives.

.... *"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*

.... *"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*

October 24th

* The Cross is God's weapon to deal with the old creation; to destroy the fallen wisdom which set itself up against the wisdom of God, to bring to nought Satan, and eventually destroy death itself. Through that Cross, when the full results of the redemptive scheme will reach their full fruition, there shall come about, a "new Heaven", cleansed from every trace of revolt of the "fallen angels"; and a "new earth" freed from every mark of the curse of the Fall!

Far, far on beyond the Millennial Age the fruit of Christ's lonely death on the Cross will have its full out-working, when He shall deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father, and when He shall have abolished all rule and authority, and power. The revolting Archangel Satan, will then finally be cast into the Lake of Fire, "prepared for the Devil and his angels" (demons). At Calvary the prince of this world was judged, and all his evil works were brought to nought "potentially", but age after age passes on ere that Calvary judgement reaches its full outworking.

Stage by stage the Devil is driven down from the air; bound in the Abyss, and on, far on, into the Lake of Fire. For the conqueror of Calvary "must reign till He has put all His enemies under His feet". The last enemy that shall be abolished is death. By the Cross the one who has the power of death is brought to nought and finally death itself abolished. And when the work has been done, and the last trace of Satan's handiwork in the heavens and in the earth is finally

removed, then, shall God be "all in all".

....*"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*

....*"And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever".... Revelation 20:10 NASB*

October 25th

* What one "believes" in their heart is based on what thoughts they habitually "take".

....*"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 26th

* The Word of God goes beyond all the learning of the philosophers and "wise men" of this world. The words of God are spirit and life, and are not to be weighed by human understanding. They are not to be subjected to empty approbation, but heard, in silence, and to be taken up with all humility and great love.

....*"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".... Colossians 2:6-10 NASB*

....*"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 27th

*"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry".... [1 Samuel 15:23].

Up until this time, these two "spirits" have been running rampant and have been prevalent in the midst of God's people, and have been the cause of much of the hindering of the power of God from flowing through congregations today because people have gotten "stubborn" and people have gotten "rebellious" against the "Structure" and the discipline and the accountability and the responsibility that they have to Almighty God, and to those that God has put in authority over them! They do not want authority!

They had better be careful! Do not dare to touch God's anointed and you had better understand clearly that "many are called but few are chosen"! God has set in His Church apostles, prophets, pastors, evangelists and teachers for a purpose: to tell you what He would have you do; to tell you how He would have you act; to enlighten you as to the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart. Guard your tongue beloved!

...."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

...."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

October 28th

* We must learn to walk continually with our hearts open before God in order that when God sends to us His anointed servants we might receive "all" that God speaks through them for our edification. For if we allow ourselves in any way to be influenced by a "spirit of unbelief" we shall, in our foolishness, "find" something "amiss", even though it is an exact word of God, and thus nourish the "seeds" of unbelief. Truly I say to you, to "hold part back" in this way will only serve to cause one to be deceived and thus reject in some way that which is "anointed" of God!

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

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

October 29th

* As we fellowship with the Word, live in it, and let the Word abide in us, we get to know the perfect will of the Father. The one who lives and walks in Christ will "never" pray outside of God's will for their lives!

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

...."Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight".... 1 John 3:21-22 NASB

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

October 30th

* Obedience in "finances" is inseparably linked to a heart "wholly given" to the Father and His Word

...."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

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

October 31st

* The one who "receives" a prophet and knows what they are doing will "participate" in the prophet's cause, their gift, and their reward!

...."He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward".... Matthew 10:41 NASB

November 1st

* If I am filled with the Holy Spirit the same things that grieve the Holy Spirit will grieve my spirit.

....*"Let NO unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but ONLY such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give [impart] grace to those who hear. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let ALL bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with ALL malice".... Ephesians 4:29-31 NASB*

November 2nd

* Prayer is so simple. It is like quietly opening a door and slipping into the very presence of God. There, in the stillness, to listen to His voice, perhaps in petition or only to listen. It matters not. Just to be there in His Presence is prayer.

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

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

November 3rd

* The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed.

....*"And He [Jesus] said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. "These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover".... Mark 16:15-18 NASB*

November 4th

* Obedience is obedience, and anything less than obedience is disobedience. Some will say, "But, Lord, I've tried." And God answers, "I didn't tell you to try. I told you to do it." You may say, "Lord, I sense what You are telling me to do, but You just need to know I'm having trouble with that." He will answer, "What You are saying, My child, is that you really don't love and trust Me. If you believe correctly, you will respond correctly—in unquestioned obedience.

"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]*;

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

....*"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*

November 5th

* Faith is the spark that ignites the impossible and causes it to become possible.

....*"If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth [is found believing]".... Mark 9:23 KJV*

November 6th

* Doctrinalized, Denominationalized, Demonized, and categorically Divisionalized we have become anything but UNIFIED. If division is our enemy, we MUST recognize our greatest friend – a call to unity, to act together AS ONE!

....*"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst".... Matthew 18:20 NASB*

....*"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 [love, truth, revelation, righteousness] forever".... Psalms 133:1-3 NASB*

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

"concur" - to agree; be of the same mind *[in this case the Mind of Christ]*; be in one accord;

November 7th

* You never rise above your confession *[declaration, proclamation]* of God's Word. If you, contrary to God's Word, always confess your failings, weakness, your lack of ability, your

failings, your weakness and lack of ability will "rule" you. If you say I can do all things in Christ, who strengthens me, you will rise to the level of it. You never enjoy anything beyond your "confession". Your faith is never stronger than your confession.

....*"Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus [the Word of God], the Apostle and High Priest of our confession".... Hebrews 3:1 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*

....*"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 [obstacle], '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*

November 8th

* As you continue on abiding in the Word of God, men and women will come to you for prayer. They have not learned the "secret". They do not have any active faith of their own. But they have faith in your faith, because you have learned the secret of confessing [*declaring*] to be what God says you are [*in Christ*]!

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

....*"Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before [trust in] God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight".... 1 John 3:21-22 NASB*

November 9th

* The "false" [*unfaithful*] believer endures for a time; the true one endures to the end. The

faith of the false is temporary; the faith of the genuine is Eternal.

....*"Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith".... Habakkuk 2:4 NASB*

....*"It shall be done to you according to your faith".... Matthew 9:29 NASB*

....*"I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?".... Luke 18:8 NASB*

....*"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*

November 10th

* God's promise fails no one, nor sends empty away one who trusts in Him. What God has promised, God will give; what God has said, He will fulfill, if only one will remain faithful in their obedience to the end. He is a rewarder of all good men, and the strong examiner of all devout men!

....*"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*

....*"But we do [strongly and earnestly] desire for each of you to show the same diligence and sincerity [all the way through] in realizing and enjoying the full assurance and development of [your] hope until the end, In order that you may not grow disinterested and become [spiritual] sluggards, but imitators, behaving as do those who through faith [by their leaning of the entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness] and by practice of patient endurance and waiting are [now] inheriting the promises".... Hebrews 6:11-12 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*

November 11th

* We must saturate our hearts with the words of God, and consider them diligently; for they will be most needful to us in time of temptation and trial. What we may not understand as we read, we shall surely know on the day when "need" arises.

....*"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 men and women who have done the most for God in this world have been early on their knees. The one who "fritters away" the early morning, its opportunity and freshness, in other pursuits than seeking God will make poor headway seeking Him the rest of the day. If God is not first in our thoughts and efforts in the morning, He will be in the last place the remainder of the day.

...."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

November 13th

* The "many" do not seek God with ardour and diligence. No man gets the fulness of God who does not follow "hard" after Him, and no soul follows hard after God who is not after Him in early morn.

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

November 14th

* If all the power of Rome could not prevent the birth, and hinder the revelation, of Jesus, certainly there is no political or ideological power on earth today with sufficient strength to even slow down God's program of purifying unto Himself a people who can be presented to His Son as a Bride and to this earth as the very Body of Christ!

...."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

November 15th

* The essential natures of "flesh" and "spirit" are so radically opposed one to the other, that "flesh" must fight against "spirit", and the spirit of a man against the flesh, because they are "eternally contrary" the one to the other. Between the spirit and the flesh there is not only no alliance; there is an interminable "deadly feud".

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

....*"It is the Spirit who gives life; **the flesh profits nothing**; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life"..... John 6:63 NASB*

....*"For 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*

November 16th

* Sense-knowledge "faith" is one of the most dangerous enemies and one of the most deep-seated errors in the modern church. The sense-knowledge "believer" knows very little of the Pauline revelation. They live in the realm of the senses. They are oft-times suspicious of the one who walks in and by the Holy Spirit.

"sense knowledge" - that which is perceived by what one feels, hears, sees or thinks based on their outward circumstances;

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

....*"we consider and look [speak] 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*

November 17th

* The divinest thing in "true religion" is holy men and women. No amount of money, genius, or culture can move things for God. Holiness energizes the soul, the whole man becomes aflame with love, with desire for more faithfulness, more prayer, more zeal. more consecration - this is the secret of "power". These we need and must have, and men must be the "incarnation" of this God-inflamed devotedness. We must allow nothing earthly, worldly, selfish, to come in to abate in the least the intensity of this all-impelling and all-consuming force and flame of God's love shed abroad in our heart.

....*"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*

November 18th

* I know that God has spoken it to my heart, and I can bring the testimony of many, many

people who declare that God has equally quickened to them that there is a move of God in the wings just awaiting its cue before coming to center stage. God has told me that it would begin in North America and Australia almost simultaneously and work together and spread across the world in a very "rapid" fashion. He told me that the nature of the move would be a fresh revelation of "God, the Father". In the Pentecostal revival there was an unusual revelation of Jesus, and in the Charismatic revival we experienced a supplementary revelation of the Holy Spirit, but our generation has not had a wholesome unveiling of the Fatherhood of God. As a natural outgrowth of this unique presentation of God the Father, worship shall spring forth, for throughout the Scriptures, every person who came into an "acute awareness" of God immediately worshipped Him. Since, as we have learned, worship is a response to a person, it will require such a revelation of God the Father in order to produce "world-wide" worship and unity in the Church; revival is closer than we may think. True worship shall be the theme of that revival, and already some segments of God's Church have entered into this glorious experience!

...."[The Father] has delivered [past tense] and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us [past tense] into the kingdom of the Son of His love".... Colossians 1:13 The Amplified Translation

*...."A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true [genuine] worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth [reality]; for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers. **God is a Spirit** [a spiritual Being] and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth [reality]".... John 4:23-24 The Amplified Translation*

November 19th

* The rule (law) of scriptural interpretation is to interpret scripture with scripture not some man's idea or experience.

*...."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*

...."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

November 20th

* It is time for the power of God to be turned up and it cannot and will not be turned up in the lives of those who will not walk in love. To stand the power of God in this last hour our hearts are going to have to be pure!

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

November 21st

* Nowhere in the Old Testament does the Word of God command women to keep silent! Pharisees taught that there was an "oral law" as well as a written law and there were "hundreds" of rules in this oral law. Religious leaders in Israel went by the oral law as much or more than the written law and while the "religious leaders" of Jesus' day were in this state He rebuked them saying, "You teach the traditions of men as though they were the doctrines of God!"

Some quotes from the oral law:

"Out of respect to the congregation a woman should not herself read the law;"

"It is a shame for a woman to let her voice be heard among men;"

"The voice of a woman is filthy nakedness;"

"Let the words of the law be burned rather than committed to a woman;"

....*"Then some Pharisees and scribes *came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, "Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." And He answered and said to them, "Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? "For God said, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,' and, 'HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH.' "But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever I have that would help you has been given to God," he is not to honor his father or his mother.' And by this you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition. "You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you: 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'" After Jesus called the crowd to Him, He said to them, "Hear and understand. "It is not what enters into the mouth that defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man." Then the disciples *came and *said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?" But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant shall be uprooted. "Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit" Matthew 15:1-14 NASB*

November 22nd

* We are not talking of Eternity as a concept, we are talking about it as such an awesome and abiding thing that to "internalize" it and take it in and to move and have your being in the knowledge of it, is to make your "afflictions" momentary and light.

....*"we do not become discouraged (utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear). Though our outer man is [progressively] decaying and wasting away, yet our inner self is*

being [progressively] renewed day after day. For our light, momentary affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour) is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!], Since we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting".... 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 The Amplified Translation

November 23rd

* God creates everything by speaking words and when He spoke what man was to be in Genesis 1:26, man became that because God spoke it. When Adam turned from that word he was no longer in accordance with what God said he was.

*...."Then **God said**, "Let there be light"; and there was light".... Genesis 1:3 NASB*

*...."Then **God said**, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them".... Genesis 1:26-27 NASB*

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

November 24th

* The world wants to define the Church and thereby "limit" it; but there is something which needs to be permeated; there is an "eternity" which needs to be brought into time, a sacred into the secular and a holy into the profane.

I refuse to accept the world on its premises, on its terms, on its unspoken and unchallenged assumption that there is the "sacred" and the "secular"; that you are not supposed to touch this, it is saved for "Sunday". My God desires to permeate all the earth, its institutions, its "culture", its values, its so-called truths. He desires to bring His servants to "Mars Hill" because there is an eternity at stake and it His Will that "not one soul should perish"!

...."Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was observing the city full of idols. So he was reasoning in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and in the market place every day with those who happened to be present. And also some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers were conversing with him. Some were saying, "What would this idle babbler wish to say?" Others, "He seems to be a proclaimer of strange deities,"--because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus [[Mars Hill](#)], saying, "May we know what this new

teaching is which you are proclaiming? "For you are bringing some strange things to our ears; so we want to know what these things mean." (Now all the Athenians and the strangers visiting there used to spend their time in nothing other than telling or hearing something new.) So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus [*Mars Hill*] and said, "Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects. "For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.' "Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man. "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead." Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer, but others said, "We shall hear you again concerning this." So Paul went out of their midst".... Acts 17:16-33 NASB

November 25th

*"And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly: and may your spirit (pneuma) and soul (psuche) and body (soma) be preserved entire without blame"....(1 Thessalonians 5:23)

The being "preserved blameless", or "entire" follows the being "sanctified wholly".

One, as regards the spirit: the Triune God, who is spirit, taking up His abode in the shrine of the spirit of the man, who is first quickened in spirit by the Holy Spirit through the redemptive work of the Son.

Two, as regards the soul: the Triune God dwelling in the spirit manifesting Himself through the vessel of the soul or personality of the man, in

- (a) a will wholly one with the Will of God;
- (b) an intellect renewed and illuminated by the Holy Spirit;
- (c) emotions under the complete control and usage of the man guided by that same Spirit.

Three, as regards the body: the Triune God abiding in the spirit, manifesting Himself through the avenues of the soul, keeping the body under complete mastery, with every member

yielding quick obedience as a "weapon of righteousness", thus making the outer man - the body - verily a sanctuary of the Holy Ghost. This is the "spiritual" believer, grown to the ripeness of maturity; sanctified wholly in spirit, soul, and body and needing to be preserved "entire" and "blameless" - not faultless - by the God of peace dwelling in the central shrine of his being.

....*"But 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*

....*"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you".... Romans 8:11 KJV*

November 26th

* The "natural man" - such kind of man possesses merely what belongs to the soul; he might also be called the "psychological" man. A natural man is "unregenerated". He does not have a regenerated spirit and lacks the "faculties" for knowing or understanding God's Word.

The "carnal man" - such a class does indeed possess God's life, having the Spirit of God in them; but instead of walking after the Spirit, they walk according to the flesh, having the Spirit, but not "touching" the Spirit; having the Spirit, yet not submitting to His authority; having the Spirit, yet not ruled by Him - this is the class of people that is termed the carnal man in the Word of God.

The "spiritual man" - this type of person not only has the Spirit of God within but also lives under the Spirit's power and walks according to the Spirit's voice. The revelation that this class will receive is unlimited. The Word of God states clearly that only the spiritual judges (understands) all things.

....*"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*

November 27th

* It is of the utmost importance for the child of God to learn to walk after the Spirit, lest they fail to co-operate with the Holy Spirit and give opportunity to the deceiving spirits of Satan

to ensnare them with counterfeits of the "true" spirit-life, produced in the realm of the soul which they do not recognize as "spurious". For their object is to draw them to walk "unknowingly" in the soul-sphere again. They need to be able to recognize and deal with the attacks of evil spirits upon their spirit, to hinder fellowship with God; or to press it down "under" the soul, paralyzing its action and causing "passivity" of spirit. Failing this, they will seek to drive their spirit beyond a "sober activity" - the entire object being to prevent or hinder "continuous resistance" to their attacks.

....*"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*

....*"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 28th

* "Apostolic church" - an apostolic church concentrates on the Person and the Work (Will of God) of the Lord Jesus Christ; an apostolic church is governed by the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ; an apostolic church executes the "mission" of the Lord Jesus Christ; an apostolic church believes in and claims the power and authority of the Lord Jesus Christ; an apostolic church carries about the dying of the Lord Jesus.

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

....*"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*

....*"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*

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

sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you".... 2 Corinthians 4:7-12 NASB

November 29th

* Sense-knowledge holds one a prisoner. One is always looking for physical evidence, and as long as one does that, "faith" does not have an opportunity to exercise itself. The thing that God demands of us is that we accept His Word as it is, the very Word of God; and that we act upon it, independent of any feeling or any evidence that eyes can see or the ears can hear.

"sense knowledge" - that which is perceived by what one feels, hears, sees or thinks based on their outward circumstances;

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

....*"we consider and look [speak] 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

November 30th

* Whatever word you speak you release the "spirit" in which you speak it! If you speak a hasty word you speak forth a hasty spirit; if you speak a "critical" and "condemning" word you speak forth a critical and condemning spirit; if you speak a word in love and compassion or in kindness or in peace you release that spirit [*the Holy Spirit*].

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

December 1st

* The greatest "theological" dispute of the past twenty centuries has been whether Jesus Christ was "a" son of God or "the" Son of God.

.... *For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the image of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren* Romans 8:29 The Amplified Translation

.... *He also is the Head of [His] body, the church; seeing He is the Beginning, the Firstborn from among the dead, so that He alone in everything and in every respect might occupy the chief place [stand first and be preeminent]. For it has pleased [the Father] that all*

the divine fullness (the sum total of the divine perfection, powers, and attributes) should dwell in Him permanently Colossians 1:18-19 The Amplified Translation

December 2nd

* "Idle" words are "deadly" words!

idle - not working or active; unemployed; doing nothing [*in this case, words that do not release faith but, rather non-faith producing word that have their source in, fear, death, darkness etc.*];

...."But I tell you that every careless [idle, useless, non-faith producing] 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

December 3rd

* If the Lord should reveal to you, by His Spirit, error or sin in the ministry of another you can be assured it is not for the purpose of "criticism" on your behalf! But rather it is for you to fast, pray and obey God in their behalf, that they might come into both a knowledge of the truth in the needed area, and on into the fulness of their inheritance (salvation) in Christ!

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

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

December 4th

* Through the Cross all the divisions of the fallen creation are done away. Distinctions of nationality or sect no longer divide, but are part of the outward order of things on earth, which are surface and temporary. For the "new man" created by God, is being renewed in the believer in a sphere in Christ, "where there cannot be Greek or Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, bondman, free man, but Christ is "all in all"...and also where there can be no male or female: for all are "one man" in Christ Jesus. It means, blessed be God, that no external and temporary distinction can enter that sphere in Christ where Christ is all and in all.

.... There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise Galatians 3:28-29 NASB

.... put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all Colossians 3:10-11 NASB

December 5th

* Our purpose in the earth, as God's children, is to be a "blessing", and God has given us the "power to get wealth" in order to bring it to pass!

...."Her gain and her harlot's wages will be set apart to the LORD; it will not be stored up or hoarded, but her gain will become sufficient food and choice attire for those who dwell in the presence of the LORD".... Isaiah 23:18 NASB

...."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

December 6th

* Satan is mobilizing his "theological forces" for the end-time, and his "anti-Jesus" movement is farther advanced than is generally known, The present "ecumenical" effort to bring the divisions of the world will "succeed", and it is developing rapidly. Jesus did not commission His church to "unite the world", but foretold, that because of His "name" the world would be divided: "Suppose ye that I come to give peace on earth? I tell you nay; but rather division". These people had the mistaken opinion that Christ had come to bring peace on earth. But Jesus said He had come to bring conflict and dissension among the people. The "world church" peace plan and God's "peace plan" are in violent conflict with each other. The world church plan is anti-Christ and anti-Biblical. The name of Jesus is offensive to the world church objective because it is "divisive". In public meetings of mixed religious groups, prayer is not offered in the name of Jesus because this would be "objectionable" to those whose membership is being sought in the world union!

.... Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division Luke 12:51 KJV

...."Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. "For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and a man's enemies will be the members of his household. "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it".... Matthew 10:34-39 NASB

December 7th

* A great thing is love, a great good altogether, which alone makes light all that is burdensome, and evens out every inequality. For it bears the burden without being burdened, and makes every thing bitter, sweet and tasty. The noble love of Jesus drives us to the doing of great

deeds, and stirs to the unending longing for "greater perfection". Love desires to rise, and not be held back by anything beneath. Love desires to be free and apart from every worldly affection, lest its inner vision be hindered; lest for any temporal advantage it incur entanglements, of be overwhelmed by adversity. Nothing is more sweet than love, nothing stronger, nothing deeper, nothing wider, nothing more pleasant, nothing fuller or better in Heaven or on earth, because love is born of God, and cannot find rest save in God above all created things.

...."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

December 8th

* In the "shaking" that is ahead, many Christian leaders will be shaken and many will fall. We dare not have our eyes upon them. Flesh and blood will fail us. People or personalities can never be our "fixed point". You must never look to any man as your source. Love God's servants, admire them, respect them, give them the "double honour" God says that they are worthy of (1 Timothy 5:17), but tie your faith to that which cannot be shaken - 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

December 9th

* Calvary is the center of unity for all who are in Christ Jesus, a new creation. The more completely we apprehend that "divisions and disunions" between men who profess to follow the same Lord, belong to the "old creation", and "put off the old man with his doings", the more quickly will the prayer of the Lord be answered, for His own, "that they may be made perfect in one". Where the believer has really and experientially apprehended their death in the death of Christ, and learned their place in the Body of Christ; that we are members one of another, as well as of Christ, the inward spirit-union of life in Christ is kept unbroken.

With Calvary as the center and basis of unity, no other member of Christ can ever be

looked upon as an "opponent", whilst we witness to truth which that fellow member of Christ may not yet apprehend. When all the members of Christ can see in that death on the "tree" their own death, not only to sin, but to all that pertains to the religion of the "old man", they will find a practical and real oneness with all who are one with their Risen and Ascended Lord.

.... I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are John 17:11 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

December 10th

* The one who loves flies, runs, and is glad; they are free and not bound. They give all for all, and have all in all, because they rest in One who is supreme above all things, from whom every good thing flows and goes forth. It looks not to gifts, but turns to the Giver, above all good things. Love often knows no measure; love "feels" no burden, takes no thought of labours; it strikes for more than it can do; it makes no plea about impossibility, because it thinks all things are open and possible to it. It is strong, therefore, for everything, and completes and brings to accomplishment many things, in which the one who does not love, fails and falls.

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

December 11th

* God desires each one of His children to "experience" total wholeness in Christ - spirit, soul and body. God desires to heal the deep hurt, the wounds and the "scars" in their lives and bring them into a new level of victory, a new level of power, wherein they are 100% whole - spirit, soul and body.

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

December 12th

* The same Holy Spirit that can tell you when to talk can tell you when not to talk!

.... "Let NO [not even one] unwholesome [unrighteous] 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 [including oneself]".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB

December 13th

* The place of "agreement" is the place of Power.

.... "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

December 14th

* Perfect obedience is simply perfect agreement with God - spirit, soul and body. God's power is released in one's life to the degree of their obedience to Him and no more.

"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];

.... "If you listen diligently to the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do [obey] all His commandments which I command you this day, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you heed the voice of the Lord your God. Blessed shall you be in the city and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body and the fruit of your ground.... Blessed shall you be when you come in and blessed shall you be when you go out. The Lord shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. The Lord shall command the blessing upon you in your storehouse and in all that you undertake. And He will bless you in the land [the Kingdom] which the Lord your God gives you. The Lord will establish you as a people holy to Himself, as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways. And all people of the earth shall see that you are called by the name [and in the presence of] the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. And the Lord shall make you have a surplus of prosperity.... in the land [Kingdom] which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you. The Lord shall open to you His good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands.... And the Lord shall make you the head, and not the tail; and you shall be above only, and you shall not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you this day and are watchful to do them. And you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them".... Deuteronomy 28:1-14 The Amplified Translation

December 15th

- * Understanding brings one into "submission" to the "Wisdom" that they have.

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

....*"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*

December 16th

- * Our resistance to the Enemy is proportionate to our "submission to the Lord".

....*"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*

December 17th

- * Love's first and foremost desire is always to "give"!

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

December 18th

- * Disobedience is always the "result" of unbelief. Obedience is the spontaneous fruit of faith and love.

....*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil".... Proverbs 3:5-7 NASB*

....*"and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are [found] in Christ Jesus".... 1 Timothy 1:14 NASB*

December 19th

- * True leadership is the ability to minister or to serve.

....*But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. "It is not this way among*

you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many".... Matthew 20:25-28 NASB

December 20th

* Murmuring is gossip; murmuring is slander; murmuring is that negative confession, that "depreciates" (complains and is ungrateful) rather than "appreciates".

.... Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves John 6:43

.... Neither murmur [discontently complain] ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall 1 Corinthians 10:10-12 KJV

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

December 21st

* Love is swift, sincere, pious, pleasant and beautiful, strong, patient, faithful, prudent, longsuffering, and never seeks itself. For when anyone seeks himself, there he falls from love.

.... "Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to 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

December 22nd

* Nothing is "too hard" for God to do in the earth if He can get the right kind of a man or woman to do it with.

.... "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?".... Jeremiah 32:27 NASB

December 23rd

* Hatred and rebellion will always "blind" the eyes of man to God's miracle-working power and His love for them.

.... *Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death John 12:9-10 KJV*

December 24th

* No one at any time: past, present or future has ever faced a harder test or trial than Jesus Christ faced at the Cross!

.... *"let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily (defily 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*

December 25th

* To merely know of the Word of God has no real value in it unless you allow it to become part of your life; and it does not become part of your life until you begin to practice it!

.... *"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*

December 26th

* The word "remnant" signifies a "faithful minority" - what is left after a time of testing - survivors from a crisis. The history of the Old Testament is a study of "remnants". God saved these faithful minorities as a lifeline to the future. They were channels of hope - a nucleus for a new start, and through them God sent divine light across centuries of "apostate" darkness. The torch of truth was never extinguished - and never shall be. In every apostate generation the divine flame passed to another remnant.

.... In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain. I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD. The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid. Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing Zephaniah 3:11-17 NASB

December 27th

* No one has ever "found" anything in God but that they first "sought" it in some way.

"find" - to discover or perceive [*in this case, the true Nature and Character of God*];

.... "You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart"....
Jeremiah 29:13 NASB

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

December 28th

* Faith - real faith in God, and a faith transaction with God, alone translates the "facts" of who we are in Christ Jesus into experience.

.... "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

.... "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

.... "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

December 29th

* Today, we see the formation of a "world church for one world", and groups of "denominations" with memberships of many millions are joining this ecumenical movement. Many millions more have plans to merge with it. Emphasis is on "bigness", and they boast of their numbers. Pressure for compliance with the world church objective is being exerted on both ministers and laymen, and this is producing many "remnants". Some of these remnants to whom we have ministered had to submit to ecumenical "authority" or become part of the "remnant" Church. They told us, "the ministers" publicly declared that Jesus is not the Son of God, and the Bible is not the Word of God. We could not tolerate it any longer. We had to get out." This crisis is world wide today. God is sifting the churches! Both ministers and laymen must choose the "world church" or the true "remnant" Church

...."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

December 30th

* How you react to your life's circumstances right now will determine whether you become a "victor" or a "victim".

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

...."Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, 'FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.' But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 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 8:35-39 NASB

December 31st

* Agape [*the God-kind of Love*] occurs when an individual sees, recognizes, understands, and appreciates the value of an object or a person, causing him to behold this object or person in great esteem, awe, admiration, wonder, and sincere appreciation. Such great respect is awakened in the heart of the observer for the object or person he is beholding, that he is compelled to love. In fact, his love for that person or object is so strong that it is irresistible. This kind of love knows

no limits or boundaries in how far, wide, high, and deep it will go to show love to its recipient. If necessary, agape love will even sacrifice itself for the sake of that object or person it so deeply cherishes. Agape is therefore the highest, finest, most noble, and most fervent form of love.

...."Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to 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
