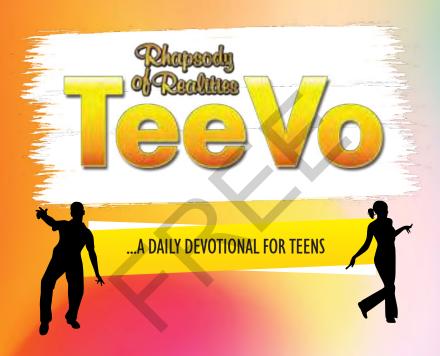




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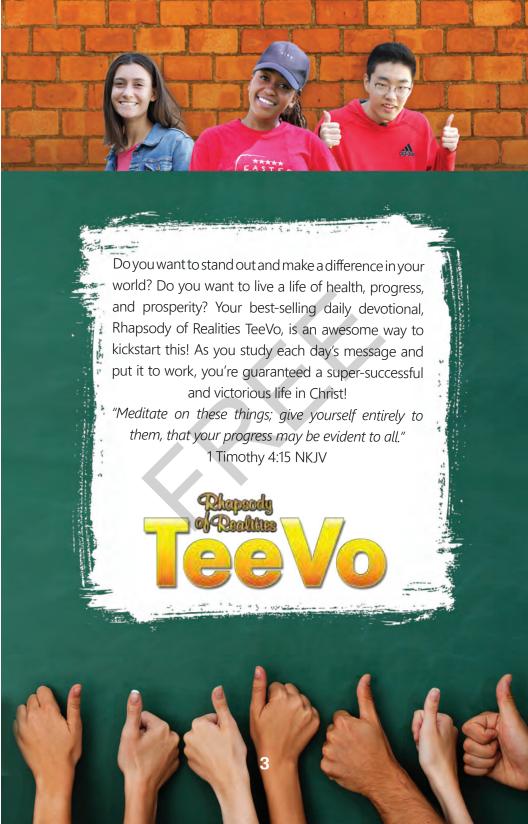
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good father would never like to see his children suffer. Rather, he works hard to ensure they don't. No earthly parent could love or care for his children better than God. No parent could be more willing to do good things for their family than He. God is the best daddy there is. He is your Father and He wants the very best for you. Recognise and take full advantage of the Fatherhood of God, knowing that His will is to bless and not to curse. John by the Spirit spoke the heart of God when he said, "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers" (3 John 2). This is God's desire for you today!"

- Culled from "How To Receive A Miracle And Retain It."





## EMBRACE GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

(True Righteousness Is From The Lord)

Friday, **1** April

#### TO THE BIBLE Romans 10:3-4 NIV

"Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes."

#### LET'S TALK

Righteousness isn't something you achieve by the things you do or don't do; it's a gift you receive freely from God when you're born again. He justifies you and declares you "not guilty" of all wrongs the moment you come into Christ Jesus (Romans 3:24).

Apostle Paul talked about this righteousness in Philippians 3:9: "...That I may [actually] be found and known as in Him, not having any [self-achieved] righteousness that can be called my own, based on my obedience to the Law's demands (ritualistic uprightness and supposed right standing with God thus acquired), but possessing that [genuine righteousness] which comes through faith in Christ (the Anointed One), the [truly] right standing with God, which comes from God by [savinq] faith" (AMPC).

You see, this righteousness from the Lord comes by faith in Jesus Christ, and when you're conscious of it, you can cast out devils with ease. All you need to say is, "I'm the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus! Devil, get out of here, in Jesus' Name!" However, if you're ignorant of this truth, the devil can deceive you, and even go as far as threatening you, because you don't know who you are.

So what? Know who you are and what you have; you're the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus! Your human perfections and righteousnesses are as filthy rags before God (Isaiah 64:6); so just embrace His righteousness. Jesus paid fully for you to have it, and with it, you rule and reign in this life (Romans 5:17).



#### Go Deeper

Isaiah 54:17; Ephesians 2:4-7; Titus 3:4-7



#### Pray

Dear Father, I'm confident in Jesus' sacrifice on my behalf, by which I've been made righteous. Now, I can stand boldly before you in love and fellowship, without guilt, condemnation, or inferiority! By abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness that I've received, I rule and reign over the devil and circumstances, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

#### TWO YEAR

Luke 9:1-17, Joshua 10-12

Matthew 26:69-75, Leviticus 1



Act

Thank the Lord for His free gift of righteousness to you today.



My Notes



## HEAR AND DO IT!

(The Word Of God Is For Doing)



#### TO THE BIBLE James 1:22 NASB

"...Prove yourselves doers of the word, and not just hearers who deceive themselves."

#### LET'S TALK

As a young man, many years back, I remember being so moved by the many beautiful things I had read and heard about Jesus. Every day, I would say to Him, "Dear Lord Jesus, I can't keep this to myself; I've got to tell the whole world!" This burden spurred me on to house-to-house and street evangelism. I preached in schools, hospitals, villages...everywhere because I felt the whole world had to hear the good news of God's love.

Some people travel halfway around the world to attend great Word conventions and seminars and go back home and do nothing with what they heard. That doesn't show wisdom. True wisdom isn't in just hearing or knowing what's right; it's actually knowing what's right and doing it. According to the scriptures, to know what's right and not do it is sin (James 4:17).

Don't be the one who pushes the Word aside, saying, "I've heard that before," or "I've read that before." Do something with what you read or heard. Do something with the Word you receive during church services, or in your times of personal study. The Bible talks about having the wisdom of the righteous (Luke 1:17), which is the wisdom

that hears to do. So, consciously put to practice the glorious things you've learnt from God's Word, and watch your life grow from one level of glory to another. Be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only.





## MONEY IS A TOOL

(Refuse To Be Controlled By Wealth)

Sunday, **3** April

#### TO THE BIBLE 1 Timothy 6:10 MSG

"Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble. Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after."

#### LET'S TALK

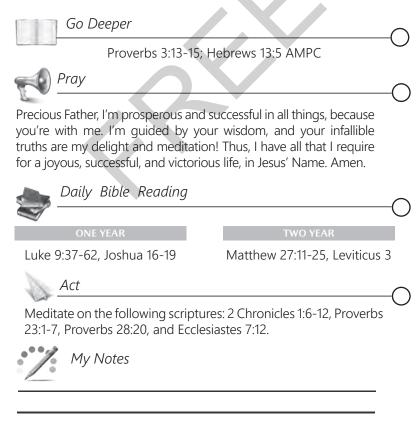
"I've got to get those sneakers no matter what, even if it means stealing some money from Mom's purse," Andre thought.

Sadly, there are many young people like Andre today who, against their conscience, do the wrong thing to get money and the things it can buy. This inordinate desire for material wealth takes different forms in different societies; it may even be accepted as the norm in some, but it's wrong. As a child of God in such an environment, you've got to make up your mind to stand out and be different.

Others around you may be running after money and doing all kinds of terrible and unreasonable things for it, but you run after the wisdom of God instead: "Receive my instruction, and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold" (Proverbs 8:10). Go for wisdom, and don't let money be your motivation.

Money is a tool for you to use. When you function in divine wisdom, money will, of necessity, come to you. That's because money responds to wisdom. Remember, it's not what you have that counts; it's who you are on the inside

that really counts. So, develop your personality through the Word. Work on "being" and not on "having," for with who you are, you'll have.





### GIVE HIM YOUR YOUTH

(Serve God In And With Your Youth)



#### TO THE BIBLE Ecclesiastes 12:1 TLB

"Don't let the excitement of being young cause you to forget about your Creator. Honor him in your youth before the evil years come—when you'll no longer enjoy living."

#### LET'S TALK

There're some young people today who say, "I'm not ready to serve God yet; when I'm old and retired, then I'll have some time to serve God and participate in church activities." That's a wrong way of thinking because the Bible advises you to serve the Lord when you're still young and energetic. Don't wait until you get older before you get serious about serving the Lord. Now is the time you should commit to serving Him.

As a young adult, you have the vigour to go the extra mile for God now. This is the best time to dedicate yourself to the Lord's service! You've got the energy to go from street to street, house to house, and even to visit hospitals, preaching the gospel!

This doesn't mean you shouldn't serve God when you're advanced in age; of course, you should! But I'm stressing to you the importance of starting early to serve God with the youthful zest and vitality that you have now. So, get serious with the things of God; don't just play around. He gave you His own best in the person of His

Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is coming soon. He deserves the best of everything you've got, so give Him your time, energy, and resources. Hallelujah!





### WORSHIP THE LORD

## (Love For The Lord Makes You Worship Him)

Tuesday, **5** April

#### TO THE BIBLE John 4:23-24

"...The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

#### LET'S TALK

Joanna loved the Lord Jesus and enjoyed spending time in His presence. She would occasionally sneak away from everybody else just to pray and sing in other tongues, lifting her hands in holy, unbridled worship to Him. As a result, she exuded uncanny boldness and courage which others admired about her.

Something remarkable about Joanna's love for the Lord was that it made her a worshipper, and not just a singer. God is not just looking for "singers"; He's looking for true worshippers. The Bible does tell us about the singers in Israel but also lets us know David was a worshipper (2 Samuel 6:13-22, 1 Chronicles 16). Some Christians believe God made them "prayer warriors," but they're wrong, because true worshippers are what He seeks, not "prayer warriors."

When you know that satan, the world, and the flesh have all been defeated (John 16:33; Galatians 5:24; Hebrews 2:14), you'll worship the Lord from your heart—in spirit and truth—for who He is and for all He's done. Worship creates

the atmosphere for the divine touch of the Spirit in your life. The Lord wants us to worship Him because when we do, our spiritual eyes are opened to behold His glory. At that point, you forget about yourself because He's the only One who matters. His glory mantles your entire being, and you're transformed in His presence and lifted to higher levels! The world just seems to melt away; all you see is the Lord as you're enveloped in His love.





## STAY IN THE FAMILY!

(Remain In Fellowship With God's People)



#### TO THE BIBLE Hebrews 10:25 AMPC

"Not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together [as believers], as is the habit of some people, but admonishing (warning, urging, and encouraging) one another, and all the more faithfully as you see the day approaching."

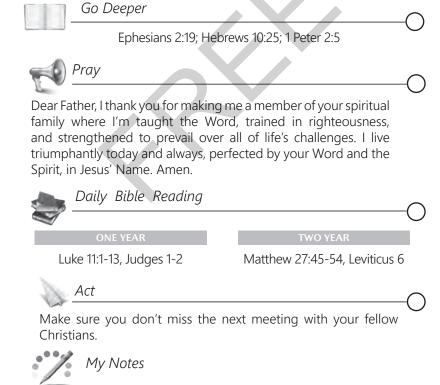
#### LET'S TALK

Lions are one of the strongest and most ferocious animals in the wild, but they're not the biggest or the quickest. When they want to go after a herd of buffalo or wildebeest, for instance, they know they'll be no match for those huge animals with their long, sharp horns and stampeding hooves. They don't just pounce on the entire herd; that'll be suicidal! So, what do they do? They harass the herd in a bid to isolate one of them and look out for that one that goes astray. Once they can cut that one off from the herd, they focus their attack on it.

That's just like satan; when he seeks to attack a Christian, he first lures that one away from the family of God to make him vulnerable. He's easily scared and wouldn't take on all Christians at once, except the one who has strayed or isolated himself from the spiritual family, the protective hedge of the Church.

That's why you must take your church meetings and fellowship with fellow Christians very seriously. They provide the opportunity for us to strengthen ourselves in the presence of the Lord. As you share and fellowship

with other Christians who believe the Word like you, you're fortified. Stay in the Church; stay in fellowship with God's people. There isn't any one of us who doesn't need others. We need one another. You belong in a spiritual family; never isolate yourself.





### DON'T SPEEDREAD THE BIBLE

(Study To Show Yourself Approved Of God)

Thursday,
7
April

#### TO THE BIBLE 2 Timothy 2:15

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

#### LET'S TALK

Your Bible isn't a comic book or novel that you just breeze through; it's the most important book on Planet Earth, for it contains the Word of God. It's God's manual for living the successful and glorious life; hence if there's any book that deserves your careful and undivided attention, it's the Bible. Your Bible-study time shouldn't be shared with other activities, because it's too important. More importantly, when you read your Bible, don't speed through it like an express train; study it slowly and meditatively.

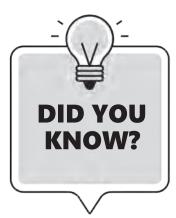
It's a collection of many interesting and essential lessons, and if you speed-read it, you could miss out on certain vital details the Spirit of God wants to communicate to you. This is why Paul counselled Timothy to "study" rather than just "read." Studying the Bible requires your painstaking diligence, which, when mingled with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, refreshes, enlightens and energises your spirit.

During your study, meticulously ponder over each word, each line, each phrase, and each verse. Analyse every thought through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

You could also get a Bible dictionary to look up the meaning of unfamiliar words, as this will aid and enrich your study of the Word. And also remember to keep a pen and pad close by, so you can take down thoughts that come to your spirit as you diligently study the Word.

Most importantly, meditate on the Word as you study, and let it soak into your spirit. Confess it over and over again until it gains ascendancy in your mind. This is the right way to study your Bible and position yourself for a victorious life.





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To feed your curiosity, below are a few interesting facts about the city of London.

1. According to a recent survey conducted, **49.4%** of London's population identified themselves as **Christians.** 

- 2. The **London Eye** opened in 2000, and **30 million people** have ridden it since.
- 3. London, a small urban area part of the Greater London region, covers only **1.2 square miles.** As such, the city of London is actually the **smallest city in England.**
- 4. **Queen Elizabeth II** has been in power for over **66 years**, and there are strict rules for those meeting her, such as always arriving before and leaving after her, never touching her, and never turning your back on her.
- 5. **Football** is the most popular sport in London, with **six of the 20 English Premier League football clubs** in the city.
- 6. **Big Ben** isn't the name for the iconic Tower located in the north end of the Palace of Westminster in London.. It's actually the name for the clock in the Tower. Its real name is **Elizabeth Tower**.
- 7. **Fish 'n chips** has been a staple meal in London since the 19th century.
- 8. The British Museum, the National Gallery, the Imperial War Museum, the British Library and the Wallace Collection are just some of London's **170 museums**.
- 9. Visitors coming from different nationalities share a large proportion of London's population. They practice their original traditions and communicate in their native language. Due to this unbelievable diversity in London, it is estimated that there are over **300 languages** spoken in London.
- 10. The English people drive on the **left-hand side** of the road. However, there is one street in the UK—**Savoy Court**—where drivers are required by law to drive on the **right-hand side** of the road.

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### LIVE EASY

(Have An Uncomplicated, Modest Lifestyle)



#### TO THE BIBLE Hebrews 13:5-6 MSG

"Don't be obsessed with getting more material things. Be relaxed with what you have. Since God assured us, "I'll never let you down, never walk off and leave you," we can boldly quote, God is there, ready to help; I'm fearless no matter what. Who or what can get to me?"

#### LET'S TALK

There are various stages of development and growth in life, and we're not all at the same level at the same time. So, just because a friend or neighbour has something nice that you're not able to afford at this stage of your life shouldn't make you feel less of yourself. There's no need to try by all means to get things others have just to measure up.

Quit stretching yourself to do things that are beyond you at the moment just because you want to identify with and be accepted by a certain person or group. Apostle Paul said, "...We dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise" (2 Corinthians 10:12). Make your life simple and easy. If you keep trying to measure yourself by others, you'd be frustrated. Follow the guidance of God's Spirit, and know there's a time for everything. Be content with what you have today, and what you may not be able to afford now, leave it for another time.

Don't indulge in an extravagant lifestyle just because you want others to think you've "arrived." Be modest. Don't crave something that belongs to other people, because God can do for you whatever you require Him to do for you. He's your satisfaction. Have faith in Him; trust Him, and your life will be glorious.



#### Go Deeper

1 Timothy 6:6; Luke 12:15; Proverbs 16:18



Pray

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits! He's crowned me with loving-kindness and tender mercies; He's satisfied me with good things! My life is free of struggles because the Lord is my satisfaction! He's all I crave, and I'm guided and propelled by His wisdom always. Amen.



#### Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

**TWO YEAR** 

Luke 11:37-54, Judges 5-6

Matthew 28:1-10, Leviticus 8



Act

Thank the Lord for and choose to be content with the things you have presently because He'll always be there for you.



My Notes



### CHECK THE SIGNS

(How You Can Know The Christians)



#### TO THE BIBLE Mark 16:17-18 NASB

"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 harm them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

#### LET'S TALK

magine that I sent you to receive someone from the airport that you've never met. So I decided to give you this detailed description of him so you wouldn't miss him: "His name is George; he's 6-foot-5-inches tall, with long, blond hair. He'll be wearing a red leather jacket and a pair of white sneakers with yellow stripes.

If after giving you that description, I said, "Those are the signs that will accompany George," that's not a promise. The signs are indicators to help you know who George is. This is exactly what the Lord meant in the scripture above when He listed the signs that would follow the Christian.

Jesus was letting the world know that Christians belong to a special race of supermen. And the way to identify them is by the unusual, supernatural signs that accompany them. He was showing that there's something different about the Christian that marks him out of the crowd.

The world will recognise who you are when they see you healing the sick, casting out devils, and speaking in

other tongues; when you drink something deadly and you're not hurt. This is your identity as a Christian. You're a master over satan, sickness, poverty, failure, and death, because you're a Christian, Hallelujah!





# CARRY YOUR OWN ATMOSPHERE

(You're Born Into God's Glory)

Sunday, 10 April

#### TO THE BIBLE Exodus 13:21-22

"And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night. He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people."

#### LET'S TALK

When the children of Israel came out of Egypt, they carried their own atmosphere with them. As they journeyed in the wilderness for forty years, the desert heat didn't scorch them by day, nor did its bitter cold freeze them to death at night. That was because a pillar of cloud was present during the day to keep the heat away, and they were canopied by a pillar of fire at night that kept them warm. How extraordinary!

The Holy Spirit made this possible for them, and He does the same for us today. When you were born again, you were born into God's glory, God's spiritual cloud. You live there now. The Bible says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ..." (2 Corinthians 5:17); that's the place and environment of glory! Christ is a person, but He's also a place. In Him (Christ), you've arrived; you're at home!

When you're conscious of this atmosphere of glory and you carry it with you everywhere, your joy and satisfaction overflow. When you face challenges, others can't help but wonder how you go through unscathed.

They're dazzled by how you could be happy, at peace, joyful and exuberant with praise to the Lord amid adversity. It's because you're "in Christ"; it's a peculiar environment, where your joy is independent of circumstances. Glory to God!





## LIFE DEMYSTIFIED

(Knowledge Of God's Word Makes The Difference) Monday, **11** April

#### TO THE BIBLE John 8:31-32

"...Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.""

#### LET'S TALK

Many years ago, malaria and tuberculosis were dreaded as fatal diseases, because they were said to have no cure. Once contracted, death was inevitable. But as soon as man discovered the cure to these diseases, they were no longer regarded as death sentences.

Man fears what he has no knowledge of. Once he understands it, however, his fear goes. The mystery is taken away once knowledge arrives. It's the same thing with the matters of faith. If we don't understand how to apply our faith in a given situation, we become sceptical, judgmental, afraid, and unbelieving. But once we understand how it works, the confusion is removed; the mystery is dissolved.

Once you have accurate knowledge of the Word, nothing in life will mystify or discomfit you; no matter what the problem is, you just know that you'll come out victoriously. Those who don't know the Word are the ones who get overwhelmed by trouble and defeated by the crises of life. Get to know the Word. Have an insatiable appetite for God's Word. Hosea 6:3 says, "Then shall we

know, if we follow on to know the Lord..." (KJV). Getting the knowledge of God's Word is one of the most important things you can do for yourself; that's what will put you over in life, and keep you on the offensive against the adversary.





## TRANSMIT GOOD THOUGHTS

(Control The Thought-Signals From Your Mind) Tuesday, 12 April

#### TO THE BIBLE Philippians 4:8 MSG

"Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse."

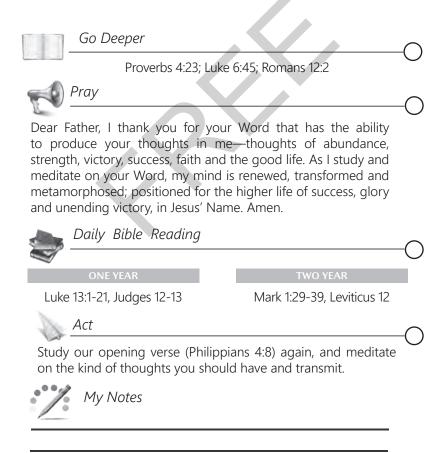
#### LET'S TALK

as it ever happened that while you were thinking about someone, that person suddenly showed up, or called you, or sent you a message? Or maybe you were thinking about a particular thing, and, even though you hadn't said anything about it to anyone, someone near you started thinking the same thing and actually voiced that thought? Science calls it telepathy, but if you understand the spirituality behind the science, you'll become ever more careful about the thoughts you allow.

Your thoughts transmit signals, and those signals can be received by people and things connected to you. That's why you shouldn't allow just any thought in your mind because those thoughts can be transmitted. We all transmit thoughts, and sometimes, without realising it, we transmit negative thoughts into our environment that eventually affect us. For example, your room has thoughts from you. The walls, furniture, clothing, etc., in your room have memory and can receive and retain information from you; and whatever they get from you can remain in them.

So, you've got to be careful with the kinds of thoughts you let run through your mind, so you don't make something happen that you don't want.

When negative thoughts of discomfort, frustration, depression, anger, lack, etc. come to you, refuse them! Utter words of faith, gratitude, and praise to the Lord instead. Think positive, happy, and excellent thoughts only, and use your mind to channel good things in your direction, and prevent the wrong things from happening.





## KINGDOM MATHEMATICS

(Refuse To Have A Lack Mentality)



#### TO THE BIBLE Mark 4:8 NASB

"Other seeds fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."

#### LET'S TALK

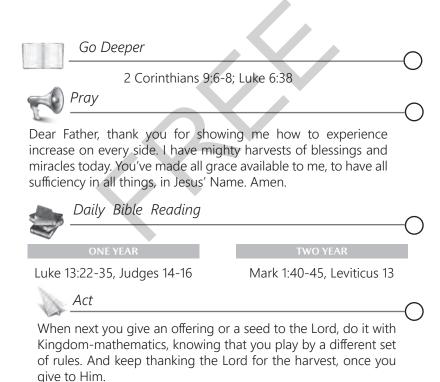
always end up broke whenever I give," Howard pondered as he walked home from church, "I think I'll just stop this 'giving' thing altogether." What Howard didn't realise was that he failed to see positive results from his giving because his mind was focused on what he had let go of rather than what he stood to gain—a multiplied harvest of his seed!

When you give to the Lord, you shouldn't do so with the mentality of lack or loss; don't get in the flesh by "calculating" what you have left. For instance, if you had a hundred dollars and wanted to give God twenty, don't start thinking, "But I'll only have eighty dollars left. That won't be enough for all my other expenses!" You could have a thirty-fold, sixty-fold, or even a hundred-fold return!

Now imagine that you had a hundred, and you gave twenty to the Lord; thirty-fold of that would be six hundred. That's six hundred plus the eighty you had left, making six-eighty! That should be your mentality. That way, you set into motion the miracle-working power of

God for a great harvest. Interestingly, the promise of a thirty-fold harvest is the least: there's the sixty as well as the hundred-fold harvest; it depends on which one your faith can go for.

Someone might wonder, "What kind of calculation is that?" It's Kingdom Mathematics! It's a mystery to the people of the world, but in the Kingdom, it's something real and practicable. It's a mentality; train yourself in it; be positive and expectant of a multiplied harvest when you give to the Lord.





# HE'S RIGHT BY YOUR SIDE

(You Won't Be Swallowed Up)

Thursday, **14** April

#### TO THE BIBLE Psalm 124:1-3 TLB

"If the Lord had not been on our side (let all Israel admit it), if the Lord had not been on our side, we would have been swallowed alive by our enemies, destroyed by their anger."

#### LET'S TALK

The Lord can solve whatever challenges you may be facing right now, no matter how difficult they seem. Maybe you're experiencing some difficulty with your studies, and you feel overwhelmed. Or perhaps, you're concerned about that nagging situation in your family, and you don't know what to do. It may even seem as though the devil has you drowning in the mire of a terrible habit. Don't despair! The Lord is with you to bring you out of that trouble.

The Bible says, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19). All you have to do is put your trust in Him. Don't give up. God has made a way of escape for you, and you're coming out on top of that situation.

Ordinarily, problems could swallow you, but God's presence with you makes that impossible. God says, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you" (Isaiah 43:2). This is God's solemn vow to you.

This should give you great confidence and assurance that He'll never allow anyone or anything to swallow you up (Psalm 124:6). He's strong and on your side to help you and bring you out today.





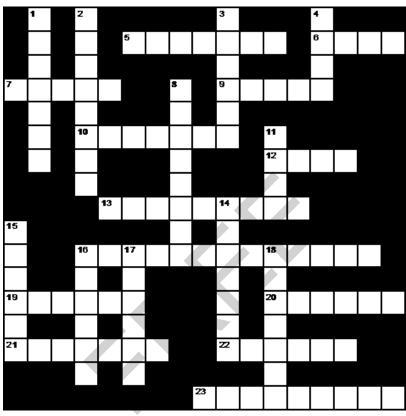
# **CLUES**

#### **Across**

- 5 Ruth was married to a \_\_\_\_\_(7).
- 6 Jezebel's husband (4).
- 7 Jacob's father in-law (5).
- 9 The fat Moabite king (5).
- 10 The richest king ever (7).
- 12 The first king of Israel (4).
- 13 The small-statured tax collector (9).
- 16 One of the twelve disciples, a treasurer and a thief (5,8).
- 19 The Nazarite, Israel's judge and man of might (6).
- 20 Jacob's second wife (6).
- 21 One of the first recorded martyrs of the Church (7).
- 22 Where Mars Hill was located [Hint: Acts 17] (6).
- 23 The king who mistook Abraham's wife for his sister (9).

#### Down

- 1 This rebellious son of King David had heavy hair (7).
- 2 Esther's Hebrew name [Hint: Esther 2] (8).
- 3 An angel sat under an oak in Ophrah and addressed this "valiant warrior" (6).
- 4 He told God he wasn't his brother's keeper [Hint: Genesis 4] (4).
- 8 Paul was travelling this road when Jesus appeared to him (8).
- 11 He sold his birthright for a bowl of food (4).
- 14 An angel killed 185,000 soldiers from this army [Hint: Isaiah 37] (7).
- 15 The Apostle Paul was born in this city [Hint: Acts 21] (6).
- 16 He dreamed that the sun and the moon and eleven stars bowed down to him [Hint: Genesis 37] (6).
- 17 The animal that spoke up and rebuked its owner for beating it (6).
- 18 God called him "The father of many nations" (7).







# ENJOY TIME WITH THE LORD

(Develop Your Desire For Prayer And Fellowship)

Friday, **15** April

#### TO THE BIBLE Jeremiah 29:13-14

"And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord...."

# LET'S TALK

aving a strong desire for God's Word and His presence is something that should be evident in your life as a Christian. That's what the Lord talked about in our opening verse when He said, "And you will seek Me and find Me...." Seeking God doesn't mean He's missing; rather, it refers to a keen desire for God's presence and fellowship.

God loves you very much and He wants you to spend time fellowshipping with Him. Even now, He's calling your attention to a deeper and more intimate walk with Him. That's what He desires, and He knows you want the same thing. So, all you have to do is say "Yes" to Him and act accordingly.

Also, the strong desire you have for the Lord will make an intercessor out of you. There are Christians who say, "My problem is that I'm too lazy to pray." This has nothing to do with being strong or lazy; it's a matter of a burden. If you have something you're concerned or passionate about, you'll surely want to pray about it.

When you really want something, and you know the situation is such that only God can fix it, it'll create a strong desire in your heart to pray. However, you don't have to

wait until you're in a fix. Be like David, who, inspired by a strong desire for the Lord, declared, "O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water" (Psalm 63:1).



### Go Deeper

Psalm 63:8; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2



Pray

As the deer pants after the water brooks, so pants my soul after you, O God. You're my life, my joy, and my satisfaction! In you I'm complete! Thank you for your glory that fills my heart, and your love that overwhelms my soul! I live for you today, and always to do your will and bring you glory, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



# Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

Luke 14:25-15:1-10, Judges 19-21

Mark 2:13-22, Leviticus 15



Spend quality time talking to the Lord and studying His Word today.



My Notes



# NO NEED TO FREAK OUT!

(Angelic Protection Is Yours)

Saturday, 16 April

# TO THE BIBLE 2 Kings 6:15

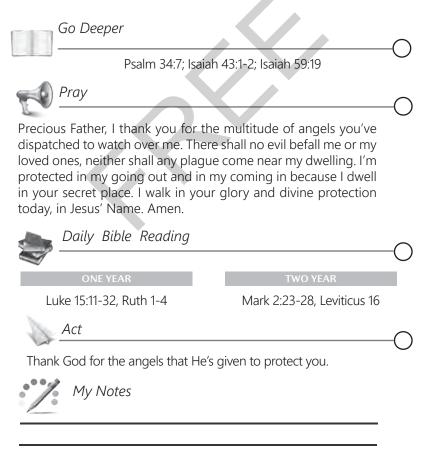
"...When the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?""

## LET'S TALK

2 Kings 6 tells the amazing story of how Elisha was surrounded by a great army of chariots and horses from Syria. On several occasions, he had revealed to the king of Israel the Syrian king's plans to ambush the Israelite army. Little wonder he had become a high-value target for the Syrian army. The Bible records that, at night, they completely surrounded the city of Dothan, where Elisha lived with Gehazi, his servant, in a bid to capture them in a surprise raid. When Gehazi woke up early in the morning to see the army, he lamented: "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" (2 Kings 6:15)?

Instead of freaking out, Elisha, being a man of the Spirit, said to him, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them" (2 Kings 6:16). How inspiring! He was calm because he was conscious that the heavenly army protecting him far outnumbered the army sent against him. His servant, however, was oblivious to this truth. So Elisha prayed, "Lord, open his eyes that he may see," and Gehazi saw the entire mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around. The surrounding army had themselves been surrounded! (2 Kings 6:17).

Always be mindful of your divine protection, because "As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people from this time forth and forever" (Psalm 125:2). There's no need to be afraid. Remember what He says to you, "No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways" (Psalm 91:10-11). You're divinely protected; praise God forevermore!





# NO STONY HEART HERE

(You've Got A Soft, Malleable Heart!)



#### TO THE BIBLE Ezekiel 36:26-27

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them."

# LET'S TALK

If you're born again, God has given you a soft and malleable heart, a heart that's easily yielded to and influenced by His Word, an obedient heart. No wonder He calls you an obedient child (1 Peter 1:14). You have a heart that loves to hear and learn about God.

Those with "stony hearts" don't enjoy hearing or learning about God; they're not inspired or impacted by spiritual things. But it's not so with you; like David, you're always excited at every opportunity to fellowship with God's people; you're glad to live in His presence. It's easy for you to pray and worship the Lord, because you have a new heart, a heart that constantly seeks after Him. It brings to mind the words of the psalmist: "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God" (Psalm 42:1 NIV).

It's easy for the Lord to lead and guide you in the paths of righteousness when your heart is after Him. He causes you to do the right things, make the right decisions, be in the right places at the right time, for the right purpose,

and in the right way.

If you're reading this and you're not born again, this is your moment and opportunity. God is talking to you today! He wants to give you a new heart! You can't do it by yourself. He alone can give you this new heart, with power to live for Him and to please Him. Turn to the "Prayer of Salvation" page 74 at the end of this devotional; make that life-transforming confession and receive this new heart right away.





# NEVER MISS CHURCH

(The Church Is The Pillar And Ground of Truth)

Monday, 18 April

# TO THE BIBLE 1 Timothy 3:15

"...I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

## LET'S TALK

ey Michael, it's been quite some time. You've not been to church or care group meetings this month. What's up?" Steve quizzed his friend on the phone.

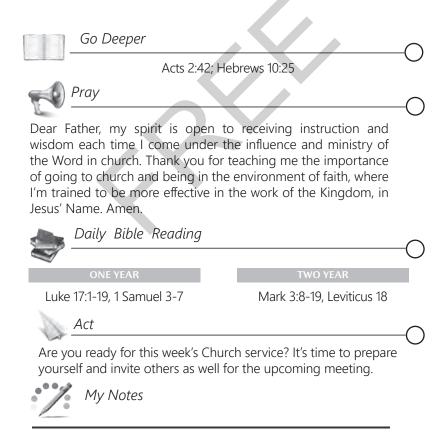
"Well Steve, I really can't make it to every meeting; I'm busy most of the time, but I'll try to attend when I've got the time," Michael responded guiltily.

When it comes to being regular at church, many people make excuses like Michael's because they don't realise how important it really is to their spiritual growth and development. Some would even stop going to church altogether, just because they're offended at an usher or something the pastor said.

Truth is, there's really no excuse good enough to justify skipping church. Fellowshipping with other Christians is too important (remember what we shared on Wednesday, April 6 about staying in the family). Your being in church makes it possible for the Holy Spirit to bring knowledge, understanding, and sound judgment to your life.

David said, "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now Your word do I keep [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying it]" (Psalm 119:67 AMPC). For many Christians, before they were afflicted in their health and other areas of their lives, they went astray from the church. Thankfully, David learnt his lesson and made corrections. The Holy Spirit is the Lord of the Church; in Him, you're protected from affliction.

Jesus said, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). If you don't go to church, how are you going to learn the truth of God's Word? Once you understand this, you'll be ready to clear your schedule just to be at your church meetings. The church is the ground and pillar of truth; never forget it!





# HAVE A DAILY WORD-BATH

(Cleanse Yourself With God's Word)

Tuesday, 19 April

#### TO THE BIBLE John 15:3

"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you."

# LET'S TALK

aving your bath daily is necessary, even when you don't feel the need to. You don't have to look, smell, or feel dirty before you bathe yourself. We're always in contact with particles and germs in the air around us we don't see with the unaided eye. They get on our bodies without invitation, make us dirty as they accumulate, and become harmful to our bodies if left unremoved. So, you take a bath to wash them off your body, and then you're clean and fresh again. Now, it's the same thing spiritually!

You may not have done or said anything wrong, but doubt, fear and unbelief rub off on you as you relate with other people and the world around you. This is why you need to take a Word bath as often as necessary. Sometimes when I counsel people, they voice unbelief as they relate their problems. So I go back into my office and spend some time studying and declaring the Word to cleanse myself of all the negativity I've heard.

Ephesians 5:26-27 says that Christ sanctifies and cleanses the Church "...with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish." This means

the Lord Jesus bathes us with His Word! Every time you read and meditate on the scriptures, you're taking a bath! You're being purified spiritually by God's Word. Spend time with the Word every morning and before you go to bed at night. This will not only keep you clean and fresh in your spirit and your mind, but it'll cause you to flourish in every area of your life.





# HE'S YOUR BLESSED HOPE

(Jesus Christ—Your Hope For A Brighter Tomorrow)

Wednesday, 20 April

#### TO THE BIBLE Romans 15:4 GNB

"Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us, in order that we might have hope through the patience and encouragement which the Scriptures give us."

### LET'S TALK

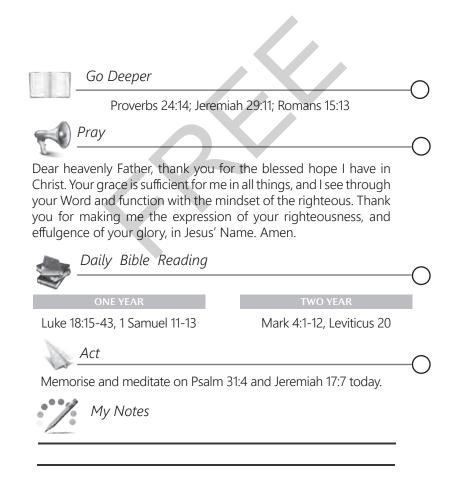
I'm so confused right now," "I don't have anyone to help me," and "My future looks so bleak" are some of the thoughts that run riot in the minds of many young people today. Some even go ahead to voice such thoughts to anyone who cares to listen. As a child of God, you shouldn't look for sympathy or announce your problems; announce your salvation, triumphs, and successes instead. That pain, challenge, or trouble is only for a moment, so don't talk about it; talk to it and declare your victory!

Learn to look in the right direction. Look to the blessed hope that's in the Lord Jesus Christ. He's not a stranger to you; He's your Lord and Saviour! So, hold on to your hope, for He's the anchor of your soul. Let Him change your thoughts because, through hope, your faith develops; your faith arises because it's when you hope for something that you believe for it. You must first have anticipation; you must have an expectation.

The Bible says the expectation of the righteous shall not be cut off (Proverbs 23:18 KJV). Your expectation is

unique to God. So, always be expectant and excited for the greater glory. If you have difficulties in any area—perhaps at school, in your health, or at home—don't give up on having a change, because there's hope for you.

Christ in you is the hope of glory. Therefore, be positive, walk with a sanctified mind, and see all things from the vantage point of God's Word.





# TRAIN FOR YOUR FUTURE

(Don't Neglect Your Responsibilities)

Thursday, 21 April

#### TO THE BIBLE 1 Samuel 17:34-37

"...David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth...Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God..."

### LET'S TALK

The opening scripture is the account of David's first encounter with Saul, the king of Israel. I want you to note that at this time he wasn't qualified to be in the army. Yet, the confidence he exuded as he spoke was nothing short of that of an experienced warrior. As you study the life of David, you'll understand the reason he was so bold and confident of killing Goliath of Gath was that he had been trained for it. Nobody knew that while he was tending his father's sheep, God was also training him for the future.

The responsibilities given to him at home seemed menial and mundane compared to those of his "warrior" brothers. Nonetheless, he performed every task faithfully and with utmost diligence. These were the qualities that brought him before Saul. Though David was a fresh-faced teenager, seemingly unfit and untrained for combat, he killed Goliath, brought Israel victory over the Philistines,

and went on to become God's great general for Israel! God had trained him for his future.

Don't despise any responsibility you're given today, irrespective of how lowly it may seem. Always remember that God is training you for the great future ahead of you through His Word and by His Spirit.



#### Go Deeper

Proverbs 22:29; Luke 16:10-12; Philippians 2:14-15



#### Pray

Heavenly Father, I thank you for your Word. I yield myself to the training of your Word and Spirit. I make up my mind to perform any task I'm given diligently in Jesus' Name. Amen.



# Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

#### TWO YEAR

Luke 19:1-27, 1 Samuel 14-15

Mark 4:13-20, Leviticus 21



#### Act

Are there tasks you handled in the past that you realise prepared you for the position or responsibility you're handling now? Write them down.



## My Notes



# "CREATE"

To create means "to bring something into existence from non-existent material." It implies using your imagination to design, fabricate, or assemble mentally. Looking at the account of creation as recorded in Genesis, we learn a remarkable lesson on the implication of the word "create."

When God set out to make man, He first had to "create" him. Genesis 1:27 says, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." At this stage, man only existed inside God. He wasn't physically present. The Bible underscores this fact in Genesis 2:5 when it says, "...there was not a man to till the ground."

However, the seventh verse of Genesis 2 reads: "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." The word "formed" here is translated from the Hebrew word yatsar, meaning to mould or bring into shape from pre-existing material. Thus, the physical entity called man first existed in the non-physical realm.

Similarly, God has given every human being the ability to imagine or create. It's a gift you have from Him, and it's so important that you recognise the power of this gift and how it can shape your life. Whatever you can imagine, you can accomplish. And eventually, the total of your imagination determines the kind of life you live.



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# GROW IN GRACE

(Grace Is Multiplied As You Grow In God's Word) Friday, **22** April

#### TO THE BIBLE 2 Peter 3:18

"...Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."

# LET'S TALK

When the Lord Jesus was a child, the Bible says He "...grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him" (Luke 2:40). Even as a young guy, Jesus had favour with God and man (Luke 2:52). Barnabas, one of the Lord's apostles, went visiting certain Christians at their homes. He had heard good things about them, and when he got to them, he "... saw the grace of God..." (Acts 11:23 RSV). What do you think Barnabas saw, a halo beaming over their heads? No, what he saw was the beauty of God in their lives and the way things worked out excellently with them.

Grace refers to the divine influence in a human heart, which reflects on the outside, producing favour, beauty, goodwill, loveliness, and ability. And it increases as you grow in the knowledge of God's Word. When you allow "grace" to work in your life, it will cause favour and glory to burst forth in your life.

Also, grace is the power of promotion; it causes your life to move from one level to another, and that's why the Bible says we must grow in it. The good news is that you have received grace in abundance (Romans 5:17), but the

degree to which you let it reflect is up to you.

The more you fill your heart with God's Word and have the Holy Spirit work in your life, the greater that grace will manifest in and through you. Increase in that outward reflection of the glory of God by increasing in the knowledge of the Lord today.



## Go Deeper

John 1:14; Ephesians 4:7; 2 Peter 1:2



#### Speak

I'm growing in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. The beauty of God in my spirit is bursting forth on the outside in an undeniable fashion. Excellence, glory, virtue and success are the hallmarks of my life, because of this grace, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



# Daily Bible Reading

ONE YEAR

TWO YEAR

Luke 19:28-48, 1 Samuel 16-17

Mark 4:21-29, Leviticus 22



Act

Meditate on the following verses of scripture today:

- 1. John 1:12-14
- 2. Romans 5:17
- 3. 2 Corinthians 13:14



My Notes



# YOU DON'T NEED A CRYSTAL BALL

(You've Got A Secure Destiny In God)

Saturday, 23 April

#### TO THE BIBLE Proverbs 4:18

"But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day."

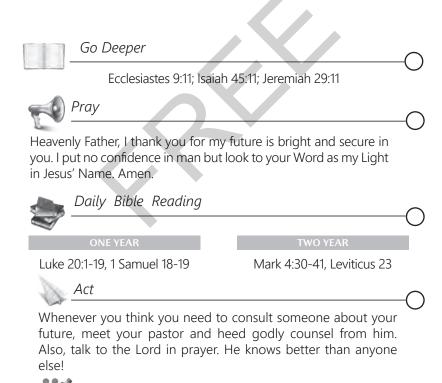
## LET'S TALK

You'd be surprised at how many people spend so much money on fortune-tellers to tell them about the future or what tomorrow will bring. If they're told, "It will be a sad day for you tomorrow" or "A distant friend will call you this week" or "You will find true love this month," they blindly accept. This shows that some people are willing to pay to be lied to and deceived, instead of seeking answers from God's Word.

You don't need a fortune-teller to tell you how your tomorrow will be. Look into the Word, and you'll see that your path in life is bright! All you need in life is to discover God and know Him intimately. When you delight yourself in the Lord, you'll have no confidence in fortune tellers, tarot cards, or horoscopes. Your confidence will be in what the Word says about you and not someone's dream. Those who run to soothsayers are insecure; you don't need somebody's verdict to determine whether you will be rich or poor, happy or sad, a success or a failure, healthy or sick.

You're built on the solid rock which is Christ, and you're rooted and grounded in Him. God has planned your life, and you don't live by luck or coincidence. The Bible

declares in Proverbs 1:33 CEV, "...if you listen to me, you will be safe and secure without fear of disaster." So, there's no need to fret about your future - just listen to Him and build your life on His Word!



My Notes



# USE GOD'S LIGHT

(The Entrance Of God's Word Brings Light)

Sunday, 24 April

#### TO THE BIBLE Psalm 119:19

"I am a stranger in the earth; do not hide Your commandments from me."

## LET'S TALK

The words of our opening verse today were spoken by King David. He was wise enough to know he was a stranger on the earth. His expression here shows us something remarkable about his insatiable longing for God's Word; he said, "...do not hide Your commandments from me." Why was David so passionate about the Word of God, one might wonder? You'll see the answer in Psalm 119:105: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

He knew the Word would help and guide him in life; it was a lamp to give him light and a light to illuminate his path. The entrance of the Word into his spirit gave him understanding and light (Psalm 119:130). The world is immersed in spiritual darkness, and that's why you need the light of God's Word to navigate your way and chart your course through life victoriously. Be passionate about the Word; let it guide and direct your steps!

God's Word is the light that shows you what reality (truth) is; that's what reveals the real you. Through the light of God's Word, you see the beautiful things God has deposited in your spirit. You see that you're more than a

conqueror and that nothing is impossible to you.

There's so much glory and beauty inside you, but you can only see these good things under the light of God's Word. God's Word is the true light. As you study and meditate on it, your path in life will be flooded with light, and you'll keep growing from glory to glory.



spirit.

My Notes



# HE "WALKS" IN YOU

(The Holy Spirit Perambulates Your Being)

Monday, 25 April

#### TO THE BIBLE 2 Corinthians 6:16 AMPC

"What agreement [can there be between] a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in and with and among them and will walk in and with and among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

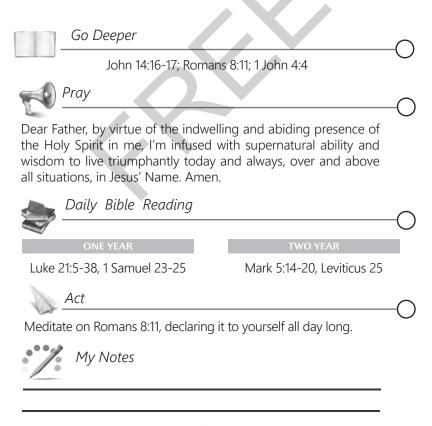
### LET'S TALK

When you do a detailed study of 2 Corinthians 6:16, you'll conclude that God lives in your physical body. Here's the phrase I'll like you to take particular note of: "...I will dwell in and with and among them and will walk in and with and among them...." "Walk" here is translated from the Greek word "emperipateo," which means "to perambulate."

To perambulate means to walk up and down the bounds of a property in a supervisory manner. It refers to an official assigned to a border, who keeps moving up and down that border, looking to see if anything has gone wrong so he can fix or replace it or notify of any trouble. In other words, God, through the Holy Spirit, perambulates in you! His work in perambulating in you is to ensure that if anything goes wrong in your body, it'll be fixed. If it needs to be renewed, He'll renew it. Hallelujah!

You may ask: "So why am I in this condition if the Holy Spirit has this ministry in me? Why is my body ravaged with sickness?" The answer is simple; it's because you haven't activated His power and given Him the liberty to function in your life the way He wants to. You can activate that power today through faith in the Word of God and by speaking in other tongues.

Be conscious that the Holy Spirit lives in you in all His power; therefore, no sickness or disease can thrive in your body, which is His temple. His presence in you and with you shields you against the vices of the evil one.





# SPREAD THE "GOOD NEWS!"

(It's All About Reconciliation Without Condemnation)

Tuesday, **26** April

#### TO THE BIBLE 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

"Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation."

### LET'S TALK

The Lord Jesus told us to preach the Gospel, which is the good news of what His death, burial and resurrection accomplished for mankind. It's the word of reconciliation and not condemnation. It's not enough that you're preaching a message about Jesus Christ; it's got to be "Good News"; otherwise, it's not the Gospel. The Gospel to the sinner is that eternal life from God is available to him now and that he doesn't have to continue in sin, guilt, and condemnation anymore. This means your message should excite the heart of the sinner and show him that God loves him despite the wrong things he's done and that Jesus already bore the penalty for his sins.

Remember John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (NIV). God has ordered, instructed, declared, and enacted a law that anyone who believes in Jesus should not perish, but have everlasting life; it's a sovereign declaration of Almighty God. Therefore, your message to the people of

the world should be, "Hey, if you'd believe in Jesus Christ, you'd receive eternal life, and at once, you'd be separated from perishing! The darkness would be gone, and you would become a new creation—the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus!"

You must personally acknowledge that the Gospel has been committed to your trust. You're the one running with the message of Christ's salvation, so fulfil your ministry (1 Timothy 1:11).





# THE BLOOD TYPE "D"

(You've Got Divinity In You)

Wednesday, 27 April

#### TO THE BIBLE Romans 8:11

"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

### LET'S TALK

Some people say they're susceptible to certain diseases because of their blood type. They are always in and out of the hospital or constantly on medication just to keep themselves going. This doesn't have to be the case with you, because you're born again. Your life no longer depends on your blood type but on the Holy Spirit who indwells you (Romans 8:11).

In John 5:26, Jesus said, "For as the Father has life in Himself," so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself." The Word of God has the life of God. It's the seed of God, the life-carrying faculty of God. It carries the character and nature of God. You were born again by the very seed of God, which came into you and produced in you the kind of life Jesus has (1 Peter 1:23, 1 John 4:17). In other words, you have the divine life in you. That makes you a blood type "D" which stands for DIVINE!

Therefore, it makes no difference what the doctor may have classified your blood type as; you're alive and healthy by the Holy Spirit. This means no virus, bacterium or germ is strong enough to inflict any disease on you. Grab a hold of this truth and walk in the consciousness of it!





# GOD'S EXCELLENT GLORY

(The Beauty And Splendour Of God's Kingdom)

Thursday, 28 April

#### TO THE BIBLE John 2:11

"This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him."

## LET'S TALK

That meeting was glorious" is something we say all the time after a church service or meeting. But have you ever asked yourself what exactly made the meeting glorious? And what's glory, anyway?

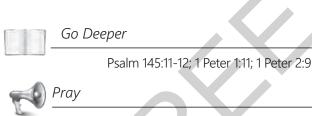
Well, glory is that which inspires, produces or causes honour. If you give honour, admiration, and respect to someone because of something that happened, that thing had glory, because it inspired you to honour that person. We can say a meeting was glorious because we were inspired to honour, reverence, praise, and worship the Lord; thus, revealing the glory of His Kingdom.

When Jesus turned water to wine and the disciples saw it, they were stunned and began to trust, honour, and revere Him (John 2:11). We've become a part of the glory—the splendour and beauty—in God's Kingdom, where sickness, defeat, failure and death are alien.

Think about the children of Israel and the promises God made to them. He told them they'd never be defeated by their adversaries. He said to them, "I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you" (Exodus 15:26). Then, in

Psalm 91:16, He told them, "You will live a long life and see my saving power" (CEV). These and several other blessings in the Old Testament were addressed to the children of Israel.

Now, imagine the glory we've been called into as new creations, living in the Kingdom of God's dear Son! The Bible says we obtained a better covenant, established upon better promises (Hebrews 8:6). Think about that! The glory of the New Testament of our spiritual Kingdom is the more excellent glory; it supersedes what the children of Israel experienced (2 Corinthians 3:10-11). Hallelujah!



Dear Father, I thank you for your glory that's seen in and revealed through me. I set forth your wonderful deeds and display your virtues and perfections always and in every place! I experience and manifest your prosperity, grace, wisdom and righteousness in an ever-increasing measure, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Daily Bible Reading

1 22 55 22 4 25 2 5

TWO YEAR

Luke 22:66-23:1-25, 2 Samuel 1-3 Mark 6:1-13, Numbers 1

Act

Write down 3 scriptures that talk about the greater glory in the New Testament. Study and declare them throughout your day.



My Notes



### 1. 1 Timothy 6:10 (KJV) states

- A. "... Money is the root of all evil...."
- B. "... The love of money is the root of all evil...."
- C. "...Love is the root of all evil...."
- D. "...The lack of money is the root of all evil...." (Hint: Read the message on April 3, 2022).

## 2. According to John 4, God is looking for true \_

- A. Prayer warriors.
- B. Musicians.
- C. Worshippers.
- D. Churchgoers.

(Hint: Read the message on April 5, 2022).

#### 3. Point out the incorrect statement about the Bible

- A. It's a comic book or novel.
- B. It's the most important book on Planet Earth.
- C. It's God's manual for living a successful and glorious life.
- D. It contains the Word of God. (Hint: Read the message on April 7, 2022).

# 4. According to Kingdom Mathematics, if you had ten dollars and gave two to the Lord, sixty-fold of that would be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Sixty dollars.
- B. One hundred dollars.
- C. Six hundred dollars.
- D. One hundred and twenty dollars. (Hint: Read the message on April 13, 2022).

#### 5. Psalm 34:19 states

- A. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all."
- B. "The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; yes, I have a good inheritance."
- C. "Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven."
- D. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

(Hint: Read the message on April 14, 2022).

A B C	s 6 tells the awesome story of, and A. Ruth, Naomi, Boaz. B. Elisha, Gehazi, the army of Syria. C. Abraham, Sarah, Abimelech. D. Matthew, Mark, Peter. Hint: Read the message on April 16, 2022).
7. Which of these statements is incorrect: "When you're born again, _	
B C D	God gives you a plastic heart.  So You have a soft heart towards God.  God calls you an obedient child.  So You're easily yielded to and influenced by the Word.  Hint: Read the message on April 17, 2022).
Church ".  B C	does the Bible show that Christ sanctifies and cleanses thewith the washing of water by the word?"  A. Philippians 2:9-11.  B. Galatians 2:20.  C. Romans 4:23-25.  D. Ephesians 5:26-27.  Hint: Read the message on April 19, 2022).
А В С С	s that which inspires and produces A. Preaching/Honesty. B. Trust/Patience. B. Honour/Worship. D. Temperance/Hope. Hint: Read the message on April 28, 2022).
А В С С	h of these is not synonymous with the word "fresh?"  A. Stale. B. Pure. C. Untainted. D. New. Hint: Read the message on April 29, 2022).



# A SWEET, FRESH FRAGRANCE

(You Can Maintain A Fresh Spirit Every Day)

Friday, **29** April

#### TO THE BIBLE 2 Corinthians 2:15-16 TLB

"As far as God is concerned there is a sweet, wholesome fragrance in our lives. It is the fragrance of Christ within us, an aroma to both the saved and the unsaved all around us...we are a life-giving perfume..."

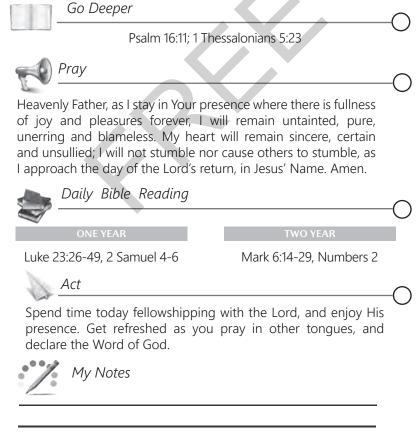
### LET'S TALK

The Oxford English Dictionary defines the word 'fresh' as 'not stale, musty, or faded' or 'pure, untainted, refreshing.' This gives an impression of health rather than luxury. We all require certain things to be fresh. We need fresh air and water daily. It's amazing the wonderful effects fresh air and clean water have on us. We need to wear fresh clothes and keep our homes and surroundings clean and fresh.

Acts 3:19 KJV says "...the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Just like the Lord, your presence in a place ought to bring refreshing; it ought to clean up and gladden the hearts of people around with the sweetness and grace of God. It ought to uplift and strengthen the weak. This is why you must maintain a fresh spirit daily.

As you pray every day, lifting up holy hands in worship, you create an atmosphere that's full of the presence of God. Your sacrifice goes up to Him as sweet-smelling incense. You stay fresh in God's presence that way. Don't pollute your mind by digesting wrong materials

or entertaining worldly friends who have nothing to offer but things that corrupt the human soul. Stay fresh in your spirit so God's Word can affect you, and you in turn can affect your world for Jesus!





### HAVE A "POWER TRANSFUSION"

(Be Invigorated With Holy-Ghost Power!)



### TO THE BIBLE Ephesians 3:13-16

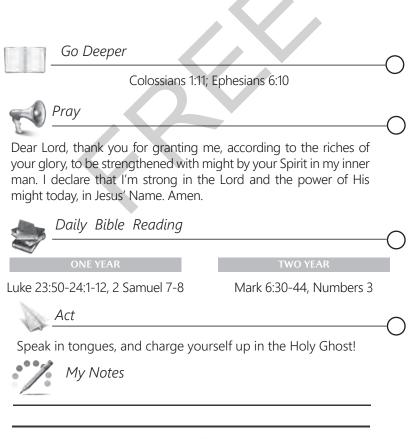
"Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man."

### LET'S TALK

Notice the Apostle Paul's construction in the verse above. He used the words "strengthened" and "might." Might is from the Greek "dunamei," meaning "miracle-working ability"; while strengthened is "krataiothenai" meaning "invigorated." So Paul's prayer above is for you to have a "power transfusion" whereby you're invigorated by the Holy Spirit!

Having been filled with such power, weakness or failure should no longer be a part of your life. There are Christians today who are weak spiritually; they're constantly afraid and are unable to make important decisions for their lives. There are others who are broken, dejected and sickly because they have not taken a hold of divine health from within. The opening scripture shows that God wants you to be tough from within by having your spirit transfused with His miracle-working ability. That means you have to consciously pray the words in the opening verse for yourself.

Your outward appearance doesn't matter. Someone may look at you and think you're frail, but you affirm, "I know who I am; I'm strong because I've been transfused with the miracle-working ability of the Spirit." Never let fear express itself through you. Declare right now, "I'm invigorated with miracle-working power by the Holy Ghost, and His power is manifested through me today and always. Hallelujah!"



### Prayer of Salvation

We trust you've been blessed by this devotional. We invite you to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life by praying thus:

"O Lord God, I believe with all my heart in Jesus Christ, Son of the living God. I believe He died for me and God raised Him from the dead. I believe He's alive today. I confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life from this day. Through Him and in His Name, I have eternal life; I'm born again. Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul! I'm now a child of God. Hallelujah!"

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# **ANSWERS**



ACROSS: 5 Moabite, 6 Ahab, 7 Laban, 9 Eglon, 10 Solomon, 12 Saul, 13 Zacchaeus, 16 Judas Iscariot, 19 Samson, 20 Rachel, 21 Stephen, 22 Athens, 23 Abimelech.

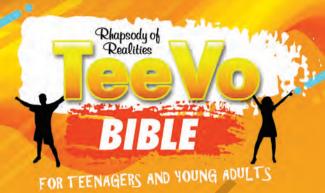
**DOWN:** 1 Absalom, 2 Hadassah, 3 Gideon, 4 Cain, 8 Damascus, 11 Esau, 14 Assyria, 15 Tarsus, 16 Joseph, 17 Donkey, 18 Abraham.



1. B 2. C 3. A 4. D 5. A

6. B 7. A 8. D 9. C 10. A

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