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Foreword

Daily Manna is a “Heart Felt - Spirit Led” Devotional that is considered easy to read and designed to encourage, uplift and challenge the reader.

You will be refreshed with the Lord’s strength and renewed with joy as you learn how to enjoy a life with God through these daily prayers and apply them to your daily lives.

These Compilations of Daily Manna Devotions will inspire you with hope and gratitude as you lay down your cross and listen to God's still small voice while falling in love with Him all over again.

I have known Pastor Duane for years. He is gifted to teach a simple, balanced, uncompromised, Word of God in a manner that all can grasp easily and this would also make this a perfect gift to the loved ones in your life.

Bob Farmer

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Chapter 1

What is your job or calling in your Christian Life?

*Z*echariah prophesied concerning John, “You, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God.”

— Luke 1:76-78 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

*J*ohn’s job, his calling in life, was to prepare the way for the Lord Jesus to come to us and bring Salvation and forgiveness. His job was not to be the number one or the one in the limelight. Rather he was a preparer, a servant if you will. But, where does salvation come from? Does it come because we realize that something is desperately wrong and that we need to change it and make it better? Does it come from our doing good works and being a good person? Does it come because

we got lucky one day? Does it come because we have done nothing wrong and are worthy and deserve it? Does it come because we have kept all the commandments (No man/women can do that!)?

No, NO man (or woman) deserves forgiveness or salvation, we all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God we were ALL born with a sin nature because of Adam. Does it come from membership in a particular church or religion? Absolutely NOT! Does it come from rigorously obeying everything in the law (from being religious)? NO! Again I say NO! Salvation and forgiveness come only from one source.

A church or your religion can NOT save you EVER. There is only one source for Salvation, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

There is NO OTHER WAY! Period. Therefore John's job, his calling in life, to prepare the way for the Lord was the most important job one could ever have. Every single Christian has that same job!

We have all been made able ministers of the New Testament (Gospel of Jesus Christ) according to God's Word. (2 Cor. 3:6)

MY PRAYER...

I confess, Father, that at times I've tried to earn my salvation. At other times, I have taken it for granted and trampled on Your mercy and grace. Today, Father, I want to live for You: not to be saved or gain salvation, but to please You and reflect Your character and nature. Your mercy and grace have redeemed many people from the worthless way of living that I see so many others still trapped in. Thank You for Your salvation, for everything that is included with that salvation, but please help me to live in a way that shows the joy of that salvation in all I say, think, and do. Through the name of Jesus I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 2

Are you performing routine spiritual maintenance?

“The cares and anxieties of the world, and distractions of the age, the pleasure, delight, false glamour and deceitfulness of riches, and the craving and passionate desire for other things creep in and choke and suffocate the Word, and it becomes fruitless.”

— Mark 4:19 The Amplified Bible

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

Are you aware that the seemingly innocent things in your everyday life can suffocate your spiritual life if you are not careful and allow it? I heard a story once that the Lord told a woman during prayer one day that this nation had become a nation of maintenance men (& women too). “You have so many things to maintain,” He told her. “You maintain your house. You maintain your car, your yard, your boat, your machines, your hair... and the list goes on and on.”

This nation, especially us Christians, have become maintainers of so many natural things that we don't have any time left to maintain our own spirit or our spiritual walk with Jesus! Our daily walk with the Lord! As Christians we must protect that precious time with Him and if anything add to it, not take away from it.

We should be tithing (at a minimum) of our time to the Lord also. A tenth of 24 hours is 2.4 hours, that's the least we should be giving Him each day! But He says tithes AND offerings. An offering is above and beyond your tithe!

If you have found yourself in the situation described above, too many things to maintain and no time for God. Then it's time to simplify your life. I've had to learn that myself. Now when I'm considering something that I think I need, I don't just count the cost in dollars and cents. I think about how much time it will take to maintain it. I check to see if I can spiritually afford it.

Where will the time come from that I need to maintain and use it? Am I going to have to take from my time with the Lord to maintain this new thing? Is it really something I need, or do I just want it? You can't expect the heathen world to think like this, but we as Christians should be doing so every day.

Second Timothy 2:4 says, "Don't get entangled in the affairs of this life. It so easy to do because the things of

this world, the natural things, are so much more real to our senses than the things of the spiritual world. But we must remember we are a spirit and we must train ourselves to be sensitive to the spiritual world as well.

One thing I've learned since becoming a Christian: Nothing is as important as spending time in prayer, meditation of the word, and just being with the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Absolutely nothing in my life is as vital as that. Because this life, as I know it, will pass away one day and all that is in it. All my earthly toys and high maintenance items will pass away, they will not come with me.

What will then be most important – should right now be most important! Where will I spend eternity?

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, thank You for calling me into Your marvelous Kingdom and for translating me out of darkness.

Increase in me the knowledge of You, Oh Lord that I may know the full calling you have placed upon my life.

Take me Lord and do with me what You will, I have chosen to give myself unto You, I have made the choice.

I have chosen the way You told us to choose. I have chosen life! (Deut 30:19)

Father take this earthen vessel and mold and shape me, put me in Your fire and burn up that which is not of You, Oh Lord. Lord help me to learn to maintain my walk with You first of all.

You said if we would seek first the kingdom of God, and Your righteousness; that all these other things would be added unto us. Father help me to make You first always. In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 3

Are you being deceived, do you know if you are?

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience (Those who are of the world, not of God). Therefore do not be partakers with them.

–Ephesians 5:6-7 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

How many of you have had someone try to steal the Word from you or try to convince you that the Word wasn’t true or doesn’t work? Beware, they are thieves trying to kill, steal, and destroy you with their empty words. Beware of books and movies which go against the Word of God, even if they claim to be fiction, for example the Harry Potter series. They are there to deceive you, placed there by or through the devil or his advocates (anyone who will listen to him and do his bidding) slyly like a fox. The devil comes only to kill, steal, and destroy you.

Remember God's warning, because of these things the wrath of God comes on the sons of disobedience (those of the world not born again, who do not obey God's Word) God sternly warns us to NOT be partakers with them. Either in the acts spoken of, or believing in what is said or portrayed. His wrath which will come upon them will also be upon you if you do! He loves His children, but He hates the sinful acts that people do. And while He loves His children He can NOT condone the sinful acts, they have NO place with Him.

MY PRAYER...

Faithful Father, thank You for loving me so much. Thank You for sending Your Word to teach and to train me in Your ways. Thank You Father, that You made a way for me where there was no way, a way to walk clear of the things of this world. Thank You that You have given me Jesus to be the Way the Truth, and the Life to me and to this sinful, corrupt, and dying world if they would receive Him. Father, help us to have spiritual ears to hear and spiritual eyes to see and the God given wisdom to discern when the thief tries to come and steal from us and deceive us.

In Jesus name.

Amen.

Chapter 4

Are you quick to listen and then slow to speak?

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

—James 1:19 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Hit the gas pedal on your ears, but have a dual caliper, double cylinder, power assisted disc brake on your tongue, and don't let anything anger you without seeking God first. Let the email that angers you sit there three or four days before responding and then make sure you read your answer, re-read it, re-read it, and edit it, then re-read it again, and then pray in the Holy Ghost about sending it. Better yet just delete the offending email and any reply that you were going to send and then praise God for the sender. It would be better if you just deleted it, prayed for the person who sent it, and forgot about it. This says the same thing as

James says above, except in more modern terms. Now if we would just do it, wouldn't we all be so much more blessed! Next time a brother or sister, or for that matter anyone, says or does something that could anger you stop for a moment and ask yourself this before you do or say anything: "What would Jesus do right now?" "How would Jesus handle this" There were times when people wanted to stone Him and He just turned and walked back through their midst and walked away. He didn't repay anger with anger, instead with love.

MY PRAYER...

Mighty and Holy God, You are incredible beyond my comprehension. Father God, help us to understand Your ways. How You put up with all the drivel, the senseless, and hurtful speech that I and Your other children spew out is beyond my understanding. I ask that You release Your Holy Spirit to convict our hearts and help us to guard our lips from any form of hurtful, harmful speech. Lord, I want my voice and my actions to be as much if not more Yours than mine. Make my thoughts as Your thoughts and my peace as Your peace. This I pray through Jesus.

Amen.

Chapter 5

Does God's light shine forth from you?

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

—Ephesians 5:8-11 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

We must let His light shine forth from us, not our light we have none of our own, but the light of the Lord that is within us. Oh, how Jesus loves to give good gifts to us. He has given us a Helper, a Teacher, a Guide, a Comforter, and a Counselor to help us have that light to shine forth. Call on the Helper, the Teacher, the Spirit of Truth, and find out what is really acceptable to the Lord. Call on the Helper to strengthen you with His power and might so that you can stand against the works of

darkness and expose them, not fellowship with them. You can't be a beacon if His light don't shine through you!

MY PRAYER...

All Mighty Father, Thank You for sending us the Holy Spirit through Jesus. Thank You for not leaving us alone, but instead giving us a Helper, a Comforter, a Guide, a Teacher, and a Counselor. Help us Lord to be strong and strengthen us Lord through Your might by the Holy Spirit that is within us. Lead and guide us Holy Spirit into all truth that we may be filled with all the fullness of God in our inner man. That we may bring glory to the Church and to Christ Jesus for ever and ever. In the mighty name of Jesus, Lord I ask and pray and I give You all glory and honor forever.

Amen.

Chapter 6

Are you the Righteousness of God?

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.


–2 Cor. 5:20-21 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

If God has gone to such great lengths to reconcile us to Himself and adopt us into His family, how can we refuse to be His ambassadors? We must not! We must accept the gift of adoption that has been set before us, not only that, but we must let the rest of the world know what He has done for us and for them. We must know and understand what was done for us by and through Jesus and not only for us, but for all of mankind if they will only receive it. But, they must know that it is there available to them to receive. That's where we

become Ambassadors for God, we are to tell them the 'Good News' about Jesus and what He has done already for them. Nothing you could ever do would make you righteous before God. It took Jesus, the Son of the Living God, to be our righteousness. That's right, without Him we are nothing! We are what we are because of Jesus. Dare to boldly declare what the scriptures say you are! Kings and priests, a holy nation, as well as His ambassadors.

MY PRAYER...

 Gracious God, I know my sin has broken Your heart and offended Your holiness. Words, therefore, cannot communicate my thankfulness to You. You were hurt by my sin and yet You provided a sacrifice to redeem me from it and reconcile me to You. Thank You, Father, for making me righteous through the blood of Your Son. Not through the blood of animals, but Your Precious Son's Blood. As I consecrate myself unto You, I know that You are at work in me, sanctifying me, setting me apart for Your use. May people see in me a reflection of Your holiness, Your righteousness, justice, love, and mercy. Through Jesus, who sacrificed Himself for my sins, that I may be the righteousness of God in Him, I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 7

God will not forget what you have done in His name.

For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

—Hebrews 6:10 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

So much assurance in such a short verse! God is not unjust — that is definitely an understatement. If He produced the redeeming, atoning sacrifice for our sins, while we were yet sinners, what will He deny us if we seek diligently after Him now as His Children?

He will not forget our work and our love — an eternal record of the ministering unto Him and for Him that we have done! When we help our brothers and sisters in Christ, we bless Him! When we minister to those that don’t know Him, we do His will and His work. We are all HIS people!

MY PRAYER...

Most Holy Father God, I give You praise and glory and thanks giving forever. Father I thank You for Your covenant promises made to us through Your Son Jesus. I know that You are not a man that should lie and that what You have promised in Your Word must be true. Father, You are so gracious. Words cannot express my joy at hearing such a simple and profound statement describing Your virtues. I am so glad I am now Your child. That You have given me all things that pertain unto life and Godliness. In Jesus mighty name, I give You praise and glory forever.

Amen.

Chapter 8

We have been commanded by God's Word to be compassionate, courteous, loving to our brothers.

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; Not returning evil for evil, or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

—1 Peter 3:8-9 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

We have been commanded by God's Word to be compassionate, courteous, loving and a blessing to our brothers. God wants us to live together in harmony and peace, to give forth the 'Agape' (God's kind of love) love just as HE has called us to do. He does not want us to be like the world and get even with people when they are evil to us, but rather we are to bless them. In fact He has told us to set a table before our enemies. To pray for our enemies. If we will do so He says we shall inherit

a blessing. Can you imagine the world inviting their enemies for dinner!

MY PRAYER...

Father, thank You for providing us Your Word as our Guide in our life. Our 'Manual For Life' is Your Word. Father, I confess that I have let my own over-sensitive carnal self be offended, and have often reacted with pettiness when my brothers and sisters in Christ have not treated me as I felt I deserved. I have let those world offend me at times.

I know Jesus was treated rudely and shamefully by those he created and loved, so I know I shouldn't be surprised. But Father, please help me to know when to challenge those who wound me with a loving confrontation and when to just ignore the barb and minister love to them. Father, help me be an instrument of Your love, peace, harmony, and unity. In Jesus' precious name I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 9

Where are your spiritual eyes fixed?

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

—Hebrews 12:2 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S MANNA:

Have you ever heard the statement: “You drive where you look!” It is true that whatever you fix your attention on is going to be the direction in which you go, either in the natural or in the spiritual. That’s true of all of us. We live and act like where we look, meaning where we spend our time watching, looking, and listening is going to affect the way we live. That’s why it’s important to fix our eyes on Jesus, not the six o’clock news! I don’t mean you can’t watch the news, only don’t become fixated on it. Forget or at least put aside this world and fix ourselves on Jesus. Who He is, what He has done for

us, who we are in Him, what He means to us, and where He is taking us. Remember, if you are born again, you are seated with Jesus at the right hand of the Throne of God! I didn't say that, the Bible did.

MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Almighty Father God, without Your grace and the gift of Your salvation, through Jesus, I could not approach You with confidence and truthfully I would not be able to. Thank You for sending Jesus to be my substitute, to take and bear the punishment I was due! Thank You for His life, His death, His burial, His resurrection, His exaltation and His intercession at Your right hand for me. I pledge this day to keep my eyes on Him! I pledge to live by Faith, not by what I see in this world. Father, I ask You by the power of Your Holy Spirit to enable me to keep my eyes and my heart fixed on Jesus.

In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 10

Are you covered by the Blood of the Lamb of God?

And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.

—Exodus 12:13-14 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

Here God is telling us that because of the blood of the lamb that was placed on their doorposts He will cause the Angel of death to pass-over them and their household. But any doorpost that does not have the blood of the lamb on it He will allow the Angel of death to strike their firstborn, both of them and of their livestock. God tells them to make this day a memorial and to keep it throughout their generations. He is

saying; “remember that which I have done for you!” This was Old Covenant –this was for the Israelites, the Jewish people, God’s Chosen ones. But, under the “New Covenant” Jesus has covered all of mankind with His precious Blood. He is the Lamb of God to us. The only thing necessary to be covered by it is to make Jesus your Lord! No other work or works are necessary, just believe in Jesus. It’s so easy!

The Blood of the Sacrificial Lamb, shed once for all my sin and for my forgiveness. His Blood shed once for all will be my daily pass-over from now on. We need to remember what Jesus did for us! We need to put ourselves under that Blood each and every day.

MY PRAYER...

Abbba Father, thank You for sending Jesus to be the Sacrificial Lamb for me. Thank You for the shedding of His Blood that my sin might be washed away, forgotten, cleansed by His blood. Thank You Lord for putting me in remembrance of what Jesus did for me. That through Him by the washing of His blood I have been made the righteousness of God in Jesus. In the precious name of Jesus, I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 11

Have you cast off the things of the world that will hinder you spiritually?

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

—Hebrews 12:1 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

The world around us is constantly witnessing to us it’s worldly, sinful, immoral ways. It is constantly bombarding us with things that are not Godly, with what they claim is the acceptable norm for today. Lesbianism and homosexuality are not the norm nor are they acceptable to God.

Who says what is acceptable, them or God? I think it is God who says and Romans Chapter 1 is very clear how God feels about it. It is nothing but their justification for

their lack of very poor judgment and their immoral ways. They try to make everyone think it is okay and the norm. We need to throw off the vision given us by the world, shake it off and turn away from the lustful sins that come with the things of the world.

We need to set our minds on the things that are from above, from the Father. You can't embrace the things of the world and be Christian (Christ-like) at the same time!

“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death.”

We need to press into the things of God using Jesus as our example. We have a race, a course charted for us that was charted before we were even born.

Yet we must choose to run that race, and not only to run the race but to run it to win and finish. It's our choice. God's way and life or the world's way and death, the choice is yours!

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father, I thank You and praise You for who You are and what You are. I thank You Lord that You are a loving

Father, who has charted my race for me before the beginnings of time. I thank You Lord, that You know the end of my race and the outcome if I will only follow You. I thank you Lord that I can choose to run that race and that You will provide the example and the strength I need to complete my race. In the precious name of Your Son, Jesus, I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 12

Does your lifestyle bear the fruits of the Spirit of God?

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

—Galatians 5:16 King James Version

Or if you need an amplified version so you can hear what God is saying to you:

But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit of God]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God).

—Galatians 5:16 Amplified Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

It is so much easier to live by and do the things that we can see, hear, feel, taste, and touch in the natural than it is to do the things of the Spirit. Of course the point is simple: what we can see, hear, feel, taste, and touch appear to be more real to us than something in the spiritual realm.

That's why we need to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit within us and His presence upon us also (as on the day of Pentecost), to help us walk and live by the spirit, this is so important. He enables and empowers us to move beyond our sin nature — not by focusing on it and refusing it, but by enriching us and empowering us to do the important things of God, so that we will not even want to do the things we used to, but shouldn't do now.

He will give us the want to. He helps us to destroy old habits and create new ones based on our walk (our living out) by the Spirit. He will erase the old programming tapes (of the mind) and write over them with new programming from the Word of God.

To live by the flesh is death, but to live by the Spirit is Life!

“Casting down arguments (imagination) and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience

of Christ," 2 Corinthians 10:5

MY PRAYER...

Abbba Father, I thank you so much for Your Holy Spirit that lives in me and is now empowering me with His presence upon me to do that which pleasing to You. Thank you Lord for continuing to fill me anew each day with Your Holy Spirit so that my life more nearly reflects Your will and focuses on Your concerns. Through Your Holy Son Jesus, who sent Your Spirit to dwell in and upon me, I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 13

“Looking for love in all the wrong places!”

He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity, and honor.

–Proverbs 21:21 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

Isn't it funny that most of us pursue worldly things like fame and fortune, according to the world, the best things in life according to those who are worldly? We strive to find happiness, joy, significance or meaning to life in and through these things. But we seldom find it, because we are looking in all the wrong places. You've heard the song "Looking for love in all the wrong places."

We are looking in the world and the things of the world to try and satisfy our spiritual need instead of looking to God and the things of God which are Spiritual. We are not following the principles that God laid out in His

Word. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and ALL these things will be added unto you." What things? All the things mentioned above that we are looking for, that we are looking to make ourselves happy through! However, when we offer ourselves wholeheartedly to the Lord and His will (seeking His Kingdom first), it is then that we find what we most need. It is then that the empty spot in our hearts is filled. When we have laid down our lives and picked up the life (Zoë life) of God, it is then that we are overcome with joy unspeakable and full of glory receiving the end of our faith (Eternal Salvation.) Are you aware that the Hebrew word for Salvation means: something saved, i.e. deliverance; hence aid, victory, prosperity:—deliverance, health, help, salvation save, saving (health).

Yes, salvation is much more than just going to heaven someday, it is also health, prosperity, deliverance from whatever you need delivered from, it is victory over everything, and it is for now here on Earth! I didn't say that God did. Why is it that many churches and preachers only preach salvation as going to Heaven when you die? God said in His Word "On Earth just as it is in Heaven."

The Word of God says I can have Heaven here on Earth now! Is there sickness in Heaven? Is there poverty in Heaven, whose streets are made of gold? Is there lack in

Heaven? Are people depressed and sad in Heaven?

There answer to ALL of these is NO! Emphatically NO! Then if I can have Heaven on Earth now, I can be set free, lack for nothing, be prosperous, and be healthy here and NOW! I just have to submit to God and His Word. Look to God for Love and you will find it!

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, Giver of every good and perfect gift, I ask today that You give me a chance to serve You and others in a way which glorifies Your kingdom. Father, help me to lay aside my life and the cares and things that come with it and to pick up Your life.

I thank You that in the process You choose to fulfill the desires of my heart, because Your Word says it is so. Father, fill that empty place in my heart with Your Holy Spirit and Your great and precious love. This I ask and pray through my Lord and Savior, Jesus.

Amen.

Chapter 14

You have been bought, your debt has been paid in full.

And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

—Luke 22:19-20 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE(S)...

Jesus paid the price for us with His body and His blood on the Cross. His body was broken for us that we might have health and live free from sickness and disease. His Blood was shed as an offering to God for us, a seal of the “New and Better” covenant God has made with us who believe.

We have been bought with a price, a very precious price. Do you rightly discern the Lord’s body and what He has done for you, or do you give sickness and

disease place in your life. When sickness tries to come on you do you speak what the Word of God says to it or do you just receive the sickness? Jesus already bore all sickness and disease so we wouldn't have to! It's a done deal – He said: "It is finished!"

Can someone shout Praise the Lord!

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father, praise the glorious Name of Jesus. Father as we partake of communion with You help us to fully understand everything that You meant it to be. Lord, open the eyes of our understanding and fill us with revelation of You and Your Word.

Lord, help us to understand ALL that was done for us by Jesus on the Cross that day. Lord help us to understand who we are in, by, and through Jesus. Lord purge us of all unrighteousness that we may be as vessels of honor worthy to be used by You. In Jesus' Holy name and by the power of His Blood I boldly make this request of You.

Amen.

Chapter 15

Do you have a mansion waiting for you?

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to My-self; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

–John 14:1-4 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

Jesus, shed His blood on the Cross for all of mankind. For you and for me, and for anyone else who would believe on Him and call on His name and endure to the end with Him. Jesus, made us a promise of a mansion in His Father’s house! Grasp that statement. A mansion within a house! How grand that house must be!

He promised that He Himself would prepare a place for

us and return for us. His only requirement: that we believe in Him until the end. He said you know where I go and you know the way. It was understood that He was telling us to walk in “The Way”, His way. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and no one comes to the Father except through Him. (John 14:6) No one, no other way!

MY PRAYER...

Most Holy God, I give You praise and glory forever. Father I thank You for Your covenant promises made to Jesus for us. I thank You Lord that Jesus is preparing my eternal mansion in Your house. Lord I thank You that You are preparing to receive us for eternity.

I know that what You have promised in Your Word is true. I thank You Lord that You have given us the best gift You had to give, Your Son Jesus! And I know that You have shown us the way, and that all we must do is follow it. In Jesus mighty name, I give You praise and glory forever.

Amen.


Chapter 16

Is His Power at work in you?

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen

—Ephesians 3:20-21 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

f all the names for God in the Bible, this is my favorite: El Shaddai, Him who is able to do immeasurably more, The God of more than enough! The Great 'I Am', I am anything that you need! Our God today is the same God who parted the Red Sea for Moses and then fed 5,000 (men not to mention the women and children who were there with their men) on a green hillside with only a couple of sardine sandwiches and then provided 12 baskets of left-overs!

I have personally experienced His provision of multiplication of food. He longs to do more than we can ask and imagine, but most of us haven't really given Him much of a challenge or much of a chance. We try to do it all ourselves.

Dream big dreams for God. Then step aside and let Him go to work for you and just hang on! Our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb 13:8). What He did before He will do again and again!

MY PRAYER...

Almighty and awesome God, do in our day what You did in days past. You said in your Word that You change not, that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. You gave us faith to believe and then You are amazed at the smallness of our faith. Give us vision to see Your plan, to have greater Faith, and to do greater things. We ask this, not for ourselves or our experience, but for a sign to Your people so that the harvest will be large and that Your glory will be great and for the salvation of the world. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Chapter 17

Have you experienced God's Promises?

Promises from God:

God promises us His spiritual blessings of freedom.

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:32 NKJV)

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. (John 8:36 NKJV)

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:1-2 NKJV) I (you) have been freed from that awful curse of the Law of Sin and Death that every single human being has inherited from the first Adam after he sinned in the Garden of Eden!

I don't care who your parents are, whether they were Christian or not, or how good you think you have been. The Bible says 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory' period. (Romans 3:23)

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (2 Corinthians 3:17 NKJV)

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. (Romans 6:22 NKJV)

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S MANNA...

Do you have His freedom in your life? Or are you still struggling with the worldly ways. The answer to ALL your problems is an easy one!

Humble yourself before God, ask His forgiveness, and then be obedient to His Word.

Amen.

Chapter 18

Do you imitate God? Imitation is the most sincere form of flattery known to mankind.

Be imitators of God as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

—Ephesians 5:1-2 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

Imitation is the most sincere form of flattery known to mankind. We are to sincerely flatter God by being like Him, but imitation may be the most costly form of flattery as well.

You see, love for God is never something that occurs just in our minds or our hearts. Love is something we do for another — it is action. John said in 1 John 4 that we must love in both our deeds and our words. Love means to give ourselves up — what we want, our rights, and desires — to honor God and serve others. To lay down

our lives if need be, even as far as to death for another. This is a kind of love that can change the world, or a marriage, or a family, or the lost. It is 'AGAPE' Love, its unconditional love, it's the God kind of love. It is not a physical, sexual based love. We need to live, walk, and talk the God kind of Love for others, just as He loves us.

MY PRAYER...

Abbba Father, I will never fully understand how You could love me so much that You would allow Your only begotten Son to die for me as my sacrifice. To pay the price for my sin. Please help me to love others sacrificially as Christ loves me. I know the power to do this is not within me or of myself, so please pour Your love into my heart, that I may share that love with others. Father, let Your Holy Spirit continually fill me and overflow me with Your love. Through Jesus, my Lord, my brother and my Savior, I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 19

What do you have in your life now that will last?

The Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

—1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

What do you have that is forever? Most everything we have falls apart, breaks, grows old, rusts away, or runs down in a short time, and if that doesn't finish it then the purifying fire of the Lord on the judgment day will. Nothing material will leave this earth with us when we go. Nothing, not even a piece of clothing. But we have three things that will last forever: God (Triune – in all three persons), our Christian brothers and sisters, and our praise for God.

These are eternal. We must protect these through our daily spiritual maintenance with God, be sure and give Him the time that's His. Only what you store up now in heaven will last forever.

MY PRAYER...

God, I look forward to the day of Your next great surprise. I join the angels in standing on tiptoe as I look into the clouds to see my Lord, Your Son, return in all glory and splendor and watch as He receives the exaltation, the honor, and the praise He deserves. I'll stand in awe as every knee bows to the King of Kings and every tongue speaks forth nothing but praises. I praise You for that day now, even though I see it only by faith.

Until I see You on that day, know that my heart's desire is to serve You, even when my weakness gets in the way of showing it as fully as I should. But, I know that when I am weak then I am made strong through you. My thanks and praise to You in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Chapter 20

Do you want to accelerate your spiritual growth?

“Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser; teach a righteous man...and he will increase in learning.”

—Proverbs 9:8-9 The Amplified Bible

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

Do you want to accelerate your spiritual growth in the fastest way? Then you need to learn to take correction—from the Spirit of God and through His people when He sends them. You need to perform routine daily Spiritual Maintenance by spending at least a tenth of your day alone with God in prayer, praise, and pondering His Word, also you need to spend just some quiet time listening to what He is saying to you. Most of us love it when our pastor preaches about something we already know, or about some aspect of life we’ve already submitted to the Lord in. We think

he's a great pastor. We like him because he makes us feel good. But let that same pastor stand up and begin to preach about something we're doing wrong, or some area that we need to change in or turn over to the Lord for His help and we immediately put up a wall and take offense. There will even be some who will get up and leave!

We have got to get over that and learn to esteem the gift of the pastor that has been given to us by God and learn to accept the Lord's chastening through him. Or for that matter through any of the leaders the Lord has placed over us. I'd rather be chastened (corrected) by the Lord than to be broken or rejected by Him!

We need to learn to receive that word of correction or guidance and begin to examine ourselves and ask the Lord; "Is that right? Does that agree with Your Word? Do I need to make some adjustments or changes in this area?" If any of the answers are yes, then make them and watch your spiritual life begin to flourish even more. A very wise spiritual man once said, "If you think you've already arrived, you really aren't going anywhere anyway."

Remember correction is not rejection, it is direction given unto perfection!

MY PRAYER...

Thank you, Father, for loving me and sending me Jesus to be my example. I ask, that by Your Holy Spirit, You help me to live the life that Jesus would have me to live.

Father help me to allow the 'Teacher' to teach me Your ways and help me Lord to receive correction when correction is due. Lord I want nothing more than to grow and mature in You more each day. In Jesus' mighty name I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 21

God loves you regardless of whether you love Him or not!

This is love: not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

—1 John 4:10 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

He loved us first! He offered his Son to save us regardless of our decision to believe in Him or to ignore His grace. Regardless of our condition or state or how bad of a sinner we were.

Regardless of whether we loved Him or not. His love was, is and always will be Unconditional Love. We are given the ability to accept or reject the death of His Son as the sacrifice for our sins and the proof of His Love for us.

It's our choice either way. But, what we need to understand, as 1 John 2:1-2 emphasizes, is that He died

for everyone else in the world too, and that now we must tell them of HIS sacrifice of love for them!

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, Almighty God, why You should love me and send Jesus to die for me I will never fully understand. But I thank You for Your love, Your mercy, and especially Your grace (unmerited favor) and I receive Your love. Thank You for Your sacrifice for my sins. Thank You, Jesus, for coming to save me and to show me the way. I pray in Jesus' name and by His intercession at the Father's right hand for me.

Amen.

Chapter 22

Do you reflect the character of God in your life?

[Jesus said,] “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.”

—Matthew 5:43-45 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

No this verse is NOT a cruel joke, it is VERY true. Remember God is Love (Unconditional Love). We often talk about the privileges of being a child of God – forgiveness, salvation, a future in heaven with Him, the gift of the Holy Spirit, prosperity, healing, and health, and ultimate victory through Christ. One of the greatest privileges we get as children of God however, is the opportunity to act toward those who dislike and hate us in a way that reflects the character of God himself. Anyone can return hate for hate, but it takes a child of God to return a blessing and a prayer to their enemies.

The last bit of that verse also indicates, to me anyway, that this action of loving, blessing, and praying for those who hate and spitefully use us is a necessary action, a condition if you will, to becoming a son or daughter of God. "Faith without works is dead!" Works = corresponding actions, actions involved in doing the Word of God in Faith. Because in doing the Word of God you work out your salvation through His grace.

MY PRAYER...

Father, thank You for loving me while I was still an enemy to You. Thank You for offering the death of Your Son Jesus to offer me the chance to accept or reject Your love. As You have promised, You are pouring Your love into my heart so I may love even my enemies as You have loved me. Thank You Father that there are no "undesirables" when it comes to your love for mankind. Father, it is not by my might or by my power that I am able to love and pray for my enemies, but by the power of Your holy Spirit that works within me.

Continue Lord to fill me afresh each and every day.
Through Jesus, the gift of Your love, I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 23

Do you always walk in love?

Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

—1 Corinthians 13:6-7 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

Always love – pretty tall order and pretty tough stuff. Only God is “always.” But as Christians we can be fueled by HIS Love to always be walking in love through the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit! God is Love (Agape) and if His Holy Spirit is living in us then we are (or should be) His love personified.

Remember, our Faith works by love. His Love working in and through us. Check out the promised source of always love in Romans 5:5.

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father on High, I humble myself before You, recognizing Your boundless power to love, the incredible need for love in the lives of those around me, and my limited ability to love them.

Please continue to pour Your Holy Spirit into my heart and Your anointing oil upon my head and in so doing empower me by Your Holy Spirit with Your love toward people. Through the power of Your indwelling Holy Spirit, fill me with the power to love as You do, unconditionally always. In Jesus' sweet and precious name I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 24

How do you recognize followers of Jesus? How do you tell a Christian from the world?

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

—John 13:34-35 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

How do you recognize Jesus’ followers? How do you know who are Christians? Jesus said they love each other and the World just as He loved His disciples. There are no “Undesirables” as far as Jesus is concerned, He has only love (Unconditional God-kind of Love) in His heart for ALL. Unconditional Love, that’s how Jesus loves and that is how we are to love also. This meant He was willing to give sacrificially and selflessly by dying for them on the cross, and He was also willing to love selflessly and practically by becoming

their servant to the extent of even washing their feet. Imagine if we all read the Gospels, and committed to love each other in the same way Jesus showed His love to His disciples! Unconditional love for one another! Are you a disciple (a follower of the teaching) of Jesus? Then there should be no “Undesirables” in your life either. You should love everyone with the ‘Agape’ love of God. This is not the physical love that most people think of, it is a spiritual love. Glory to God He loves me just the same as He loved His original twelve disciples!

MY PRAYER...

Father of Compassion, and God of all grace, I thank You for teaching me to love through the example of Jesus, for removing the thought of “Undesirables” from my life. May my words and actions begin to reflect the same resemblance of His love toward Your people today. May the Holy Spirit, through His working within me begin to produce that Christ like unconditional love within me that Jesus had for the multitudes? Through Christ, my Great Example, I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 25

Did you know the Bible doesn't say, "God so loved the Christians"?

For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.

–John 3:16 Amplified

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Did you know the Bible doesn't just say, "God so loved the Christians"? Read it closely, it says God so loved the world! That's everyone out there in this world, yes even those the Bible refers to as Gentiles or heathens. Even those who claim to be Atheists and don't believe there is a God, God loves even them. Those who are not Christian – yet! It also doesn't just say, "God loves you"? Now don't let me confuse you, it does say God loves us many times, but each time it

does, it shows us that love as well. What a gift from God! How many of you could give (sacrifice) your only son because you loved someone? Abraham was willing to sacrifice Isaac because he loved God so much that when God asked him to sacrifice Isaac he was willing. However, Abraham knew by faith that God would have to raise him up, because God had promised him he would be the father of many nations and Isaac was his only true son. God loved us so much that He not only sent His only son to die for us, but He knew beforehand the terrible, hideous death He would suffer.

Notice that it doesn't say "God so loved the Christians", it Says the World, That includes a world full of sinners, immoral people, homosexuals, and even Satanists and witches, that don't love or even care about Him or maybe don't know about Him (yet).

That doesn't change God's Love for them! It doesn't mean He condones or approves of what they are or are doing – only that He loves them. But, God so greatly loved the world! (Everyone in the world, no matter how bad or evil you currently are).

He demonstrated His love through His Son's sacrifice on the Cross. Have you received that unconditional love yet?

MY PRAYER...

Loving Father and almighty God, thank You for loving me even when I was yet a sinner. Thank You for both saying it and showing it. Thank You for sending Your only begotten Son to die for me, to take my place on the cross.

To bear the punishment I was due, in His body for me! Thank You Father, that You made a way for me where there was no way. That You have, through Jesus, raised up many sons and daughters.

Please know, Father, that I now love You, too! Accept my words and my actions today as a testimony of my love. Search into my heart and see the love I have for You. Help me Father to be able to share that love with others. In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 26

Do you know who you are in Christ?

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

—James 5:16 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

God said confess Your faults one to another. He said confess your faults to who? Not a man in confessional booth, hiding behind a screen. I can’t find that anywhere in any Bible translation I have read. That’s right, but I can find that we are to confess our faults one too another and to pray for one another that we may be healed. How do we get healed?

Praying one for another! Doesn’t say anything about ‘hail Mary’s’. Then He goes on to say that effectual fervent prayer by a man that is in right standing with Him accomplishes much.

How is a man in right standing before God? Answer: He is one who has given his life over to Jesus Christ to be his Lord and Savior, one who is cleansed by the Blood of Jesus is in right standing before God.

The word translated from the Greek here as 'effectual' means: to be active, efficient, be mighty in, shew forth self, work (effectually in). To be "on fire-white hot!"

We must renew our way of thinking, You say, "Well if I were righteous I would do that!" Do you know who you are in Christ? Are you His child? "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Gal 3:26

Are you a born again believer who has made Jesus Christ your Lord? Then you are righteous before God! (2 Cor 5:21 KJV) "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

Because of what Jesus has done for us on the Cross, we are righteous. I didn't say that, the Word of God did!

MY PRAYER...

Father, I thank You for Your Word. I thank You that You have set forth Your will for us in Your Word. Father, I thank You that You have told us we should pray for

one another. That You have actually given us authority in Your Word to pray for one another. I thank You Lord that I know my prayers are heard by You and that they accomplish much because I am righteous in Your eyes. Jesus has made me so with His precious Blood.

Help me Lord to keep my heart pure and to do Your bidding Lord. In Jesus' Holy name and by the power of His precious Blood I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 27

Stand Up and Be Counted

“Exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.”

— 1 Timothy 2:1-2 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

We are commanded, not asked, to pray for our country and our leaders. Whether we approve of the leaders or not! But having prayed, God expects us to act, to take a stand. Obviously many Christians did NOT listen to God and take a stand during the last election here in the U.S.! If they had we wouldn’t be where we are now. And we wouldn’t have a so-called ‘Affordable Care Act’ that causing people to lose their insurance policies or like in my case for the cost to go up almost \$200 a month – yes I said a month!

The homosexuals and the lesbians and ALL the other immoral ones have taken a stand and are making people listen to them. It's time for the Christians of this country to stand up and be counted as Christians – if they are Christian! There can't be any such thing as Gays for Jesus either, that's NOT scriptural and there's nothing gay about homosexuality, it is an evil spirit straight from the pit of Hell. You can't be both Gay and Christian...it's against God's Word, I don't care what you say, Read Romans chapter 1. I didn't say that, the Word of God did. God loves all people, but He hates sin – homosexuality is sin period! Get involved in what is happening around us and in our leadership.

Yes we are to pray, but we need to also be active, proactive and take a stand and be heard! Our country is in the midst of a spiritual battle, and it's vitally important that the right people be our leaders. There is such a great rise in immorality and un-Godly things among the people and the devil is raising his head big-time. We are about to see another Sodom & Gomorrah right here in America. God will have to judge us if don't judge ourselves and this country doesn't change. We must see to it that the right people become our country's leaders. How? Take a stand! Pray for your leaders, both present and future. I didn't say you had to agree with or like them – just that you have to pray for them according to the Word of God.

Thank the Spirit of God for His wisdom concerning your thinking and your stand. Thank Him for giving you His wisdom about what to say and when to say it to others. Thank Him for giving you wisdom to declare the Name of Jesus and declare that this shall be a God indwelt, God-ordained, God-overseen nation ruled by Godly men and women. Stand up and be counted as part of the power of the living God.

MY PRAYER...

Father I thank You for Your leadership and Your guidance. Lord, I thank You for hearing our prayers and for providing the necessary wisdom, knowledge, and strength to our country's leaders at this time. Father, prepare our leaders for the task now ahead of them. For the rebuilding and the strengthening of this country and its people. Lord, I thank You that You are working in the hearts of men even now, causing them to want to and giving them the strength to do Your will. Father, let Your Kingdom come, Your will be done here on earth Lord, just as it is already done in Heaven. Lead and guide our country's leaders in all they do and say. In Jesus' mighty name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 28

Grow A Little Spiritually Every Day!

*“**U**nto what is the kingdom of God like? And whereunto shall I resemble it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.”*

— Luke 13:18-19 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

If you’re going to grow in the kingdom of God, you’re going to do it just like a seed that’s been planted in the ground. How does a seed grow? All at once? No, it grows constantly— 24 hours a day—a little at a time until it accomplishes what it was created to do. Many of us don’t operate that way spiritually. We study and pray very hard for a few days and then quit or slack way off. We want it all right now, microwave Christianity! Then,

when some emergency or sickness or some other disaster comes, we make a mad desperate attempt to pray and stand on the Word, calling all our brothers and sisters to be in agreement with us! While all the while realizing that, for some reason, we're just not as strong as we ought to be spiritually. Why not? God's Kingdom works on the principal of "Seed time and Harvest", you don't get a harvest without first sowing seed. And seed takes time to grow.

There's no such thing as an overnight success in the kingdom of God! Real strength, real growth comes as you consistently and constantly keep the Word before your eyes, in your ears, and in the midst of your heart. Not just when you want to or when you feel like it, but constantly, like the seed, a little at a time. Make up your mind to begin that daily process of constant growth today. Determine to start putting the Word in your heart consistently.

Every day a line here, a line there—a CD here, a CD there, maybe a video here, and video there, line upon line, precept upon precept as your spirit man grows and becomes strong in the things of God! Eventually, your faith will be bigger than you ever dreamed it could be. Remember to tithe of your time to the Lord also. A tithe of 24 hours is 2.4 hours a day that you should be giving totally to God!

MY PRAYER...

Almighty God, I thank You for giving me a measure of faith that I can plant in my heart and cause to grow. Thank You Lord, for Your steadfast love and enduring faithfulness even when I falter. I thank You for Your grace and mercy. I thank You for Your might and power. I thank You for Your awesome holiness. I thank You... for being You and choosing to reveal Yourself to mortals like me.

I Thank You Father for loving me so much that You sent Your Holy Son Jesus to bear my sin, my punishment, my sickness, my disease, my poverty, my depression, and my lack of fulfillment in the law, that through His sacrifice I might have life and life more abundantly.

Father help me to develop a steadfastness in spending time with You and in Your Word. In Jesus' name, your Word made flesh, I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 29

Are you willing to stand up and declare who you are in Christ?

But the just shall live by faith [My righteous servant shall live by his conviction respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, and holy fervor born of faith and conjoined with it]; and if he draws back {and} shrinks in fear, My soul has no delight {or} pleasure in him.

— Hebrews 10:38 Amplified Bible Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

*L*iving a life of faith takes courage. Most people don't realize it, but it does! It takes courage to stand up in the face of sickness and declare you've been healed by the stripes of Jesus. (I didn't say declare you are not sick or that there is no sickness upon you.)

It takes courage to believe for prosperity while you are putting your last dime in the offering plate and poverty

is staring you in the face. Remember God is our source, not men, even if you are working a job God is still your source. There are going to be some days when you'd rather pull the covers up over your head and hide than take another faith stand against the devil. But don't you dare, you can't afford to.

Staying in bed and shouting, "Oh God, Help Me!" Does not constitute a faith walk or going to church and fellowshiping with Him like you are supposed to. Because the battle of faith isn't fought once and then forgotten and it isn't fought in the natural. It is a spiritual battle, fought on a spiritual level.

If you want to keep living in victory, you have to fight it again and again. But remember the battle is not with flesh and blood, but it is spiritual. "...but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits." (Dan. 11:32)

MY PRAYER...


Father I pray that You open the eyes of my understanding and flood my heart with the hope of Your calling for me, that You reveal to me what is the glorious inheritance You have given to us saints and heirs to salvation.

I thank You Lord that You have not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and sound mind. That You have given us great and precious promises to base our faith upon and help us in our day to day battles with this world. Lord I thank You that You have made us victorious through Jesus! In His precious name, I thank You and Praise You.

Amen.

Chapter 30

It is time to get serious about your walk with God.

“ God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee.... I [will] remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.”

— Psalm 63:1, 6 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY’S VERSE...

If you’re going to live and walk in divine health, then there are going to be times when you’ll have to be downright extreme about your meditation in the Word of God.

Times when you may be facing a sickness so severe that you need more than just a few moments in the Word and a quick prayer to receive your healing. Times when getting your healing will be the difference between life and death and doctors won’t be able to help you. But, I’ll tell you one thing, you don’t want to wait until that day happens and then try and put the Word to work! It

won't happen! You need to be meditating and speaking the Word of God concerning health & healing daily. Don't wait until the Devil launches a serious attack against your body with something like the 'c' word, don't mess around like that. Get serious about God's Word. Put yourself under its constant care and it will take good care of you.

"My son, attend to my Words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." Proverbs 4:20-22

Do you believe that? Do you understand what God has said here? These are not just mere sayings people. These are the promises of God to His people! To those who are called by His Name!

MY PRAYER...

Great and Precious Father without comparison, You are truly worthy of my best praise and worship. I rejoice that You are who You are, I celebrate in what You have done, and long for what You are yet to do. Father, I

thank You that Your Word is true and what You have said in it is true. I thank You that You have given us Your promise of healing and divine health according to Your Word. Lord help us to learn to appropriate that promise in our lives. You are magnificent, my Father and my God. Through Jesus, and His matchless love, I will praise you forever.

Amen.

About The Author

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