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DEVOTIONAL GUIDE: PART 1

BE FULL OF ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD (Eph. 3:19)

"...to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God"

This devotional enables you to live a life that is filled with all the fullness of God. Understand: God is all powerful, all knowing, everywhere present, is love, gives hope, and prepares us for eternal life.

To be filled with all His fullness is to be filled with His power! Just as God is supernatural; so, will our lives be when we are filled with all the fullness of God. Just as the verse states: we must know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge. This fullness includes:

- That you fall more deeply & passionately in love with God each day Matt. 22:37,38
- Living a life of love vs. fear, doubt & being without hope Eph. 5:1,2
- Living a life having the fruit of the Spirit continually displayed in and through your life Gal. 5:22
- Living with the power of God each day 1 Cor. 4:20
- Living a life that is being transformed into the image of Jesus 2 Cor. 3:18

There is no greater life than this. You can't get this life through any other means than to become full of Him. You will see a more prosperous person within you; beginning with a prosperous heart. We must be willing to sacrifice anything that is of this world in order to gain this life God is offering us. You may have heard these words before, but we will challenge you to live them; living them in the power of the Spirit. If you are full of all the fullness of God; then you will move mountains within your life by being in partnership with Him. There is nothing any of us has in our lives that is more valuable for us & for all eternity. Our lives will become more fruitful in every way from this point forward as we gain more of Him, daily, within our lives.

What is it that you would like to see God do within/through you as you go through these devotionals, daily? _____

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TO LOVE WITH ALL (Matt. 22:37,38)

*Jesus said to him, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.
This is the first and great commandment.*

Loving God is loving Him like a brother, a friend. It is loving Him with "unconditional love" and loving Him with a "passion for Him" like none other in all of life. If we love Him in this way, with all our heart; nothing else is more important; we then get to the **fullness of God within us**. Loving Him with ALL YOUR HEART is not a switch you turn on; it is more than an idea. It must be **discovered and lived**. We learn to trust Him in everything. When we live dependently upon Him, trusting Him in everything; that is when our spiritual life begins a journey to the heart of God. We cannot be filled with all the fullness of God without loving Him with all our heart! As a result of loving Him with all our heart, we begin becoming like Him! We will be transformed into the image of Jesus. As we are being transformed, it will be so magnificent being in the likeness of Jesus, doing the things He did in ministry here on earth (John 14:12); that our lives will have the joy of the Lord overflowing from within us. We will be living with so much hope, that it impacts those around us. Loving him with all our heart will lead us to a life filled with love & joy.

How can you move your love for Him to being deeper & fuller, today? _____

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WHERE DOES THE POWER COME FROM? RELATIONSHIP! (John 17:20,21)

I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word!

That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

Let us focus on the phrase: “that they also may be **one in Us.**” This oneness means that our minds and hearts are weaved into the Lord Himself; that as we are transformed into the image of Jesus; that we will think & do as Jesus did: thoughts, passions, knowledge; all in His likeness. Loving Him with all will draw us into relationship with Him and as we seek Him; we will know Him in our minds & hearts. And we will yearn for the same things that He yearns for.

As a result of relationship with Him, **the power of God is brought into our lives.** As we love more, we take on more of His Presence, which includes His power. It is good, as we see need, to ask Him for His power in every situation.

The Holy Spirit has come upon us (Acts 1:8). We have Him within us now. If we do not have the mind & heart of Jesus, we will not utilize the power of God in and through the situations in our lives. This power, that is made available to us, is not to be focused on worldly things but first upon the things of the Kingdom. Not only will the Lord transform our mind & heart, but He will also transform us in the use of His power, in us and through us, to His glory.

In order to change relationship & power with Him, what needs to change in your life? _____

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ARE YOU EXHIBITING HOLY SPIRIT POWER? (1 Cor. 4:20)

For the Kingdom of God is not in word but in power.

We have the Kingdom of God within us; therefore, we have His love & power as well. It is an ever-increasing love for Him that ignites more of His power in our lives. If we are weak in faith, carrying sin, having wrong beliefs or are lukewarm in our love for God; we will not see much of His power exhibited in/through our life. Acts 19:11,12 - Paul did unusual miracles with people (being healed from his handkerchief/apron). Acts 5:15 - Peter performed miracles as well: people were healed as a result of touching his shadow. We have this same power available to us, especially when loving the Lord with all our heart; being daily in relationship with Him; experiencing His very Presence! 1 Cor. 2:4,5 - Paul states: “my preaching was not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. When Paul preaches, he is using God’s power with his words. It is being demonstrated: people are being blessed. 2 Peter 1:3,4 “His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life & godliness.” As a result of God loving us and us loving Him with all our heart, this miraculous power can be exhibited in and through our lives.

Are you daily preparing to be full of God? _____

How can you prepare better than what you are today? _____

As you are preparing, ask Him to empower you each day, so you are ready to be used by God.

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THE FULLNESS OF GOD'S LOVE IN YOU IS TO BE EVIDENT (John 15:8)

By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Bearing much fruit not only glorifies God; it confirms that you are His disciple. God wants us to have everything that He is offering to His people. That cannot take place if we do not have the fullness of God within! We must receive the fullness of God as we seek...seeking never ends! The fullness of God means you will bear Kingdom fruit through His power, living daily with joy & the peace of God. We will love others as Jesus has loved us; because He has given us a new capacity for loving. We will bless others with effectual prayer to heal or overcome issues in their lives. God will encourage you & empower you while having victory in helping others overcome wounded hearts: soul-ties, addictions, patterned sin, wrong loves & wrong beliefs. You will become one of Gods mighty men/women, that He will use to change your world & community!

Would you like to bear much fruit; impacting people's lives for the sake of the grace of God? _____

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DO YOU WANT JESUS-LIKE POWER IN YOUR LIFE? (John 14:12)

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to the Father."

Jesus is making it very clear: He is leaving earth & will ascend to heaven to the right hand of the Father. God wants the miracles & love that Jesus brought, to continue! He told us in the scriptures that if we believe in Him (Jesus), in everything He said, did, & purposed; we have the capacity to change the world by the power of God. God wants to work through us, not only to positively impact the world, but to see lives changed so they might live with Him eternally! God wants to see this power used in our community by us! He requires that we believe in Him and have faith that displays a God-courage to confront, bless & heal! Do not be intimidated by this calling that God has on our lives. We will have great joy & thrills because of what He does in other's lives because of us. He wants our whole community to be the best, most protected, most joyful and that all would be saved.

Do you want this calling on your life to be just like Jesus? _____

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NO RELATIONSHIP/NO POWER! (John 1:12)

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name."

This power isn't available to us unless we have received Jesus as our Savior, unless we have chosen to be in on-going relationship with Him. Jesus would like to save every person in the world; but not everyone will say yes. This yes is filled with following Jesus in every way. It is asking Jesus to come into our lives and the Holy Spirit to fill us; asking the Lord to prepare us! This isn't just a mental decision; this is a decision of the heart where one is willing to confess to God Himself (and even trusted others) how we are in desperate need of Him and His salvation.

You can make this decision, today, now! Enroll yourself in Jesus' plan for you: to operate in life with His power & for His glory. There is not a better solution to life. God will prosper you; especially your heart, your skills, your thinking, as you wear His name. Do not enter into this relationship halfheartedly, because He will make you a mighty person of God! He is more than you could ever dream or imagine; He has the answers to life that you need! Just pray this prayer:

"Lord Jesus, I believe that You died to save me from my sin.

Please forgive me for _____, and all my iniquity & sin.
Please come into my heart. Dwell in my heart from now through eternity. I turn my life over to You.
Thank You Jesus that I am cleansed by Your blood & that I am in relationship with You now.
I give You control of my life. Amen

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CHANGING THE WORLD WITH HIS POWER (Matt. 28:19)

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Jesus commanded the disciples to go change the world by being His disciples with the power of God. These 12 men have affected millions, billions throughout time. 1/3 of the world (2 billion people at present) have received Jesus as their Savior. These 12 men had Jesus transform them. (Judas was replaced.) This is/was God’s plan: as we become disciples and on fire for God; we share that fire of God with our family & friends. They are so moved by God, they reach others. As you reach out to your church; people are affected and the church gets transformed. As a result of God moving in His people, that church affects other churches, schools, government, all the elements of the community. As all the elements of the community are transformed, the whole community becomes changed. Community Transformation can take place because of your life and your life only: because you have decided to be “just like Jesus” in every way! Without God, we cannot change the world by our own thoughts & works. It will take God to move those mountains & you will lead the way: whether just in your family or throughout the whole community! This is your chance to make a difference. Now is the time to make the commitment to **follow Him, every day, in every way.**

Will you make the commitment to change the world as a real disciple? _____
If so, tell someone!

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POWER FROM WHERE? (Acts 1:8)

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you shall be my witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to end of the earth.”

The Holy Spirit is the One that works within each of us with the power of God. When He enters, because of our desperately wanting Him and inviting Him in, we walk in the Spirit. (Gal. 5:16;) therefore we actively receive Him and His power. This is not a one-time ask; it is a **continual asking Him to work in us and through us** for His glory, each day! This power is from God Himself. He uses it to transform us and our community. Please, do not hold anything back from the Lord (sin, wrong beliefs, wounds, disappointments). Allow the Holy Spirit to do His work in you; to purify & heal all that could get in the way. If we want God to change our world, our marriage/friendships; God will do it and in the right way. Hold nothing back and begin walking with Him as we never have walked with Him before!

Have you asked the Holy Spirit to dwell in you fully, with a pure heart? _____

What is the Lord saying to you right now? _____

Let Him have His way!

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ARE YOU FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT, THEREFORE A POWERFUL PERSON OF GOD? (Eph. 5:18; Acts 11:16)

"And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit."

We are each called to be "filled with the Spirit", as Stephen was and all his friends. Jesus was filled with the Spirit when He was baptized. It is the Spirit that makes us mighty and powerful. The writer here is making it clear that being drunk is careless living, wasteful living, reckless living. As we empty ourselves of our sin & the world, we ask the Spirit to "fill us to the full"! In some translations, it speaks of these men being "known" to be full. (Acts 6:5,8) We are to be **"known" as being filled with the Spirit**. We are also to be known "to be **filled with all the fullness of God**" (Eph. 3:19) When we are pure hearted, we can receive all that God has for us! We will do mighty things, just like Jesus did! I have heard of many, many ways in which people have been "baptized in the Holy Spirit". It does not matter which way; the question is "do I have the Spirit and am I filled with the Spirit and the fullness of God?"

What is your daily plan to be "filled with the Holy Spirit"? _____

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ARE YOU LIVING IN HIS POWER DEMONSTRATED WITH THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT? (Gal. 5:22,23)

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
Against such there is no law"*

This fruit is God's power! We do not have the capacity on our own to display the depth of each one of these fruits. It is given to us by the Holy Spirit and enabled when we are **full of the Holy Spirit**. Years ago, I would set a goal to be more loving, out of my flesh. In my pride, at the end of the year...nothing had really changed. It was when I became full of the Holy Spirit, that I gained a new capacity to love...a new capacity of peace...a new capacity of faithfulness. These are the greatest treasures that come out of your relationship & intimacy with God. The world can't have what we have: being full of the Holy Spirit and exhibiting the Fruit of the Spirit. To be "full of the Holy Spirit" is to **"live in the Spirit"**! Let us **walk "in the Spirit"**. (Gal. 5:16,25) This means being in **lock step with the Holy Spirit**. This assures you that you will exhibit the Fruit of the Holy Spirit.

As you are in "lock step with the Holy Spirit"; are you asking and expecting the Fruit of the Spirit?

At the end of every day; reflect on how often you saw His Fruit in you. Record the instances in a journal & THANK HIM!

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GOD'S POWER IS DISPLAYED IN YOUR LIFE THROUGH BEARING MUCH FRUIT (John 15:8)

"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so that you will be My disciples."

What a great picture that our Father is glorified through our lives. He is magnified, extolled, and praised. He is honored and desires that this praise comes from us. How is He glorified? When we are full of the Spirit and His power, we will bear imperishable fruit. We will share with others what He is doing in and through our lives. When we live this lifestyle, we have great miraculous stories to tell others about what God is doing. God's expectation is that the fruit will be much, many & great. We will lead people into the Presence of God; they will experience the miracles of having the Fruit of the Spirit, of a love that is like Jesus' love, a peace that passes all understanding. They will receive His mercy & forgiveness. They will be set free to live this lifestyle and be free from the cares of the world. We can bear much fruit! If you are experiencing these

miraculous things in your life - don't hold it within you but proclaim the joy of it to those around you. By God's power, you will bless others in many ways!

Are you bearing much fruit?

Is it happening every day?

What can God do in you & through you to increase your fruit?

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ARE YOU ARMED WITH GOD'S POWER FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE?

(Luke 10:18-20)

"And Jesus said to them, I saw satan fall like lightening from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

Jesus makes it very clear here: satan was thrown out of heaven. God gave us His power to tread on snakes (such as satan) and other demonic rulers and principalities...authority over all the power of the enemy! We should not take on the enemy directly, if we are not operating in the Spirit and full of the Spirit! Our **authority is most significant when we are in the "full of the Spirit" state**. Eph. 6:10-18 states: we have on the **full armor of God**, when we are **full of the Spirit**, when we are **in Him**. If we are in the flesh and trying to put on this armor...we are vulnerable to the dark world. But, if we are in the Spirit & put on the armor of God; operating with the authority God has given us, we will have **VICTORY over the dark world**. We can declare to the enemy: "**flee in the name of Jesus**"! (James 4:7) We can operate with the same authority with which Jesus operated, when we are in **lock step with His Spirit**! This may require fasting and prayer, but **God has given us this authority and power**. Luke 10:18 states that we have "**authority over all the power of the enemy**". There is no reason for fear and doubt...fear & doubt are not of God! We are to **operate with fullness of faith**!

Are you utilizing the authority God has given you, as often as you should? _____

What can you do to accelerate the use of God's authority in you? _____

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ARE WE DEMONSTRATING GOD'S POWER THROUGH OUR GIFT(S)? (1 Cor. 12:4-7)

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all...but one and the same Spirit..."

God's power is displayed through the supernatural Spiritual Gifts from God. There are even more gifts than what is mentioned in this one place in this scripture. By walking in the Spirit, we are to **discern what our gift(s) are**. They are given by the Holy Spirit **for the profit of "all"**! To one is given the word of **wisdom**, to another the word of **knowledge**, to another **faith**, to another gifts of **healing**, to another working of **miracles**, to another **prophecy**, to another **discerning of spirits**, to another different kinds of **tongues**, to another **interpretation**. These are all given by the same Spirit for the **PROFIT OF ALL!** Whatever gift(s) you have, they are to be utilized to **bless others** and are supernatural. **God loves to display His beauty through us**. We never know when He will give us another gift for a specific situation. When we are in a difficult situation, we should go ahead and ask Him for needed gifts. He wants the world to know that He is God! We should use our gifts supernaturally, as God leads us into situations and let Him manifest His power through us. We praise Him and thank Him because of His power through us.

What supernatural gift(s) has God given you? _____

What can you do to use it/them more? _____

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IS IT EVIDENT THAT WE ARE EXERCISING GOD'S POWER & AUTHORITY IN OUR LIVES?

(2 Cor. 3:18)

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

We are the "unveiled face", the open face that should reflect the glory of the Lord to the rest of the world, especially when we walk in the Spirit. We are being transformed into the "likeness of Jesus" and as we are being transformed, we are gaining the ever-increasing glory of God.

We know Jesus was distinctive in His time and culture- absolutely distinct! This verse states: when we are fully transformed, we will look like Jesus and be powerfully distinct to the world. Whether it is exhibiting the Fruit of the Spirit through our spiritual gifts, bearing much fruit, overflowing with thankfulness, displaying the love of Jesus; displaying our peace & joy no matter our circumstance, our being full of faith, having much answered prayer, passionately yearning & loving the Lord, doing unusual miracles, or our victory in spiritual warfare: these are the things that will make us **distinct to the world**. When we function according to God's design & provision, the culture around us will be affected and therefore no longer condone abortion, divorce, sexual promiscuity, or co-habitation. Not only will we see ourselves become like Jesus, but our Church Community will be affected and they too will desire to become more like Jesus, being filled with His power. This visible change then affects the community at large; perhaps many in our community will be saved. You could be strategically used for all of this to take place!

What is God saying to you about this strategic, visibility of God's Presence in you? _____

In order to see this kind of transformation, what are you going to do, additionally or differently? _____

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GOD'S POWER ON DISPLAY (John 14:12; 2 Cor. 3:18)

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do..."

This is the power of Jesus on display. The person who is believing, trusting, having faith in Jesus...will **do as Jesus did**. We will have the mind of Christ, His heart, His compassion. Therefore, we will see what He sees and do what He did. There is **no reason to doubt**. If we have this powerful faith, we will demonstrate (with evidence), that we are just like Him **with His love & power**. Of course, Jesus had no sin, no worldly loves. He was **not seeking after His own glory**. Jesus was **pure hearted**. We can become just like Him but it requires that we seek it **fresh every day!** God wants to empower us, just as Jesus experienced the Father's power...but it requires a pure heart. (Matt. 5:8) We must sit daily before His Presence: confess, repent of worldly loves and sin patterns. The Holy Spirit is within us; helping us to have the pure heart that God has so designed for us to experience! When we recognize impure thoughts, impure patterns; we must go to Him immediately, confess, repent and know that in Jesus' name and blood we are covered. Jesus is granting us the pure heart by His redemptive love, His blood!!

Do you daily seek to have a pure heart and be filled with the Presence of God? _____

Do you hunger and yearn for the things of the Kingdom? _____ All the time? _____

Do you thirst to be Kingdom focused every day & throughout the day? _____

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GOD'S POWER WILL BE EXHIBITED IN US—IF WE ARE SATURATED WITH HIM! (Eph. 3:19)

"...to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Romans 7:20 helps us understand why we keep on sinning! It is because we are holding sin within our hearts. We are thirsting for things of this world. If we are holding these things in our hearts, then we are not pure hearted, not **Saturated with His Presence!** He wants us to know Him: to know His words, His thoughts, His heart motivations. He wants us to know when to use His power and see things as He sees them. Being Saturated with the Presence of God requires that you **know every aspect of Him and embrace everything about Him**. One of the tools His gives us to accomplish this is His Word! We need to fill our hearts & minds with His Word, saturate ourselves with His Presence through the reading & meditating upon His Word: the Bible. When we are Saturated, we are full of all the fullness of God. What an incredible opportunity we have, just sitting there and waiting for us!

Is there any sin you are holding within you now, that prevents you from being fully Saturated with God's Presence?

Are you seeking everything that He is? _____

Stop now and think on this. Move into prayer with Him!

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GOD LOVES TO MOVE WITH HIS POWER (Acts 2:1-4)

"When the day of Pentecost had fully come...they were in one place...they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..."

God loves to move in Revivals; to impact a place, a community, all at one time! Isaiah 64:1 "Rend the heavens and come down." Revivals have taken place throughout history in supernatural moves of God. He loves to come when the people are of one accord and in one place, then supernatural things take place. It is good for us to hope for Revival in our community. It is even better to hope for Revival within us personally; a great move of God within us. God will do supernatural works in us and through us in order to bless other people around us. The day of Pentecost was one of those days. There are other locations in scripture where God suddenly comes. There are days & weeks where He has come to different locations on earth throughout history; His Presence has dwelt there. We may not know when or where! But if we are eager to have a special time with Him; being ignited by Him...we have a higher probability of experiencing this Revival!

Will this be your day? _____

Daily, what is one thing you could do that would welcome the Presence of God to dwell within you? _____

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WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN WHEN WE ARE PERSONALLY IN REVIVAL? (Matt. 22:39)

"...you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus was telling us how important it is to love our neighbor. When we are being moved into Revival & Awakening & Igniting by God...we should take the very message He is giving us & share it with those closest to us. We will overflow with the love of God, bubbling out to others: first, our family, friends, and of course those in our church. They may want this "taste of fire" from God. They may even want to be ignited with the fire of God through us. We might even ignite our whole church, awakening them to the power of His Presence. This fire of God is being shared with anyone and everyone that is around us. God likes to work this way.

Are you available to be used by God, to be ignited personally? _____ Will you ask for His overflowing Presence? _____ Will you hunger & thirst for His Presence; sharing with others, that they may know Him more fully? _____ How? _____

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ARE WE PRAYING WITH GOD'S POWER? (Eph. 6:18)

"...Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints and for me..."

The scripture is telling us to **pray "always"**. When is a good time to pray? Now! We should bring forth our prayers and supplications, bringing them forth "in the Spirit"! These are not to be prayers from our agenda, but prayers that come from Him. The Holy Spirit will show us what to pray. So, we can "listen to the Holy Spirit" about what to pray in all aspects of our life: mind, heart, body, circle of friendships, as well as for our leaders. Our prayers will be answered when we are "in Him", in His purposes, abiding in Him –then we will see **His power**. We must each withdraw from this physical world and **dwell in Him**. He will lead us into a dynamic prayer that will bring forth His will. Enjoy His Presence & power!
Lord, it is all about **YOU!**

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DO YOU WANT TO EXHIBIT GOD'S POWER IN & THROUGH YOUR LIFE?

(Heb. 6:1; Luke 8:13,14)

"Therefore, let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God..."

Is it difficult for us to leave the elementary teachings, because our deep-down desire is not to become mature in Christ? Too often, we want to be affirmed that we will go to heaven. Then, we go on living our lives the way we want to live them...with little regard to God's purpose for us! This is man's design, not God's design. To receive the fullness of God and to be full of the Holy Spirit, is to be full of faith & the power of God! In order to experience all that God has for us, we must have as our aim to become **MATURE, COMPLETE IN HIM**. When we want God's power in our life, we will not see the full expression of that power by living in the elementary teachings. God has much, much more to offer us: the Fruit of the Spirit. We cannot have those 9 fruits in our life to the full, without being mature & complete. God wants to bless us. He wants to give us the full capacity of love & peace that passes all understanding. This cannot be realized unless **we leave the elementary teachings**. Our Lord wants us to thrive & prosper.

What is your aim, your goal in life? _____

Stop now & repent of all things that keep you from becoming mature & complete. _____

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ARE YOU PREPARED FOR BEING SATURATED WITH THE VERY PRESENCE OF GOD? (Jer. 29:13)

"...and you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."

Our aim is to become mature and complete. This does not just happen; it takes organization & preparation! Our aim is to become **Saturated in every aspect of our life, mind, body & soul; with Him!** It means we are opening our heart & life to be **filled with His Presence.** It means we will **continually be reading our Bible.** **We will unceasingly pray** – as we kneel and as we walk. We will be obedient in all that God has told us to do. We will participate in group prayer. We will desire to praise & worship God with all our heart; thanking Him for all that He is doing. We will be **active in studying our Bible so that we know Him in every way.** We will do Bible memorization, so His very Words are on the tip of our tongue, always. We will have intimate relationships/friendships that encourage us to be our very best before God. We will participate in community fellowship to serve & love our fellow man. We could consider ourselves as a circle whose aim is to be full of Him – mature! Each one of the subjects discussed should be coming into our mind, body & soul; to saturate us and then to transform us!!

What will you do today & from this day on, that will accelerate your Saturation with Him? _____

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DO WE DESIRE TO COMPLETE THE THINGS GOD HAS ASSIGNED US IN OUR LIFETIME?(John 14:10-13)

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me...the Father Who dwells in Me does the works..."

There is a tribe in northeast India call the "Naga's". A century and a half ago, they were known as head-hunters! Because a few Christians were willing to go to that land, to the point of losing their lives, to share the love of Jesus; the head-hunting culture was transformed, as a result of a Saturation of the Lord. First: there was 1 or 2 that became saved; then many others. Today, more than 90% of this tribe are Christian! They are church planters. As a result of the saturation of the Lord in their lives, they were able to **TRANSFORM THEIR WHOLE CULTURE!**

Hold nothing back from God & we will be as prosperous as they now are.

"Lord, I give You all of me!"

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WOULD YOU LIKE MORE OF GOD'S BLESSINGS IN YOUR LIFE? (Gal. 5:22,23)

"...but the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."

Love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are characteristics of God. They cannot be received in any other way than as gift from the Spirit of God. We cannot love like Jesus loves, or have joy like Jesus has, without it being **given to us from God Himself.** When we receive this fruit from the Spirit, we have a new capacity to live and our purpose isn't for our glory & earthly comfort; but for His glory and our satisfaction in that. When we are Saturated, we get these gifts all the time. Imagine ourselves as a container as we are following God & seeking to know Him in every way! The result that takes place is that all we have taken in of God is filling us and overflowing out of us! We will bless others with the fruit of the Spirit within us. We will serve more people; we will have greater compassion; we are walking in God confidence; we have quality friends; we are free of anxiety and worry; we'll even have the capacity to love & serve our enemies; temptation in our life will be quenched; we'll **live a life full of hope!**

Congratulations in seeking to be Saturated with all your heart! Now, **enjoy the Presence of God within you and see what He does in and through you!** Praise God.

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ARE YOU OVERFLOWING WITH THE THINGS OF GOD AS A RESULT OF SATURATION?

(John 15:4,5)

*"...Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch can not bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine...
I in Him bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."*

Because we fully experience God on one day, does not mean it will remain true on the next day. It is necessary to **seek Him every day with all our heart!** We are to be like a cup that is being filled and overflowing with the goodness & blessings of God. When we are Saturated and stay Saturated, the **overflowing will continue.** We will not just overflow, we will **bear much imperishable fruit.** But when we stop abiding in Him; when we stop being connected to the vine...that is when the overflowing stops. When we stop abiding, we are without Him and apart from Him in our life; whatever we do has no eternal value. So **continually ABIDE!** Do not let go; do not get distracted; do not be impacted by false teaching. If we stay on course, our life will be awakened and we will be in Revival. We will be **igniting many around us.**

What is your plan to abide in the Vine? _____

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ARE YOU OVERFLOWING WITH GOD'S POWER? (Eph. 3:16)

*"...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory,
to be strengthened with might/power through His Spirit in the inner man..."*

God desires for us to have & display His power. It is to be evident within us: to our family, our church, wherever we go. I want this for my life, don't you? His power comes from the Holy Spirit & being "in Christ" in all areas of our lives; permeating into many areas in our family, churches & **communities,** making them "**great in God's eyes**". But to do this, we cannot just be **strengthened with His might** once, we must be strengthened with His might, daily! In James 1:4, the Lord desires that we be **perfect & complete, lacking nothing.** To exhibit God's power every day, we must simultaneously seek to be mature & complete in Him! We must pursue living "in Him". When we are living in Him, we will be living with purified hearts. This verse is Paul's prayer for the saints: that we would operate with God's "**dunamis**" power - **walking in the Spirit.** Why? That we would be **transformed ourselves & the Spirit's power would permeate out into the people around us.**

Could you be accused, by those around you, of operating with His power daily? _____

What is it that you can do (additionally to what you currently are doing) that would keep you complete in Him? _____

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ARE YOU TRANSFORMING YOUR COMMUNITY? (Matt. 28:19)

"...go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit."

I have previously mentioned the Naga people, in northeast India! In the 1850's, they were still being labeled "headhunters"; today they are church planters. 90% of their community are living "complete in Him"! Wherever they go, they are "in Christ" – transforming the people in their community and beyond. They are looking to transform their marriages, churches, education system, business community, the arts, government, media...and setting free the poor and oppressed. They have a **burning desire to share the life of Christ.**

You are pivotal to fostering this same level of transformation & Saturation in your community. Our hearts are to be transformed, so we are in the likeness of Jesus; so that the world sees the likeness of Jesus through us. God has transformed us so that we can share the gospel and **transform the rest of the world.** This is not something we do

occasionally; this is something we **do daily**. If we live to become complete and mature in Him and to transform the rest of the world; **God will move mightily in us and through us**. Many will become disciples.

God's Word & the Holy Spirit transformed Naga Land. The Naga people were relentless in sharing Jesus. Will you become relentless? _____

Who is God calling you to impact? _____

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WHAT KIND OF FRUIT WILL YOU SEE? (Col. 1:28)

*"Him we preach, warning every man & teaching every man in all wisdom,
that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."*

As we are making disciples, we must also serve the Lord by **presenting every man perfect in Christ Jesus**. God is calling us to proclaim/preach, wherever we are. This message is **written to all the saints**, not just to pastors! As we proclaim Christ, people will receive Him as their personal Lord & Savior. As we **seek Jesus and become mature**, learning how to be **Saturated with His Presence daily**; we have a new **capacity & power**. As the Lord magnifies who He intended for us to be; we will have more **love & compassion**. God will inspire us to raise up churches that are Saturated with His Presence; exhibiting the very character of Jesus. There will be:

- **Prayer Movements** raised up that will change the face of the earth...especially in our communities.
- Parents will be empowered
- Students will have greater success
- The oppressed will be freed
- Business people will be enlightened & anointed to be leaders
- Great marriages will be formed & built
- Government will become efficient and serve the people
- Media will speak truth.

ALL will become **great in God's eyes because of His Presence & power** in our personal lives!

Who is God calling you to proclaim His message to, today? _____

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TRANSFORMING YOUR WORLD & COMMUNITY IS PURE JOY (Gal. 5:22)

"...but the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace..."

When we are Saturated with His Presence; when we are proclaiming His Presence; when we are complete in Him daily...God pours out His uncommon joy upon us. We will have a **joy that overcomes any circumstance** we may have, and this comes from the Holy Spirit Himself. We will have joy when we see highly successful students in our community. We will have joy when we see the entertainment industry and media honoring God. We will have joy when the business community becomes leaders in the world...when our medical system is healing people ...when we see churches flourishing...when we see abortion & pre-marital sex & cohabitation disappearing...when we see citizens experiencing innovative freedom...when we see the people overflowing with the Fruit of the Spirit...when we see our **communities transformed**. This is what it looks like when we present every man perfect in Jesus. **Ask for His joy & live for His joy. REJOICE!**

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE A PERVASIVE REVIVAL CULTURE? (2 Cor. 3:18)

"... But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

We are the ones with the unveiled face – **showing the glory of the Lord** from within us. We are transformed into the image of Jesus, with ever-increasing glory. That glory is being built up within us by the Holy Spirit. When we are transformed, we are exhibiting a move of God within us, looking like our blessed Jesus, more and **more every day!** We call this move of God: being **Saturated with His Presence** and being **in Revival!** In Matt. 28:19, we are commanded to "go and make disciples". This is a structure created by God, a Revival Culture resulting in: pastors on fire, true repentance toward pure hearts, a fullness of faith that risks daily, a House of Prayer that sees answers, a desperateness for God, heart transformations that exhibit miraculous change, people being led by the Spirit daily – proclaiming the gospel wherever they go, the love of Jesus being exhibited through us, engaging people with the fire of God. This is the culture that will be in us—we will be used by God to create that same culture within our community. This is God doing Community Transformation; this is a community becoming Saturated with the Presence of God & prosperity in all different ways will be taking place. Hundreds & thousands will be coming to the Lord to be saved.

You, being Saturated with the very Presence of God, is God's answer to your world—**He wants to work through you!**

Will you make Him your daily purpose? _____

To what would you give testimony that exhibits God's love, power & transformation in your life? _____

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ARE YOU SATURATED? (Eph 3:19)

"...to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Eph. 5:18
"...be filled with the Spirit."

It is always necessary to have the **love & power of God to the full**, due to being Saturated with the Divine Presence of God! This is when God can move in us and through us. This is when our heart is pure & empty of all sin, **filled with His Presence**. As a result of this Saturation, He transforms us & will utilize us to transform our community. We have a **Sovereign God**, able to dwell within us, if our heart is pure & seeking His Presence. Imagine what others will see in us? They will see **God's almighty power, His glory on display**. They will see us blessing others through serving & loving them. They will see us share the life of Jesus with those around us. They will see God using us as harvesters to bring people into His Kingdom. They will see the joy of the Lord & the peace of God within us. We will no longer strive for success to please the world. We will no longer seek acceptance of the world, only God Himself. We will no longer be characterized by worry, anxiety & stress. We will no longer be caught up with the busyness of the world. We will be an **effectual tool of God**. When we try to live life on our own, without Saturation, we are like Solomon in Ecclesiastes: he sought power, influence, wealth, entertainment of every kind to give himself satisfaction. He stated "this is chasing after the wind; satisfaction comes from God!"

Satisfaction can be yours, if you are **daily Saturated with His Divine Presence**.

What have you done today to be Saturated? _____

What are you going to do to stay Saturated? _____

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IS YOUR JOY COMPELTE? (John 15:11)

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you and that your joy may be full."

Our joy will be complete only in a state of Saturation with His Divine Presence. Joy is too often misunderstood. The world would say: joy is happiness, receiving blessing, or success in something. This is not joy. Joy means "**cheerfulness that comes from God**". This joy comes from the fruit of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that delivers joy to us, if that is what we are seeking while being Saturated with Him. **Saturated is "dripping, overflowing, no room for anything else in our hearts"**. This causes us to think, feel, act, have power & be full of joy!

If you desire to have joy & satisfaction in life today: **seek His Divine Presence & receive it.** _____

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WHAT DOES JOY LEAD TO? (Cor. 8:2)

"...that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality."

Paul is speaking to the churches of Macedonia. He speaks of the grace of God being bestowed on them. We know that in this life, each of us will experience trials and pressures of many kinds. Though these believers experienced trials, they had joy even in their deep poverty. They abounded: they had great bounty, they were overflowing, they were a generous people. Their circumstances were not ideal, but because they were experiencing the grace of God, they had joy! In their joy, no matter their circumstance; they abounded & were a generous people!

Generosity is one of the measures of being Saturated and therefore joyful! Today is not only a good day to be Saturated, but also to **allow the Spirit to work in you with joy**; that you might **exhibit a generous spirit wherever you go!**

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THE CHOICE IS OURS: MEDIOCRITY OR SATURATION (Acts 6:3)

"Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you 7 men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business..."

I am 69 years old. I have walked with the Lord for decades. I am sorry to say that it took me until I was 50 years old to begin thinking about being Saturated with His Presence. I was arrogant about my spiritual position because I was seeking God & could be characterized: dutiful, determined & disciplined. My goal was not to be Saturated, being full of the Holy Spirit. I tried to attain the things of God & the things God wanted me to do...with my own strength - too much so.

1 John 5:5

"who is he that overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"

If we believe, then we overcome. It was made clear to me in my journey: if I believed, then I would seek to be Saturated with the fullness of God! It is when I was Saturated that I made better daily choices in life. My goal became to be in the "likeness of Jesus". I no longer wanted to be somewhat loving; but I desired to love like Jesus loved. I no longer wanted some joy, I wanted joy overflowing. I no longer wanted a somewhat happy marriage; I wanted a joyful marriage. I no longer wanted some of God, I wanted **all of Him**. My purpose in life became "**being full of Him, Saturated with Him**". God's Presence then moved in all my life, every area, every relationship. Do not hold back; do not just be religious—be Saturated!

What is one thing in your life that keeps you from being Saturated daily? _____

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WHAT IS A KEY IN BECOMING SATURATED? (Psalm 84:1,2)

*"How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts. My soul longs, even faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart & my flesh cry out for the Living God."*

How do we see God? Is He loving, generous, filled with high expectations and blessing us; a beautiful God in every way? This is how the psalmist saw God. As a result of seeing God this way: we see the tabernacle, the courts around it, the holy atmosphere...as **a place where I want to dwell in my heart!** I see a generous God towards me because I am a son/daughter of His. He wants to bless, grow, and lead me!

When we anticipate being in His courts, personally with God Himself...our soul longs, even yearns, cries out for His Presence; even to the point of fainting; because we are willing to do whatever it takes to be in His Presence. It is not just crying out with our hearts, but we feel so strongly that even our flesh, our very skin, is crying out for Him! When we live each moment with this type of attitude; **we will see God!** We will **see His power** in us and through us.

How do you see God? _____

Are you yearning to be in His Presence? _____

What can you do to develop this same attitude as the psalmist or Jesus? _____

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A FRUIT OF SATURATION (John 2:17)

"And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."

Scripture has told us in 1 John that we are not to love the world or anything of the world. The world is passing away—why is it passing away? Because of our fellowship with Him! No longer do we find the world "tasteful"; we have no lust, no hunger for it. We are led to do the will of God & we are so impassioned about His will that we want to **abide in His will daily**. This leads us to the promise of abiding in Him forever & always. Doing the will of God is not painful; it should be a joyful experience: being in the very center of where He wants us to be – full of joy because God is using us to our fullest & we are bearing much fruit. To be Saturated, which leads us to doing God's will; we will move from living our will to doing God's will. We will be releasing the things of this world, including the desire for earthly success. We will be releasing being important in other people's eyes. Therefore, we will find there are fewer activities in our life; only the important ones remain. We will be living to an audience of ONE – God Himself. We will be choosing to listen to God alone. We will be compelled to do what He tells us to do. And we will please Him!

Doing the will of God is His higher purpose for us: **all our gifts, talents, and passions peaked and directed towards His will**. We will bear much fruit and have joyful lives as we are doing His will due to being Saturated with His Divine Presence.

What hinders you from being Saturated today? _____

Overcome it with God's help!

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ARE YOU EXPERIENCING ABUNDANT LIFE? (John 10:10)

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

I have come that you might have life, and that you may have it more abundantly."

The thief, satan & his demons, is ever present in our world. He does not have our best interest in view. Every day, from the beginning, he desires to be the thief, murderer and destroyer of our lives. If we choose not to be Saturated with the Presence of God; then we are choosing to be a slave to the enemy. He is the one who causes us to become distracted or lack the fortitude to become Saturated each day. The way to a more abundant life is to **be & stay Saturated with God's**

Presence. The enemy is powerless against this. The enemy cannot get close when we are overflowing with the fullness of God; he cannot stand in the Presence of God.

God desires that we be more than conquerors (Rom. 8:37). We cannot do this in our flesh. It occurs when we are fully armored with His Holy Spirit. His Presence in our life will bring us incomparable blessings. Our Lord is waiting for us to desire to be filled with Him so that He can pour out blessing upon blessing upon blessing in our lives.

Do you feel like a conqueror today? _____
If not, stop right now and drop to your knees to worship Him.

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PARTAKING IN THE FRUITS OF DOING HIS WILL (1 Cor. 9:22b-23)

*"I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.
Now this I do for the gospel sake, that I may be partaker of it with you."*

It is God's will that we all share the gospel, for the glory of God. The gospel includes the mystery of Christ: that Jesus Christ died, rose again and ascended into heaven, to make a place for us. The great thing in all this is that as a result of doing the Lord's will, we become partakers of the blessings of God. Partakers of joy, peace, and love. Partakers of satisfaction in life, His power being made full in us. He has many blessings for us: a fullness of faith that has capacity to move mountains; a patience that is strengthened & built up; a humility that is not self-serving but rather raises up others; a goodness that comes to us; a gentleness. These are blessings from the Spirit of God, and we get to receive these blessings & many more.

What 3 blessings have you received from the Lord today? _____

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SATURATION LEADS TO FREEDOM (Rom. 6:17,18)

*"But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.
And having been set free from sin, you became slaves to righteousness."*

Jesus set man free from sin. We only get to receive that freedom to the degree that we free ourselves from all sin. What an incredible blessing: to be free from the incumbrance of constantly being bombarded by the enemy about our temptations & sinfulness. Unfortunately, the enemy is trying to get us to sin daily to separate us from God. But **we have the freedom & authority to shut down the enemy.** When we are Saturated with Jesus, the enemy cannot get to us. This is the **state of total freedom**, to be **righteous**. When we are **Saturated with the Presence of God**, we will not have the sinful cravings within us; we will not be jealous or covet; the sinful ambition & hate are gone; participating in division, factions, malice & gossip does not even come to mind. We are free; **free to love & bless others.** No longer is our mind & heart being tortured. We can think more freely & the Holy Spirit will bless us with better thinking & even open doors for us. We thank God for setting us free.

Are you enjoying freedom today? _____

Have you stopped to be Saturated with His Presence? Have you invited Him in? _____

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RECEIVE MORE BLESSINGS (Prov. 10:6)

"Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked."

We have become free to do God's will that we might overflow with the blessings of God and therefore we are righteous. God does not want to hold back anything from us. He will not give us blessings that will destroy us because we are not mature, complete, Saturated with Him. God wants to pour out His blessings on us. He has also made it clear that those who choose to live for this world and be controlled by the enemy, thus living a wicked life, will experience violence. We are freed from the consequence of living for the world. He wants us to be **submerged in doing His will and receiving His blessings**. The blessings that will come to us will be full of power so that we might have a marriage full of oneness and joy, even have the capacity to love our enemies. We will be full of generosity and giving grace to others. God's righteousness will bubble out from us, blessing others. The Holy Spirit is going to encourage us in all the right things. We will even find that we physically feel better, having more energy. He will cause us to invest in the right things. **What a glorious life the Lord is offering us.** These blessings are waiting for us.

Is there anything holding you back from being Saturated? _____

Stop & pray right now, asking for the Lord's power to overcome this obstacle and sweep it out of your way, in Jesus' name.

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ARE YOU RECEIVING ALL HIS BLESSINGS & PROMISES? (Eph 1:3)

*"Blessed be our God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ..."*

We thank our Father for all spiritual blessings, beginning with the Fruit of the Spirit, and especially freedom from sin! When we are Saturated with Him: we lose our sinful cravings; we lose our desire for dissensions, jealousy, coveting, sinful ambition, hate, deceit, factions, malice & gossip, hypocrisy, boasting, lusting, haughty eyes, bearing false witness, manipulation & scheming, anxiousness, worry & stress—all gone. When we are Saturated, these cannot exist within us. They are of the enemy. In Him, we have a burning passion for people & will be **graceful and generous**. We will have a **personal vitality**; physically ready to do anything God wants. We will get to receive the promises of God. He is our shield, help & guidance. He offers us intimacy with Him. He rescues & delivers. He listens and answers. He sustains, causing us to be more productive. He is merciful to us. He gives wisdom & understanding. He leads and comforts. He multiplies fruit: 30, 60, 100 times! He is offering all this to those who are Saturated; He desires to hold nothing back. **He wants us fully satisfied; powerful for His Kingdom.**

Are you saturated with Him today? _____

Have you positioned yourself to receive all His blessings? _____

If not, stop and seek Him fully!

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THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST (Col. 1:27)

*"To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery
among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory."*

To receive the blessings, it requires that Christ be "**in us**". He is our hope of glory. It is called a mystery because the Gentiles did not understand how to become saved or how to be Saturated with Christ and thus receive all that God the

Father has to offer. These blessings can be given fully or partially. When we are not **fully in Christ**, blessings are partially given, because we have chosen to live a part of our life for the world. This dual life will destroy the opportunity to **have His love and power fully within us**. Hold nothing back. Give all your hopes & cares to Him and He will return them, with **even more glory!!**

What are you holding back from Him? _____

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LIVING THIS BLESSED LIFE REQUIRES SOMETHING! (Col. 2:6,7)

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

This blessed life, **the Kingdom Life**, is available to you **every day**, but you **must walk in Him!** Walking in Him is seeking Him in every way. It means that we desire to confess & repent of our sins daily, that our heart might be pure. It means we want to worship in song, in the Word & learn something profound from Him. When we do this daily, we are being rooted & built up, and our faith is being established. We will be a man/woman of God that will be enabled to stand against all forces; **leading our people to the very Presence of God!** Our life will be so rich, abounding in Christ and we will overflow with thanksgiving. We will desire to share this with everyone around us. Do not hold it back; give it out!

Are you daily walking with Him? _____

Continue in it. If there is something God would have you do, what is it? Begin doing it!! _____

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ARE YOU COMPLETE IN HIM—SATURATED? (Col. 2:9,10)

“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, Who is the head of all principality & power.”

When we have Christ in us; we have the fullness of His deity with us. We have the fullness of God Himself! Therefore, we are complete in Him. We are also the head over every power & authority, the ruler of the dark world. Do you see that if you love Him with all your heart, you will be able to be just like Jesus? We will no longer measure life regarding the things of the world; how rich we are; how famous we are. We will measure the world by doing the things that God wants us to do, having the mind of Jesus, doing the things of Jesus, desiring the things He desires. We will be a **Kingdom conqueror**. Be in Christ & stay in Christ. When we stay in Christ, we push away the world and its sin. Now, begin seeing the Christlikeness of Jesus in your life!

Name 3 things that were Christlike in your life yesterday or today.

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WHAT IS YOUR LIFE? (Col. 3:4)

"When Christ Who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."

Our Lord has given us very high standards for being a Christian. These words are profound because the Lord is making it clear: if Christ is fully in us and we stay **in Him**, then **He is our life**: the purpose behind everything we do. We live life to bring glory to Him throughout the day. We want to be just like Jesus; doing the things He wants done. This is a thrilling life because we will be able to **heal the sick; raise the dead; cleanse the leper; and drive out demons**. We will be **able to bless** those who are part of our community and those within our church. We will want God's very best for them. Being in Christ is being Saturated with His Presence! He will show us what righteousness is within our marriage, family, friends, work, and church. We can be this person. In Christ, we also have His Spirit and He will empower and enable us.

What are you going to pray for today that welcomes a miracle? _____

What 2 people are you going to bless today? _____
Be blessed.

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PRESENT EVERY MAN PERFECT: IN CHRIST, SATURATED (Col. 1:28)

"Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

Presenting every man perfect – when Jesus returns. This is a tall order: to present every man perfect. The Lord tells us we are to preach," warning every man and teaching every man" in all wisdom. With each person we know, we are being challenged to present them perfect. This cannot be accomplished because we operate in our own strength and wisdom; this **happens when we are Saturated, in Christ**. We will see **God's power and glory move through us** to touch everyone in our life—if we are willing. One of the measures of success in our Christianity is to do what He says. We are empowered to teach the people around us through our words, our powerful prayers, our righteous actions; our loving character...to draw them to Christ through us. **We are the Lord's calling card**. When they see Christ in us; now we begin believing it can happen to them too. When they see this in someone else that we helped; once again, they will say "this is the great I Am" that is doing this" – God Himself.

Who did you bless today? _____

Who are you going to bless? _____
Do this & God will be glorified.

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PUT TO DEATH THE THINGS OF THE WORLD (Col. 3:5,8)

"Therefore, put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, covetousness, which is idolatry...but now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another..."

These things were us when we walked in darkness, with the enemy. How do we put them to death? By taking ownership for them: **confessing** them and **repenting wholeheartedly**. Be embarrassed before God for them; humiliated, and desire to be **free of them**. Tell the Lord that you want to **be in Him fully**. When we walk with Him and are in Him daily, these things will be dead in our life. This is taking off the old life. They cannot follow us when we are **fully in Christ**. We are free of them and all the bitterness and wrath they produce. Praise God! We are a **new creature in Him**. We are being prepared to do His will. Hallelujah!! Take time now to praise God for your freedom from sin.

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PUT ON THE NEW SELF & BE TRANSFORMED (Col. 3:12-14)

"Therefore, as the elect of God, holy & beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long suffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But, above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection."

First, we must take off the old self (vss. 5-8); then we **put on Christ**. We become "**in Christ**" and are **empowered by God**. As we daily seek His Presence, we put on each of these characteristics as though we were putting on new clothes. This is the new you! We do not do this with our own strength; the Holy Spirit will help & encourage us. As we **study to have the mind of Christ**, the Holy Spirit will make these character traits a part of our wardrobe.

When we have put on Christ, the peace of God will rule in our heart. We will be thankful; we will be sharing it with others through psalms, hymns, singing, with grace in our heart to the Lord. Because we are so captivated about being **in Jesus**; we will **do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus**. We will be giving thanks to God Himself through Jesus. Amen & amen!

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TO BE SATURATED IN CHRIST, WE MUST OBEY IN ALL THINGS, (Col. 3:23,24)

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."

Just prior to this verse, it says wives submit to your husbands; husbands love your wives; children obey your parents in all things; fathers do not provoke your children; and bondservants obey in all things your masters. This is speaking to every one of us about **obedience**! This verse is not speaking of obedience to please others; but **to please God**, in reverential fear of God. These are some of the indicators that determine whether we are in Christ or not. Christ is supreme, the deity of all mankind. He is worthy to be sought and seeking includes obeying. Without obedience the rest of it does not work. He wants to do all this blessing for us but without a willing heart and a sincere pursuit of His Presence; we will not be in Christ. We are not talking about blind obedience, legalistic obedience, or religiosity. This **obedience is a result of our love for God**. We want **everything we do to be for His glory**. Of course, this leaves out sin because we have taken it off and laid it aside. If we fall, we can repent. God wants all of us; He made us for Himself. As His son/daughter, He wants to bless our whole life.

Have you seen disobedience in your life? _____
Repent now. **Ask to be in His Presence now and throughout this day.**

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SATURATION IN CHRIST MEANS ABUNDANT LIFE (John 10:10)

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that you may have life and have it to the full."

When we are in Christ, as we have been studying, the thief cannot come to steal, kill and destroy. The thief has no access to us. Any time we choose to compromise with sin, we have given access in our life to the enemy. What Jesus wants to do is to give us life, life to the full, abundant life, a life of blessing & fulfilled promises, a life with many answered prayers.

Do you have the faith to go all the way? _____

Will you trust Him fully to meet your every need? _____

He is calling for us to experience this abundant life. He is calling for us to love Him with all our heart. He is calling for us to surrender everything that we have in life. He wants to see joy resounding in our life.

Will you say "yes" to all this? _____

He is waiting to take you further on the journey.

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WHAT KEEPS US FROM SATURATION? (Heb 10:11)

*"And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices,
which can never take away sins."*

We have talked about Saturation and power and the blessings that we receive. Now we will focus on that which keeps us from Saturation. In this verse, the Hebrew writer speaks of "priests doing daily sacrifices". This never takes away sins! It is Jesus Who has paid the price for sin. I was caught in the trap of "religiosity", of more duty, more discipline & more determination. I came to recognize that this was religiosity based on my own effort! Duty, Discipline & Determination (DDD) is a form of self-worship, of doing more things in my efforts, without including Him! I thought I could become more holy if I were more determined. These are not bad qualities, but without the love & power of Jesus & the Holy Spirit; they are a waste. The Lord tells us in (*John 15:5*) *apart from Him we can do nothing!* We can do nothing through our DDD if it is apart from Him! It is dependent upon a deep walk and relationship "in Him!" When we first have a deep walking **in the Lord**, and add duty, discipline, and determination; our relationship is **powerful & mighty**.

Are you doing life in DDD without deep relationship? _____

What is it that you can ask the Lord to transform in your life? _____

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WHY DO OUR HEARTS BECOME LUKEWARM? (Rev. 3:15,16)

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of my mouth."

1 John 2:15

*Do not love the world or the things in the world.
If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."*

Obviously, God hates lukewarm! He hates it when believers do not seek to be saturated with His Presence. Why do we become lukewarm? Because we do not put away the things of the world: lust, sports, shopping... These loves are replacing the things that God wants to implant within us: **His character and the fullness of the Spirit**. So, the love of these other things takes away the passion of a **Oneness relationship with the Lord**. The closer we get to Him, the more we desire Him. The closer we get to the world, the less we desire our Lord. If we have desires for the world, it is cheating us of God's power, His blessings & promises to be received by us. We are not only cheating God; we are cheating ourselves.

What love(s) is keeping you from being Saturated? _____

Stop and ask God to give you healing and help to defeat, (to put away, to put to death) this wrong love! Tell Him you want all of Him.

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WHAT IS A NUMBED DOWN HEART AND HOW DOES THAT AFFECT YOU? (Proverbs 1:32)

*“For the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them;
But whoever listens to Me will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil.”*

Numbed down is being conditioned to **expect less**; to see less opportunity; to not be properly motivated about things of God! It means that we have tried many times, yet failed, so, we accept our circumstances. Numbed down means I am **focused on myself** and not **in love with my Lord**. We are to be **world changers!** We have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us and there is **nothing that God cannot do!** We must resist complacency and apathy; that doing good is good enough. God wants us to be great and to do great things, because of His being in us. God desires that we look appealing, powerful, and successful at what we do, because we have the **power of God within us!** When we are seeking to be our very best & great in God’s eyes; being numbed down falls away. We begin to think about what God desires to do, every day, in and through us. Do not let the enemy lie to you: that your circumstances will never change or that you will be mediocre all the days of your life. There are things besides money that you can be great at; that will honor and glorify God.

How has the enemy & life numbed you down to have low expectations? _____

Ask Him to heal & free you! Ask Him to make you a powerful, godly person for Him!

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ARE YOU FREE OF AN ASSAULTED HEART? (Eph 6:12)

“For we do not wrestle against flesh & blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

Another problem that our heart faces are the attacks of the enemy! People hurt your heart by what they say & do, but the enemy is behind it. None of this comes from God. Hearts are assaulted with the physical, mental and emotional suffering that we experience. The less Saturated we are, the more vulnerable we are. We have memories that are sealed within us, whether it is abuse, rape, violence, harsh words, people abandoning us that we have loved and sacrificed for, shame, bitterness and resentment, cruel words, and judgements; these things leave memories that wound us and may surface when not expected. These wounds push you away from personal relationship with the Lord and being complete in Him. Wounds affect our faith & expectations; they affect our blessings and God’s power within us! We could choose to have a live picture of us and the Lord in loving, intimate relationship; to focus on the Lord & His blessings. Ephesians exhorts us to do battle against these wounds: **STAND! OPPOSE THE ENEMY!** Because greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. (1 John 4:4) We struggle not against flesh & blood but against powers and principalities. (Eph. 6:12)

Repent and ask for healing for how your heart has been assaulted. _____

Forgive so that you can be free of resentment & bitterness. _____

Deny the enemy access by destroying every one of the assault memories that plague you!

- What is one memory that plagues you? _____

Forgive. Ask God to erase that memory. **YOU ARE FREE!!**

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NOT BEING “IN HIM” SEPARATES US FROM THE “FULLNESS OF GOD”! (John 17:21)

*“...that they all may be one as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be in Us,
that the world may believe that You sent Me.”*

Jesus was **in the Father, one with Him**, without sin. He had only one love: to **do the will of His Father**. Jesus’ words & power came from God the Father and the Holy Spirit. He was God and was with God.

To be Saturated, in Him, we must desire the likeness of Jesus, seeking His Kingdom and what is best for it. God gives us the answers to living a successful life. The first objective (once we know Christ) is to be **in Christ**; that we would be **one with Him**. When we are one with Him; He will direct our path, therefore, we are capable of being one with those around us. If we try to succeed in relationships, especially in marriage, without being one in Him; our relationships, our marriage may not succeed being great in His eyes. **He is our direction and source of power.**

What is one thing that keeps you from being “in Him”? _____

Ask God for what you should do and seek to have Him free you of this slavery position. _____

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SIN PATTERNS IN YOUR LIFE MINIMIZE YOUR LIFE (Rom. 7:20)

“Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.”

Too often, we accept sin patterns in our lives. We justify a compromising sin that we do and repeat it over and over; this is sin “living in me”. The reality is that we are allowing sin in our life; we own it! God has given us **solutions of confessing and repenting**, but because we like these sins in our lives; they cheat us from the **full relationship & blessings of God**.

Rom. 8:5,6 states that we are not to live according to our flesh, setting our minds on things of the flesh. This means dwelling on them, thinking about them, desiring them; so we go on sinning. May it never be! God is asking us to stand and telling us to live according to the Spirit, therefore, **desiring the things of the Spirit**. We can be set free from our accepted sin pattern within our life. We allow it; we accept it. Put an end to the old self & kick the patterned sin out of your life.

What patterned sin have you allowed to remain in your life? _____

What are you going to do about it? _____

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CULTURAL CHRISTIANITY KEEPS US FROM SATURATION (Heb. 10:11, 12)

*“And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.
But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God...”*

Cultural Christianity is doing things that Christians do to please themselves and impress the people around them. An example is: when I was in my 40’s, I would make a checklist of the things that pleased my wife. That way, I could remind myself and plan things I would do for her. Why did I need a checklist? It meant that I did not have to think about her each day; I could just look at my checklist. What is the problem with this? It means that I was like the priest, doing religious things, that made it look like I loved my wife; but I really did not want to bother showing her how I felt. When we love someone, and God Himself, we have a passion for what we feel & we express it in what we do! When we love; it results in a

passion for and desire to please. So, it is with God: when I yearn for His thoughts, for His Word, for His direction; I end up glorifying Him. Hallelujah!!

A Christian does not just do right things; but does them passionately to please the One he/she loves! Name some of these behaviors you do to please the One you love: _____

What are some Cultural Christianity things that you do that you think might influence others and cause you to look good? _____

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CULTURAL CHRISTIAN OR LOVING THE LORD ONLY? (Matt. 7:21-23)

“Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your Name, and in Your Name drive out demons and perform many miracles? Then I will tell them plainly, I never knew you. Away from Me, you evil doers!”

This verse is talking about Cultural Christians; doing the things that Christians do but never becoming Saturated with the Presence of God. People even drove out demons and performed many miracles. They were evil doers because they really did not believe. Cultural Christians struggle with wanting to be free but will not release their earthly passions to receive this freedom! Their hearts are white-washed tombs; just painting over their earthly desires. Cultural Christians also seek to have their lives “fixed by God”! They are not seeking an **authentic relationship; being one with Him!** Cultural Christians are those upon whom one sees stress, worry & anxiousness in their lives. This is the opposite of the person who walks in Christ; they are full of **joy no matter their circumstance**. God does not exist to fix the problems of your life; He exists to be **one with you and free you, causing you to be a powerful person for Him!**

What is one other thing that you do that labels you as a Cultural Christian? _____

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FREED FROM CULTRAL CHRISTIANITY (Matt. 4:10)

“Then Jesus said to him, Away with you, satan! For it is written, you shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.”

Cultural Christianity goes away when we **worship Him only**; worship Him in what we say, how we care for people, worshipping while in the challenges of life, worshipping Him in my marriage & family, worshipping Him in my church & neighborhood. Cultural Christianity is our problem because we choose to compromise; we choose something less than all of Him. We do not fully trust God’s promises: that He will do a better job of leading our lives than we would. Satan is working to destroy our spiritual lives. We allow him to teach us these Cultural Christian behaviors and wrong loves. We do not **desire ALL OF GOD and His plan**; giving our **hearts totally to Him**.

What one commitment can you make today to seek wholeness in loving Him alone? _____

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WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF A CULTURAL CHRISTIAN? (Matt. 4:10)

"Then Jesus said to him, Away with you, satan! For it is written, you shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve."

The answer to defeating Cultural Christianity is **worshipping the Lord, only. Only serving Him!** Cultural Christians have strategic blind spots that hold them back from loving the Lord with **all their heart**. For example: shallow intimacy with God; limited passion for the Lord; rote obedience to spiritual activities; doing spiritual activities because that is what I was told to do; busyness in spiritual activities; having earthly passions; daily dragging past sins & wounds around; a life of stress, worry & anxiousness; selfishness – me first syndrome; doing things without the power of God; doing what I feel like doing; aspiring for success in the world for my benefit; being viewed by others as a great parent; being physically attractive for the wrong reasons; comfort & entertainment; being most popular. These are the focus of Cultural Christianity!

Of which of these are you most guilty? _____

Ask God to transform you with His power. _____

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THE SOLUTION TO CULTURAL CHRISTIANITY! (Matt. 22:37)

"Jesus said to him, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all you soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment."

We have just studied Cultural Christianity, religiosity, lukewarm hearts, assaulted hearts, not being "in Him", accepting sin patterns in my life. The question becomes: **do I really love God?** Do I really **desire Him more** than anything? Do I really **believe that He is everything for my life**...if not, then I must **break free!** I need to be passionate about loving Him with **ALL MY HEART!** This **requires intentionality & commitment** with **revelation of the Holy Spirit**. If we choose to love Him with ALL our heart, we must seek Him in every way; know Him, not just "about Him"! We must discover how awesome, powerful, loving, and compassionate He is. In Proverbs it states: "trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding". He desires to free us of all that is listed above. We must desire this freedom as well. This is not casual acceptance nor is it convenient; it is **longing for His Presence continually in our life**. He desires to deliver to us a life full of joy, hope, thanksgiving, peace and love. These fruits come from the Holy Spirit and a love beyond any other earthly love in our heart.

To what degree are you seeking to love Him? Because, He is already fully loving you! _____

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WHY LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL? (Matt. 22:37)

"Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

The secrets of the Kingdom of God are available to us. The door to these secrets is loving Him with ALL our heart, soul, strength & mind. If we love Him with ALL our heart...there will be evidence:

- having sweet quiet time with Him everyday.
- walking and talking with Him.
- joy no matter our circumstances.

- the power of God being released in us and through us.
- There will be a preoccupation about Jesus in our mind and heart.
- We will possess an unconditional love & a worship Him only love.
- There is no room for anything of the world within our heart.

How much time each day do you spend thinking about Him and His Presence? _____

Are you expressing thankfulness and praising Him as you walk through your day? _____

We should never loose our faith; for **He is always there and doing more than you could ask or imagine!**

Is He the first thing on your mind when you wake in the morning? _____

When you love the Lord with ALL; that love will even drive away the enemy!

Have you asked the Lord to help you love Him with all your heart? _____

Have you made an intentional decision about seeking Him until you find Him and are filled with His love? _____

Have you asked Him to forgive you for your complacency in seeking Him? _____

Stop now and have this conversation with the Lord.

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COME LET US ADORE HIM! (Matt. 4:10)

“Then Jesus said to him, away with you, satan! For it is written, you shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.”

A synonym for worship Him, is to adore Him. Jesus was wrapped in swaddling clothes at His birth, He is the Christ child. He is God. Within Him are all the attributes of God, even though born in human form! He was adorable as a baby, just as He is worthy of worship today because He is God! He will catch all our tears; give us power to defeat the world. He will give us salvation for eternal life. He has sacrificed Himself for us on the cross. He has won the victory for all eternity as He was buried and resurrected. He is the One Who watches over us daily; cares for us; walks with us! He is the One Who allows miraculous happenings in our life. He is **worthy of being worshipped and adored**. It is only through Him that we have joy for the world. When Christmas comes, we celebrate – He is worthy of our adoration!! To love Him with ALL our heart, we must embrace & recognize everything that He is and all He is going to do in our lives! **HE IS WORTHY!!**

What are you holding back that keeps you from loving Him with ALL? _____

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JESUS CAME SUPERNATURALLY FOR YOU! (Luke 2:8,9)

“Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shown around them, and they were greatly afraid.”

Jesus came in a supernatural way: He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and yet born of a virgin! When he was born, an angel was shown to shepherds in the field. The glory of the Lord was shown—they were terrified! The angel spoke to them: “A Savior has been born.” Suddenly there was a great company of heavenly hosts singing “glory to God in the highest”! Now there were kings that came from the orient; they had travelled far, bringing special gifts for the King of all the world. This

King, Jesus, was willing to be humbled to the point of death for us! He was crucified, buried and ascended. We are to adore a supernatural, awesome God; greater than anything in all the world. He is inviting us into a personal relationship with Himself and in that intimacy, we will become Jesus like! Out of love, He sacrificed for us; taught us; did miracles; raised up disciples & apostles; so that we could have this Jesus-life in His Holy Spirit!

Is Jesus your personal Savior? If not, ask Him to forgive you and receive you as His son/daughter! _____

Now, adore Him!

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RECEIVING POWER! (Luke 3:21,22)

“When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, You are my beloved Son; in You I Am well pleased.”

Jesus will demonstrate throughout the Gospels that due to receiving the Holy Spirit, He would change the world. He would change the world through teaching, justice, miracles, and most of all love! He desires that all men be saved and come to the glory of God!

Can you think of anyone who deserves more love than He does? He has sacrificed for us; paid for our sins; and wants us baptized with water and His Holy Spirit—He wants to dwell in us fully!

If you have received this baptism, then you walk with the potentiality of the power that Jesus had. Because Jesus lived as a man and was empowered by the Holy Spirit; so too can you! Nothing like this has ever happened in all of history. This is a supernatural work of God, through Jesus! That same potential lies in you because He indwells you. You have the same capacity to love like Jesus & perform miracles; to stand for good & justice; to be used by God to have Jesus save the rest of mankind.

Is there a reason to love and adore Him? _____

Is there a reason to bow down and worship Him, praise Him? _____

Please remember that if you have received the Holy Spirit, you walk around with the potential of doing what Jesus did! What is the Lord asking of you now? _____

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ALL YOUR HEART! (Luke 10:27)

“So, He answered and said, you shall love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

There is an emphasis in this verse, which of course includes love, but it focuses on how much love. It emphasizes “**with ALL**”! What a simple 3 letter word, **ALL**! It means totally, wholly, entirely, everything! These are all encompassing words. When we are loving the Lord with ALL, there is no room for religiosity, or cultural Christianity, or sin patterns... There is only room for **ALL of Him**! Our Lord Jesus and His Spirit desires to occupy every part of our heart, mind, soul, emotions...**ALL of us**! There is no room left for the world. Satan has no access to us! We are full up and we get to live a life of love like Jesus did. It is a love that is just like Jesus’ love! There is no time to back off from this message. Now is the time to sacrifice all things that are not of God; have them crucified...to become saturated with Him; free and literally Christlike!

What is it that needs to be cleaned out of your heart? _____

Ask God to remove it and fill your heart with His love and His Holy Spirit!

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DO YOU HAVE AN UNDIVIDED HEART? (Psalm 86:11, 12)

*“Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your Name. I will praise You,
O Lord my God, with ALL my heart, and I will glorify Your Name forever.”*

We often don't know that we walk around with divided hearts: a heart that is divided between God and the world. But, to love Him with ALL, we must unite our heart, so it is undivided! To do this, we must be taught His ways. We must walk in His truth. Walk means “to go”! Wherever I go, whether in my house, market or somewhere else, He goes with me in my heart, mind and soul. I adore Him to such a degree that when I walk with others; I share Him with others. I don't share about the latest football game or event; I share about the love of Jesus. Because we are so **profoundly impacted by His Presence** and are in awe of Him; this is what we think about! This is evidence of loving Him with ALL! When you stop to pray, and someone is healed—this is evidence of the Presence of God within you! You are saturated because you love Him with ALL your heart! You have power in you and through you because your heart is united with Him; one love!

Is your heart united and focused on loving Him with ALL? _____

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IF YOU TRUST HIM THEN YOU TRULY LOVE HIM! (Prov. 3:5,6)

*“Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in ALL your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct your paths!”*

If we love Him and we know Him; then we will **trust Him!** Trust is a powerful word. It means to be reliant, secure, confident and sure. One who loves the Lord with ALL their heart, will trust Him **in everything**: children, marriage, money, work—ALL the things in life. Even when we fear! We trust in everything, including our fears.

We will be full of faith, of what God is going to do in our life when we trust Him totally. We will be confident to share with someone about the love of Jesus because **He is with me and will give me the words**. If we do not trust with ALL, then we do not love with ALL! Our Lord has loved us with ALL and for us to receive ALL that He has for us; we get to love Him with ALL!

Honor Him with praise for the last thing you saw Him do because of your trust in Him! _____

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DO YOU LOVE WITH ALL? (Luke 10:27)

*“So, He answered and said, you shall love the Lord with ALL your heart, with ALL your soul, with ALL your strength,
and with ALL your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”*

Love is a complex word. There are 3 types of love that come from the Greek.

- Agape: an unconditional love in all circumstances
- Phileo: a friendship love
- Eros: a passionate love

These are all wrapped together in loving the Lord with ALL! Jesus' love for us was **unconditional**, His love was a **friendship** love where we have relationship with Him. In the relationship, He will speak to us and teach us. We have an eros love, a **passionate** love for Him. This passion grows out of our awe for Him: for Who He is, what He has done, what He has done for us most recently, and the **future He promises us**—the **hope** we have! How can we not be passionate for His Presence when He is offering this kind of love to us? We can't get this love any other way: can't earn it or produce it within ourself. It comes from Him and He gives us the capacity to love like He has loved. It is this unconditional love that separates us from all other religions. Doing sacrificial acts in my life for Him is to be a result of my love for Him.

What kind of love from/for God, are you experiencing? _____

How should that change or be more fully enjoyed? _____

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LOVING GOD WITH ALL LEADS TO LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR! (1 John 4:7)

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."

There is much significance here and it highlights that to love, we must **know God** which leads to **true love** and leads to **loving one another**. Loving one another with an unconditional love, a brotherly love and a passion for others to love God with ALL! When we love in this way, we are being intimate with Him and He leads us to this kind of love with one another. We are not suggesting this is easy, especially in the flesh with our own strength. But, as God empowers us to love others with His love, it works. Loving others is giving testimony to them about what God is doing in our life! Or sharing with them a miraculous insight about God. Or sharing about how He is moving in and through our life! Or opening our heart and sharing the secrets of our life within a discipleship group. It is being available to others to help them and ultimately to become Saturated with His Presence! There is no greater thing to be shared or given to others. God is love and when we love Him the way He has loved us – heaven's doors are open and blessings will be received!

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WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HEART? (Matt. 6:21)

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

God has designed our heart to be our compass, our passion & our rudder in life. It is the heart, some call the soul, where we store the treasures of our life. These treasures give us direction, drive our passion, and steer our course for life. To the degree that we understand our treasures, tells us how we will lead our life. Scripture speaks of the heart over **750 times**. If you compare it to the mind/thinking, which is referred to over 200 times. The mind is subordinate to the heart; the heart feeds the mind; the heart steers the processes within the mind; and helps the mind think out how the heart can accomplish/do the things it treasures. The heart is like a container within the body, it stores good & evil. We get to choose what dwells in our heart. Our Lord has given us free will. If we choose to store deceit & wickedness, that will be part of our identity or perhaps our whole identity.

The heart and what it treasures is constantly seeking to be satisfied. Whether our heart is storing up the Lord and things of Him OR storing things from the world, will determine whether our heart is satisfied or not. If we store the things of the world, (such as greed, power, influence); then we are seeking short term satisfaction. These satisfactions are like the wind; they come and go. We cannot catch the wind or hang on to it. Therefore, satisfaction is fleeting, like the wind, we cannot hang on to it! But when we treasure the Lord and love Him with all our heart; He will satisfy our soul. We will seek to love Him with ALL our heart and our neighbor as ourself. We will seek to live a righteous life and lead others to that same satisfaction. We will seek to love and serve mankind for their betterment.

"Therefore, the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does comes from the world and brings no lasting satisfaction." (1 John 2:16)

What do you treasure in your heart? _____

For whatever our hearts thirst, whatever our preoccupied **thoughts** are about & **yearning** for, that for which we have **passion, spending time and money on...**this is where we will **find our treasures**.

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FOR WHAT DOES YOUR HEART SEEK? (Deut. 4:29)

*"But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him
if you seek Him with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul."*

To seek is to inquire, consult, ask, require, frequent. If we truly desire to know God, then we **must seek Him unrelentingly**. This is one of the measures as to whether we truly love Him. If we merely hear about loving God with ALL our heart, we think we are doing great because our mind has "thought about Him" – that is only "mental ascent". But, if we are seeking to "know Him", to be "with Him", to "walk with Him"; so that we say to ourself "I will stop at nothing to deepen my relationship with God"—we will find Him. We will talk with Him, complain to Him, & hear Him speak to us. He will lead us if we seek Him with ALL of our heart. He will reveal to us the treasures in our heart and He will help us foster a pure heart.

Is satisfaction in life, the peace of God, love & joy, what you want in your life? _____

Do you want a fruitful & prosperous life here on earth? And a rewarded eternal life with Him? Seek Him with ALL your heart!

What else do you seek in your heart? _____

Embrace what God is asking you to embrace from Him.

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TO HAVE RIGHT TREASURES, YOU MUST HAVE A PURE HEART FIRST! (Matt. 5:8)

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

A pure heart is an uncontaminated heart. If we have never led our heart before, then be assured: we have accepted some forms of the world/darkness within our heart. The prize we each are searching for is satisfaction and the promise of eternal life. This is not obtained if we don't empower the Lord to help us purify our heart. It is pure when we see only Godly fruit come out of us. Fruit: what we say, what we do, how we do it, and for what we thirst. These things need to be purified. As scripture states: "you are blessed if you have a pure heart". The great reward is that we will see God! God will help us steer our life so it counts eternally, and we will be fruitful today and forever more!

What is God saying to you about how your heart needs to be purified? _____

What one or two things stand out with which you need to deal? _____

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WHAT MUST BE DONE TO PURIFY MY HEART? (Deut. 30:6)

“And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul, that you may live.”

The idea here is that our hearts must be circumcised! We cannot do this, but God does it due to our desire to fully love Him. Circumcision is to cut off the excess and destroy it. Seeking acceptance from other people rather than from God OR being preoccupied with the lust of the flesh rather than Him; these are things between which you must **choose**. God can purify and circumcise them from our hearts! This requires that we call out to God in anguish; to have our hearts purified, the unnecessary to be cut off, so that **God can more fully fill us!**

God does not leave us helpless, but He gives us answers to root out and destroy the wrong/evil things we have permitted to dwell in our heart. He is our Helper and Completer. Please know that the enemy does not want this wrong love removed from our heart; he wants evil to dwell in us! Because God is greater than the enemy, as a result of Jesus' victory, He wants to help us, in order that we arrive at a pure heart that is filled to the full with Himself.

What is God leading you to have circumcised from your heart? _____

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WHAT IF I AM IN A WEAKENED STATE? (2 Chron. 16:9)

“For the eyes of the Lord run to and from throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.”

The Lord is seeking for those who are loyal to Him, those who are committed to Him. He understands when we have a contaminated heart; when we feel beat up and weak. So, He is stating that not only will He help us recognize & deal with our heart; but He will strengthen us so that we can arrive at a circumcised heart/a pure heart. God will help us! He has our best interest in mind. We shouldn't fall into the trap of the enemy convincing us that our present state is ok or better than our future state.

We need to seek to be loyal and commit self to God! He will strengthen and circumcise us; healing us of our present condition and giving us a new future.

Ask God for help and ask Him to circumcise one of the issues of your heart. _____

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WHAT ELSE MUST I DO TO BE CIRCUMCISED? (Rev. 3:19)

“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent.”

This verse is referring to the Church of Laodicea! God is saying that they are His children, and He loves them. Because He loves, He rebukes and disciplines to help them on their journey. He is also saying there is a better way: be zealous, covet & desire earnestly, **stretch after the love of God!** Repent!! The repenting is the step that usually takes place before the circumcision. The repenting is the demonstration and communication to God, that we hate this sin/this present circumstance; we no longer want it in our life. We deny sin access in us and we declare to the Lord: “help us to throw off/cut this sin off. We desire to turn around and follow Him only. He helps us in our weakness and frees us from these chains.” “We will no longer allow ourself to sin from the temptation.” “We will ask the Lord for protection and help.” God will help us and then He will circumcise us so we can be free!

What is God speaking to you about purifying your heart? _____

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WHAT HELPS ME KEEP A PURE HEART? (Joshua 22:5)

“But be very careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you: to love the Lord your God, to walk in ALL His ways, to obey His commands, to hold fast to Him and to serve Him with ALL your heart and ALL your soul.”

It is too often that we have repented in our mind and not in our heart! Too often we say/confess the words but are not convicted and prepared to follow through. Our Lord gives us an objective: to love & serve Him with ALL our heart. He also gives us a plan: that we obey all His commands and stay true to our commitment to Him and deny temptation and sin into our heart. He tells us to walk in His ways and hold fast to Him. If we obey and desperately hold fast to Him daily, then we will stay in the love of the Lord. We will love Him with ALL of our heart. This will take place, especially with the Holy Spirit's help!

What is God asking you to be obedient about, right now? _____

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HOW DO YOU PROTECT THIS COMMITMENT? (Prov. 4:23)

“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.”

We have such good intentions when we are in the church and in the Presence of God as He is speaking to us! Our commitments need to be held. We must stand fast on them! While standing fast, we will be attacked by the enemy. So, we are to **guard our heart with all diligence**. This means that we protect our heart from the enemy and our sinful flesh, day & night! The enemy is constantly on us. When we are walking with the Lord, He will strengthen us and keep us alert to guarding our heart to keep it pure; keeping it pure to not only see God but bring forth a well-spring of life!

This is where we get our creativity, our fresh ideas! Not only from how God has made us but from God Himself. This demonstrates to God that we are committed and dedicated to keeping a heart that is ready to be blessed with satisfaction, love, joy and power. Always be ready, always be in the Word, always be praying, always be listening to Him...and you will succeed!

What do you need to be doing to guard your heart? _____

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ARE YOU BLESSED? (Psalm 84:5)

“Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage.”

When our strength is in Him, it means that we are staying daily prepared; we are in His Word, praying, listening to Him, asking for His help, and continuing to walk with Him throughout each day. We are strengthened because our hearts are fully committed to Him. When our hearts are set on pilgrimage, we are looking forward to what God wants in our life! A pilgrimage is an ordained journey that God has put me on to **arrive at His heart!** He will strengthen us on this journey. The Lord will prepare us to become stronger and to have impact in our life from this day forward. The Lord will test us, allow suffering in our life. As we embrace all that Jesus is and the power of the Holy Spirit...we will prosper in our heart, in our marriage & family, in our work, in our neighborhood, in our church. God loves to prosper His children; especially those who love Him and are on His journey.

God has something for each of us to do. Some things are immediate, some are long range. He wants us to accomplish everything that He has designed for us to do. But, if we choose not to receive His purpose, goals, and plan; we will not have His strength or help. John 15:5 “apart from Me you can do nothing”. So, live a rich life in His strength and on your God-chosen pilgrimage.

What has God called you to do on your pilgrimage? _____

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WATCH OUT! (Matt. 15:8)

*“These people draw near to me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips,
But **their heart is far from Me.**”*

When we are on our pilgrimage, it involves people! We are to love people as ourselves. But, watch out! We cannot be careless and allow others to distract us, because the heart is deceitful above all else. People love to tell us what we want to hear, but they are **not** really with us! The heart can store up good and evil. The heart can be devoted to vile images and detestable idols. A perverse heart does not prosper. We must be watchful that as we travel, they do not distract us from the course we are on.

Invite others to this glorious belief in Christ Jesus. Invite them to join you on your journey. Invite them to read scripture together with you. Remember that the enemy is going to use people to take you off course. If you are diligent in your walk with Him; you will discern who is with you and who is not. You must remain strong in the strength of the Lord and He will bless your journey!

Who are the people that encourage you on your journey? _____

Who are the people that are distracting you from your journey? _____

Be strong in the Lord!

Luke 6:45 _____

Ezek. 11:21 _____

Prov. 17:20 _____

Jer. 17:9 _____

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DO YOU FORGIVE FROM YOUR HEART? (Matt. 18:34,35)

*“And his master was angry and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.
So, My Heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart,
does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”*

Forgiveness only takes place if we forgive from our heart, from the very depths of our soul. We need to send the event(s) away, releasing the situation in which we have been unjustly sinned against. Forgiveness has nothing to do with the other person. It is between us and our Heavenly Father. We are bound by satan, if we choose not to forgive. We are limited in our relationship with the Lord, if we choose not to forgive. We are separated from blessings that we could receive, if we do not forgive.

Forgiveness does not come from the head. As it states in this scripture, it **comes from the heart**. Unforgiveness is a negative thing we have decided to treasure in our heart. We cannot say in our mind that we forgive this person(s) and be set free; we must **forgive from the heart**. When we do, we will no longer carry any emotion about the situation. There will be no resentment, no gossip, no preoccupied thought regarding this person(s).

Forgiveness is emotional. If we are willing to release it, send the sin away and ask for the Holy Spirit to help us and cleanse us – we can be freed. The lack of forgiveness is a function of the enemy. Refusing to forgive, we are cooperating with the enemy and the enemy has access to our life. Do not hold back. Forgiveness is a major. Jesus spoke of it 6 times in the Lord’s Prayer (Matt. 6:5-15)

Who has the Lord set in your heart that you need to forgive? _____

What do you need to forgive? _____

Why is it so important to you to remain bound by hurt? _____

How has this impacted you and others? _____

Go before the Lord now and ask Jesus to give you the power to release & dismiss this hurt, so that you may love freely again!!

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ARE YOU STORING UP THE WRATH OF GOD? (Rom. 2:5)

“But in accordance with your hardness and impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgement of God, Who will render to each one according to his deeds...”

A heart that is stubborn & refuses to turn away from sin is storing up terrible punishment when God’s righteous judgement is revealed. The verse speaks of an impenitent heart: a heart that is storing up treasures of sin by hanging on to a violation. God does not want us in this state; He wants a pure heart that is free and able to receive Him and His blessings. Unforgiveness is not a casual sin; it comes from what is stored in our heart; the evil that lies within. We must say “no, not in my heart. I refuse sin to dwell in my heart.” “Lord, I will do anything You desire as You free me from this sin.” This is a function of our will and the grace of God that will expel these sins/wounds from our heart.

What sin does God want you to release from your heart? _____

Why is it so important? _____

What has been the fruit of unforgiveness? _____

Now, abhor this sin. Confess it, release it and ask God to free you. Ask God and as He answers your prayer, He will fill that space in your heart with His Holy Spirit. YOU ARE FREE!

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CIRCUMCISION OF THE HEART IS BY THE SPIRIT! (Rom. 2:29)

*“...but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and **circumcision that is of the heart**, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God”*

God loves to praise His people. To be one of His people, our heart must be circumcised by the Spirit. Picture the Holy Spirit, Who dwells in the Christian’s life, cutting away the wrong heart loves that we have stored there! When this circumcision takes place, we will have a changed heart and it will be produced by our desire to release what must be cut away with the Holy Spirit doing the cutting away and then blessing. We will see life differently: more like Jesus saw it. There is nothing that the Holy Spirit cannot cut away from our heart. But it will require our hating the sin and never letting it return, because we have asked the Spirit to fill the room that has been created from this circumcision of our heart.

What is God asking you to have circumcised from your heart? _____

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YOU BELIEVE WITH YOUR HEART? (Deut. 30:6; Rom. 10:10)

*"For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
For whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."*

Isn't this amazing? How the heart is involved in everything, even our salvation – **believing** in Him is in our **heart**. It is the heart that cares & worships & drives a person. If a person just said the words: "I believe", and then continues with a worldly life...there is considerable concern as to whether that person really believes from their heart. Most likely, this person has not trusted in our Lord. But if the person does trust his Lord in everything, he will never be put to shame.

Praise God now for giving each of us the opportunity to believe in our heart, so that we can be saved. If we have done this, our heart will be changed & we will lead a different life. Maybe not everything will change immediately, but a whole new direction will be established.

Eternal life is for everyone who will believe with their heart!!

Have you made this choice?_____

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THE WILL OF GOD FROM YOUR HEART (Eph. 6:5-6)

*"Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in **sincerity of heart**, as to Christ; not with eye service, as men-pleasers, but as bond servants of Christ, **doing the will of God from your heart...**"*

We are bond servants of Christ. We are to serve our master with a sincere heart. (obligated heart) We are to please our master, all the time. This is the evidence: we want to do the will of our Master (God) with ALL our heart: we desire to obey, serve, honor, bless others WITH ALL OUR HEART! This is a treasure that is within the heart and it bubbles out with the power of the Holy Spirit. When it is from our heart, a natural passion for God is exhibited!

Can you see the significance of the heart and how it is a part of all that is important?_____

Carefully consider what you treasure!

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SETTING YOUR HEART (Col 3:1,2)

*"If then you were raised with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
Set your mind on things above not on things on the earth."*

Since we are raised with Christ, Christ dwells within us and we are to "seek" the things of heaven. The word here emphasizes that we "plot" to the point that our main concerns are the things of God. Verse 2 speaks of "setting our mind" on things above. This is setting one's affection. It is a natural passion that is stirred from the heart. Once again, the heart is referred to. **It is the heart that God desires to be filled/saturated with His Presence.**

The enemy comes to distract us from God's intention. We are not to give the enemy access with wrong thoughts or sinfulness. We are to intentionally & passionately **seek "that heaven would come visit us"**; that our heart would experience (as in the Lord's Prayer) the desire that "His will would be done on earth as it is in heaven".

Are you passionate for the things of heaven?_____

Are you yearning & hoping for the very Presence of God?_____

Are you receiving everything that He is offering you? _____

He desires to bless your heart as you affectionately seek Him!

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IS YOUR HEART DECEITFUL? (Jer. 17:9)

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it.”

Isn't it amazing, all that is involved with the heart! Now we see that the human heart is deceitful above all things. This is a heart that is fraudulent, not truthful to self or to others. When we look at an unredeemed person, this is when the enemy can lead that individual in wrong ways. If we are not redeemed, without the mind of Christ; we often make bad decisions, say wrong things, desire wrong things. None of us wants to see ourselves as having “evil” within us or coming from us. But that is what this verse is saying. The **heart can store up** good or evil. When apart from Christ in our mind and heart, we will have a propensity to store up deception, non-truth, and worldly things. There is a cliché (a saying) “the devil made me do it”!

When we are unredeemed, the devil has great influence on us. But if our heart is totally surrendered to God and we love Him with all our heart; the deceit is greatly diminished. When our heart is full with Him, there will be no deceit! Please remember: being full of Him is not a one time thing but a **DAILY opportunity!**

Do you have deceit, worry or fear in your heart? _____

This is not of God. Do not allow these sins to dwell within you—when dealt with, the enemy will have no access to you!

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WHATEVER YOU DO—DO IT HEARTILY? (Col 3:23)

“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.”

Once again, we have the subject of the heart! The word here is “heartily”, which communicates “abundance”. Abundance that comes from your soul’s passion for the purposes of God! When we are Saturated with Him and we have the mind of Christ & the power of the Holy Spirit...He wants us to engage fully...whether work, or marriage, or family, or witnessing, or discipling. He wants us to do it heartily, abundantly! It is assumed: with a cheerful heart. It doesn't matter what you are doing; work at it with ALL your heart, because, it is from the will of God.

On a scale of 1-10 (10 being the best), how would you score yourself in working heartily – abundantly and with a cheerful heart?

1 _____ 5 _____ 10

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WHAT IS THE GOAL OF YOUR COMMAND? (1 Tim. 1:5)

“Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from a sincere faith, ...”

Here we have a description of the heart in another way: that the **heart is to be pure!** Paul is talking about the commandment of his work; his mandate, which is “love”—a love that comes from God. Love that we show in replacement

of God's love is counterfeit and has no value. (John 15:5) We want God's love flowing in us and through us! The Lord makes it clear that for this love to flow through us—we must have a pure heart. Pure means “uncontaminated” with anything other than being filled with God and His purposes. A pure heart is one that excels at working with God to remove anything contaminated. This is what Paul is telling us: as a result of being Saturated with Him—we have completely cleaned the house of our heart. Therefore, the goal of loving one another; the goal of Paul's command, of his mandate is LOVE. This is how you measure whether Christianity (Christ in us) is being completed. Once again: the heart becomes the center of our Christianity!

What is the Lord telling you about the love that you exhibit for the world to see? _____

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WHAT IS EVERY INCLINATION OF YOUR HEART? (Gen. 8:21b)

Then the Lord said in His heart, “I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.”

Here we have God speaking to Noah after the flood. The Lord is informing Noah about what He knows about man. The Lord wants us to know that man's heart is evil from his youth! Every inclination of man's heart is evil all the time. If one never becomes redeemed (bought back through Christ), they have this evil inclination all the time. Clearly the heart is a vessel. This vessel has evil within it, if it is not redeemed. Man collects treasures and stores them in the heart, being preoccupied by them; spending time & money on them. God does not want man to live in this state of continual evil. He desires that we become like Jesus in every way: operating with His love & power, just as Jesus operated. But if our heart never becomes pure because of an unwillingness for Jesus to purify it—then man is stuck in this natural state. The Lord wants us free, able to do great things in His eyes as a result of having a pure heart; filled with His purposes and His power. The heart & what is stored in it is who we are!!

To remove sin and purify our heart is not some human behavior that we are trying to train within us. The answer is loving the Lord with all our heart and worshipping Him only. We then can be freed to truly **be His disciple**, functioning in His power, doing great and wonderful things **for His Kingdom!!**

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WHAT IS OUR HOPE? (1 Tim. 2:3,4)

*“For this is good & acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,
Who desires **all men to be saved & to come to the knowledge of the truth.**”*

In the previous writing, it speaks of the nature of man: that every thought he has is only evil all the time. We do a good job of coloring it over/trying to be “good”; but we are ultimately powerless to the enemy & evil when we have not been saved by our Lord Jesus Christ.

“For it is by faith & grace that one is saved” in Jesus Christ. All that is required is that we **receive Jesus as our Lord & Savior**. If we have entrusted the Lord with our life, we then are separated from the bondage of being evil all the time. (John 1:12)

Our Lord wants each of us **freed from being a slave to sin & the enemy!** He desires that **all be saved** & come to the **knowledge of the truth**. He is speaking of **living a holy life**. We do not have the capacity to **live a holy life** without being saved & walking in/living by the Holy Spirit. (Gal 5:16) We will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature if we are **“in Him”!**

We can be totally freed of this scourge if we choose to be saved by Jesus & if we choose to live a holy life; continually Saturated with the very Presence of God. (Eph 5:18)

Have you dedicated your life & received Jesus as your Lord and Savior? _____

Have you committed to live by the Spirit; asked and received the fullness of the Spirit? _____

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WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HEART? (Matt. 22:37)

*"You shall love the Lord your God with **all your heart...**"*

The **heart** in all its forms is mentioned over **750 times** in scripture. **The heart is the inner self that thinks, feels, & decides.** The heart is that which is central to man. Scripture states that all emotions are experienced by the heart: love & hate, joy & sorrow, peace & bitterness, courage & fear. We also know that the heart is the vessel in which we store our treasures. It is the **center and driving force for all of life for the individual.** We often think of the heart as though it were a ship:

- The heart is the **compass that sets the direction** of one's life
- The heart is the **passion that powers the vessel**
- The heart is the **rudder that steers the course**

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It does not matter whether full of evil or full of the goodness of God; the heart will fulfill its role as described.

Every day, your heart is seeking to find satisfaction and to realize its objective; whether conscious or unconscious objectives.

For what does your **heart seek**?

If you choose: the Lord will **purify your heart and fully bless your life.**

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THE EYES OF YOUR HEART! (Eph. 1:18)

"...prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the Spirit of wisdom & revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling..."

Your heart needs to be transformed. One of the ways it is transformed is that you adopt this prayer: that you would **have a Spirit of wisdom & revelation in the knowledge of Him**, the eyes of your understanding be enlightened & to know what **the hope of His calling** is.

When our eyes are seeking understanding from Him and knowledge of Him; we will experience wisdom & understanding. But if our eyes are on the world & its circumstances; seeking to satisfy the heart by the things of earth; we are destined to stay in bondage!

Our Lord has given us **our heart to treasure Him & the right things of Him.** It is then that we have **success** in our spiritual life.

What are you seeking? What does your heart treasure? _____

What is your daily prayer for self? _____

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WHAT OVERFLOWS FROM YOUR MOUTH? (Luke 6:45)

*"A good man out of the **good treasure of his heart brings forth good**; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For **out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.**"*

We cannot manage/lead the tongue unless we **manage/lead the heart**. The heart will overflow from the mouth based on the treasures that one has stored in it. The evil that comes from man is because of an unredeemed heart: a heart that has not received Jesus as Lord and Savior. Our heart will reveal evil most of the time if we have not chosen to **follow/be filled with Him**. Our heart will reveal some evil if we have allowed the Lord to dwell in our heart but are given to worldly matters some of the time.

The real solution here is that we give the Lord & His Holy Spirit our **whole heart**. He will then help us manage the small amount of evil that flows out from us. The war for our heart will go on; the enemy will not give up no matter our state. The Lord has given us the answer for defeating evil: to have received Him and to **desire to be holy all the time!** We will not put treasures of evil in our heart; Christ's Spirit will push out the treasures of evil. **Choose to be Saturated by the Presence of God!**

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LONGING FOR THE COURTS OF THE LORD (Psalm 84:1,2)

*"How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of Lord; **my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**"*

The tabernacle represents where God's Presence dwells. The dwelling place of God has heaven's armies and all the wonder of eternity itself! Whatever we can picture as the ideal circumstances, this is part of the fullness of God – the ideal place! It is so wonderful to desire to dwell here in His Presence. We should long for it, even to the point of fainting in our longing. The courts of the Lord are beautiful with birds, water, lush grass, stone walkways, pools, waterfalls...and He wants to meet with us there. He has secrets for our life. He wants to bless us. This is **the place for which we long: His Presence**. This is the treasure of our heart.

This is the evidence of our love & commitment to Him:

- We have preoccupied thought & desire to be with Him
- We are treasuring to be holy & walk with Him every day!
- We long to hear His voice in the Word of God, in our prayers and in our inspirations from Him.

This is how we win the war over the enemy; with the **power of God & His Presence within us**.

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THERE IS A WAR FOR YOUR HEART (Eph. 6:10,11)

*"Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.** Put on the whole armor of God, that you might be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."*

The war is very clear here. Scripture says we are able to **stand against** the wiles of the devil. The devil will stop at nothing to distract us; to defeat us; even to kill us. (John 10:10) The devil will use other people to distract us. He will remind us of those things that are earthly loves. He will use neon lights to seduce us. In the end, he only offers eternal destruction. He is using principalities, powers and the rulers of darkness (hosts of wickedness) in all his schemes.

But, if our heart **desires to be holy**; we will **put on the whole armor of God** and we will **stand against** the enemy **with truth!** He cannot defeat us. He may battle us; but **we will win the victory** because Christ defeated him.

If we will collect the things of God in our heart, day in and day out...we will continually defeat the enemy!

Praise God for the tools He has given us; that we might have the true riches of life, including eternal life!

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THE VICTORY PROVEN BY FRUITFULNESS (Psalm 84:5,6)

*"Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose **heart is set on pilgrimage**.
As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a spring; the rain also covers it with pools."*

We are all **pilgrims journeying to the heart of God** and because of this, we are blessed and our strength is in Him! We are men/women of God, **full of power**, full of His authority, full of God's ideas, full of His purposes. We are His people, **putting on the armor of God daily**. As we walk, we pass through villages, & communities of people. We see as Jesus sees: a **land full of frustration, disappointment, hopelessness**. These people would like to escape their circumstances. We call this the **Valley of Baca**. But, because we come with our hearts filled with Him, by the power of God, **we transform this community!**

Because the people want God's message & the promises He gives; they become transformed:

- Their community is a place that has joy, hope, creativity, and power.
- They make all around them like a spring fed land.
- The rains of blessing come.
- The springs of joy spring forth into pools.
- This community becomes "of God" and brings glory to Him because of choosing to follow Him.

This is winning the war over evil and being triumphant with our Lord & His power.

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DO YOU KNOW YOUR HEART? (Psalm 139:23, 24)

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxieties;
And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting."*

Here the pilgrim is desiring a blessed and fruitful life. He comes before God & demonstrates his full trust in Him. First, he desires God to "know my heart" then test me and show me my anxiousness. It is hard for us to know our own heart. It takes intentional **praying and listening** to truly know what is stored in our heart.

The pilgrim is asking God to point out anything that is offensive to Him. The pilgrim is willing to see how he/she is offensive to God and desires that his/her **heart be transformed into the likeness of Jesus**. This is the path of everlasting life. We must each **be intentional about asking God for heart revelation** and then **listen to what He has to say**. The pilgrim invites the Lord to test him so that it is absolutely clear.

We oversee our heart. God, as a result of revealing our heart to us, is willing to help us so that our heart can be transformed. Therefore, we will receive more of the glory of God filling our heart. (2 Cor. 3:18)

Have you asked God to reveal your heart and listened for His revelation? _____
Have you acted upon that revelation? _____

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HE KNOWS EVERYONE'S HEART? (Acts 1:24)

*Then they prayed & said, "You, O Lord, Who know the hearts of all, show which of these two
You have chosen to take part in this ministry & apostleship..."*

Our Lord not only knows our heart, but He knows the hearts of any group that we are a part of! This verse is speaking of replacing Judas and his role. Too often we are deciding things and we do not depend on the Lord to help us make the decision. God knows all the hearts involved in our situation! He knows what direction to go.

Therefore, we are to ask Him in all things:

- which way we should choose
- where we should go
- with whom we are to go
- what our objectives is
- how we should go about accomplishing our task

We need our Lord for these decisions, because if we depend on ourselves, we will make many wrong choices!

Our Lord knows our divinely appointed hearts & He will show the way!

Seek the Lord's counsel and be blessed as you follow Him!

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BEING WHOLEHEARTED (Rom. 1:9)

*"God, Whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of His Son,
is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times."*

God has been wholehearted toward us. He sent His only Son to die for us, so that we could be saved. (John 3:16) If God has been wholehearted to us, why wouldn't He expect that we would be **wholehearted toward Him**? In fact: when we are wholehearted toward Him, we find relationship with Him and can come to **know Him fully**!

Paul is speaking to us about being wholehearted in preaching and of being a witness for God to everyone around us! Our Lord deserves our dreams, hopes, time, money, lives, family, because He gave up everything for us! The great thing: when we give it all to Him, it all becomes better & the BEST that could ever happen in our lives.

In what ways are you wholehearted? _____

Is there something you hold back? _____

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THE EMPOWERED LIFE (Acts 1:8)

*"But you shall **receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Too often we bypass a key verb of this verse; to **receive power**! Our focus tends to be on "being witnesses throughout the earth"—a very good thing. But the verse also states: "receive power"! Shouldn't we examine whether we have & utilize that power? This is **Holy Spirit power** that we receive, a **supernatural power**! We are to see this power exhibited in our lives; a testimony to us of what God is doing in and through our life. We are not to be arrogant because of this power but rather we are to **be confident**; confident in having this God-power within us and confident in **releasing God's power into our community**. The question is not to argue over how one receives the Holy Spirit; the focus should be on having "received the Spirit and **releasing Him to the world through our life**."

Our Lord wants us to **crave His Presence**. He wants us to **ask for His Holy Spirit and the fullness of the Spirit**. It does not matter when; it is a matter of the Holy Spirit being alive within us with power! Being alive in Christ, with the Holy Spirit empowered, means that we will be able to **do the will of God with excellence**. We will live lives of excellence; according to His will. If we get distracted: either we have not asked or we have subdued Him due to our sin and lack of love for Him. The remedy to this lack of power: **thrive in the Holy Spirit; receive Him; then He will produce the Fruit of the Spirit in us**. (Gal. 5:22) If being full of the Holy Spirit is more important to us than anything else—we will see the **power of God in and through us**.

In Luke 4:1, Jesus tells us: He was full of the Holy Spirit and led by the Spirit. This is God's power! Jesus went on to **do great and mighty things due to this power**. So, can we! Seek for the fullness of the Holy Spirit—every day!

To what degree (1/least to 10/most), do I exhibit the power of God in my life daily? _____

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THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS POWER (1 Cor. 4:20)

"For the Kingdom of God is not in word but in power."

The **Kingdom of God** is everywhere because God is everywhere. Jesus is everywhere. The Christians are part of the Kingdom of God. Of course, the Word of God is part of the Kingdom of God. The **Word of God** also **has power**. In the Kingdom of God there will be many words, but the emphasis here: the **Kingdom of God has the power of God!** The Kingdom of God is to be **exhibiting God's power in and through us; just as Jesus did**.

Jesus told us:

John 14:12 "if we believe in Him, we will do what He has done..."

The Kingdom of God is to be recognized by the community and it will be recognized by His power being present. It will be exhibited in the Church, in us and through every one of us. There is no power that can stand up against God's power. It is to be remarkable—nothing else can compete with His power. The world will be in awe as the Kingdom of God exhibits its power through His people! We should not get frustrated, if we don't believe that we are exhibiting His power. His power comes in proportion to how much we love Him (Matt. 22:37). Jesus is calling us to love Him as He said in

Luke 4:8: "You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only you shall serve."

When the purpose of our life is only to worship and serve the Lord, as He directs in and through His will, then we will see **God's mighty power in and through us**.

Begin worshipping & serving Him with all your heart, **every day!** Worship not by striving but in the joy of walking in Him.

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PAUL DEMONSTRATES EMPOWERED LIVING (1 Cor. 2:4)

*"And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but **in demonstration of the Spirit and of power**, that your **faith** should not be in the wisdom of men but **in the power of God**."*

Too often, preachers spend much time in preparation of messages to display the perfect message, the perfect way. The Apostle Paul simplifies it. Because he was in the fullness of the Holy Spirit, God's power was displayed through him. He did not have to depend on his wise and persuasive words. He did not have to create perfect illustrations or come up with alliterations like the 3 C's in a message; he **relied on the Holy Spirit!** He touched the brethren with a **demonstration of the Spirit and of power**. This could have been the Spirit imparting God's thoughts on each person individually; it could have been physical healing; it could have been the people being overwhelmed by the love of the Lord spread by the Holy

Spirit; it could have been transformation of people's hearts so they could separate themselves from sin in their lives! Paul came with power!! (Acts 19:11,12) Paul did extraordinary miracles: even handkerchiefs from his touch were brought to the sick to heal them. Paul had God's mighty power. Paul did this with great joy so that people who heard the message would not praise Paul or the wisdom of men; but they would honor God and receive Jesus because of this power!

What can God do through you, if you were full of His Presence most of the time? _____

What does God want to do in you or through you, today? _____

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EMPOWERMENT THROUGH WALKING (Gal. 5:16)

"Paul then says: walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

The power of God is not released to someone who casually walks the Christian life; one who infrequently reads the Bible or just goes to Church; or prays to the Lord when convenient or when desperate. "Walk" is figuratively speaking of "living": **living by the Spirit** means to **"tread all around, walk all around, live all around" by the Spirit**. The Spirit is leading us and we are following. We are **walking and living in the Word of God!** We are **listening, being directed by the Holy Spirit**. We are **worshipping and serving the Lord** specifically and **He is empowering us** as we are doing it. To exhibit this power, on a daily basis: we must be **walking/living by the Spirit every day!** As a result, we are having victory over the enemy. We are controlling our lust for the world: the things of the world will not be what we thirst for (which never satisfies). But because we are walking & living with God Himself; we will accomplish the things He has purposed for us, **with excellence**. Because He has designed this in us: to be **great in His eyes** (Psalm 18)! Rise up and be counted by Him; **walk with Him every day!**

How will you change your walk with Him? _____

What has He designed for you to do this day? _____

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EMPOWERMENT REQUIRES PURE HEARTS (Matt. 5:8)

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

A pure heart, in God's eyes, is one that is not contaminated with sin, wrong motives, wrong desires, wrong beliefs, wounds and/or lust. If we desire to have a pure heart; God has a plan for how to purify our heart and keep it pure. (Soon we will look at this more deeply.)

As a result of having a pure heart, full of loving God with all our heart—we will see God Himself; we will fellowship with Him; He will reveal the secrets of life to us; He will bless us in our everyday life. He then can **fill us with every aspect of Who He is**. He can transform our character, our desires and free us from the bondage of sin and the world. It is a "walk" not an "event". It begins with our choice to desire everything God has to offer us. It is then that we will see the **power of God exhibited in our life**. We must reach the point that we hate the sin in us and hate the things of the world; **wanting only Him!** We will thirst and yearn to worship Him, daily!

What are the things you have permitted in your heart that are unclean? _____

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EMPOWERMENT EXHIBITS THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (Gal. 5:22)

“But the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, & self-control. Against such there is no law.”

We cannot have this fruit unless it comes from the Holy Spirit Himself. If we have released only a small portion of the Spirit in our life; then these characteristics will be limited in our life. But if we have a pure heart, we worship & serve the Lord only – being Kingdom purposed; we will have an **abundance of God’s fruit in our life**. We will have:

- a joy & peace that passes all understanding, no matter our circumstance
- a love for God & others that is full of affection, passion & unconditional love
- a faith that moves mountains & heals our & others broken hearts
- a patience that is long suffering & steadfast, without a selfish agenda
- a meekness/humility & mildness that cares for God’s people, naturally
- a goodness that comes from an upright heart to share with others
- a gentleness from moral goodness & integrity
- a self-control, being without excessiveness in thought, action or feeling

We will **look just like Jesus**; seeing ourself **doing the will of God & pleasing Him only**.

Seek & yearn that the Holy Spirit would exhibit these things of God in & through your life.

What are you prepared to do for all this to be exhibited in your life? _____

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EMPOWERMENT REQUIRES TRANSFORMATION (2 Cor. 3:18)

*“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed** into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”*

This verse is discussing “we all with unveiled faces” (believers in Jesus) are beholding/reflecting the glory of the Lord. Paul then says we are being **transformed/changed into “the image of Jesus”**—becoming just like Jesus Himself. As a result: we are **ever increasing in the glory being built up in us**. As we are being transformed into the image of Jesus, the **glory of God: His power, His love, His grace...all being built up in us**, because it comes from the Spirit of God. He is doing the transforming. It is not possible to have a pure heart without transformation taking place. Transformation can only take place when we open our heart and desire to be in the image of Jesus. We must be willing to have anything not of God removed from our heart/changed so that the **Holy Spirit can fill our hearts more fully**. There is no transformation without this heart transformation; a **transformation that yearns and hungers for the Presence of God**—until it is **Saturated with the Lord**. When we get to this point; we will be full of satisfaction in life & the Fruit of the Spirit. We will each bless many, many, many people, because we have become just like Jesus. We cannot let this intimidate us. God will carry us and only ask us to do **what He has empowered us to do**.

There will be many transformations that take place in us. They will take place in our marriage, our family, with neighbors, work associates, financially and in every area of our life. We are richly blessed.

Are you ready for transformation? _____

If you are unsure, discuss it with someone who understands Heart Transformation.

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RETURNING IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT (Luke 4:14)

“Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee. And the news of Him went out throughout all the surrounding regions”

This scripture is one that leaves a bit of a mystery. Let us tackle this mystery! It speaks about (v 1) Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit and led by the Spirit. The Spirit took Jesus to a place where He was tested by satan himself. He was tested to the point that Jesus exhibited the authority of God by declaring God’s Word to satan. This was a formidable attempt by satan to draw Jesus into sin. But Jesus **operated in the power of God, using God’s authority** to shut down the enemy. Jesus did

not go to His personal opinion; He spoke the **Word – the authority of God!** In Jesus' testing/tempting; Jesus states that He would **worship & serve the Lord only.**

Vs. 13 states that when the devil had finished all this tempting; he left. Why did the devil leave Jesus? Because Jesus operated **with & in the power of God through God's Word.** Vs. 14 states that as a result of the testing, and the victory Jesus had; Jesus was not only "**full** of the Holy Spirit" but also "**in the power of the Spirit**". He was so much in power, that news spread throughout the whole countryside. God used this power, (placed in Jesus) to **bleed and transform the people He spoke to.** They opened their hearts to receive the **fullness of God and be transformed.** We are to be **just like Jesus: shut down the enemy with the Word and power of God!**

Can you believe that God would do this in you and through you, driving the enemy away; helping you demonstrate the power of God in you to your community? _____

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UNDIVIDED HEARTS FOSTER EMPOWERMENT (Psalm 86:11)

"Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear Your Name."

The Psalmist is declaring that he wants God to teach him to have God's knowledge & wisdom flowing as water over him, so that not only will he know God's way but as a result, he will have a **heart that is continually being transformed.** As a result of being taught & transformed, the Psalmist states that we will **walk in God's truth.** We will not just "hear it", we will **walk in it,** we will have **obedience to it,** our hearts will be opened so **God's truth will transform us.** It is the truth that sets us free & will cause us to turn away from our wicked & deceitful hearts. It is also saying that as we want the truth, we ask the Lord: "**unite my heart**". Unite the heart from the wrong loves stored there. Unite the heart that it would be **undivided for God...**that there are no other loves. We are asking God to show His power to remove the garbage that He know exists. Why? That we might **revere/fear the name of God!** When we revere God alone; we **trust Him in everything;** all He says and leads us to: it means we are willing to leave behind the lies of the world. The things of the world are worthless to us and a distraction. We are to **unite our heart to love the Lord with all our heart** so that we can be **transformed into the image of Jesus.** We must ask the Lord to teach us, to help us to walk in the truth, and that He would unite our heart.

Would you pray this right now? _____

Allow God to go deep within you and identify those things residing in your heart that you & He no longer want there. Declare that Jesus is **Lord of ALL!**

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LIVE TO GOD – BE EMPOWERED! (Rom. 6:11,12)

"Likewise, you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lust."

Paul is telling us that as a result of Jesus' life, death & resurrection; **sin no longer has it's hold on us** – sin is dead! This does not mean that if we open ourselves up to temptation that we won't sin. But it is saying that if we are **alive to God, in Christ Jesus; we then can have victory over sin and temptation.** We cannot be fully alive to God/full of Him and still sin at the same time. Therefore, if we hate the sin and declare that it leave our mortal body; **we defeat being drawn in by temptation.**

Rom 7:20 states "if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me."

When we live to God; when we no longer allow sin to dwell in us and we **gain a pure heart; that is when we have victory over sin; that we experience more and more and more of the power of God!**

Just as we are to be “alive to God”, to “walk/live by the Spirit”, to “know God through His Word”, then we push sin away and stand against the principalities and sin itself. We will hunger and thirst for only the things of God.

What one thing in your life keeps you from being fully alive to God? _____
Confess this to the Lord and to someone else. Pray that the Lord would free you and heal your broken heart.

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BEING FULL OF THE SPIRIT (Eph 5:18)

“...Be filled with the Spirit.”

Acts 6:3-5 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom whom we may appoint over this business; ...and the saying pleased the whole multitude and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit,...

It is clear throughout the New Testament that we are to be “full of the Holy Spirit”! Stephen is an example of this. The disciples were choosing someone to lead their service to others so they could pray & minister. To do this, they chose seven men who were of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit. These seven men had a good report of being known to be **full of the Spirit**.

Being full of the Spirit is not just a phrase we claim or assume about ourselves. To have a good reputation means that we are exhibiting the fruit of the fullness of the Spirit in our life; that we are exhibiting the Fruit of the Spirit daily; that we are blessing others & healing others with the power of God; that we are being used by God to transform people’s hearts. We are no longer known by fear, addictions of any kind, lacking God-confidence, having bitterness. We are now known to be full of joy, love, peace and the power of God. We are known to bless others using our spiritual gifts. We have this reputation, not by what we say but by what we have done, **by the power of God being on display** as we minister to others, as we are alone or with our friends. This was not a unique occurrence that Stephen was full of the Holy Spirit, there were six others with this same reputation!

We are going to look at some of these examples in scripture, just as Stephen illustrates.

Are you full of the Spirit? (not just partially or some of the time) _____

What is the visible evidence in your life? _____

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DISPLAYING THE FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT (Acts 6:8)

“And Stephen, full of faith & power, did great wonders & signs among the people.”

Stephen was chosen to fulfill this chief service role among the disciples. He was chosen because of his qualifications. He was full of God’s grace & power; he did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. Building his reputation came from the grace & power God gave him. He did great wonders: healing people’s bodies & even more importantly, healing people’s hearts. When he did these things, he did it among the people: one on one and in crowds, thus his reputation testified to it. When we are full of the Spirit, others see that it is not of us, but totally of Him! We are not to convince others of the power of God in us; it is observed by others naturally.

Acts 7:55 Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and he said, Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

Stephen is demonstrating that he is full of the Spirit. He has been stoned, beaten to the point of death. He was not complaining of the unjust suffering. He was praising & glorifying God; seeing heaven’s doors open with Jesus standing right there. Can you see him **smiling**, even in this **terrible circumstance**? Obviously, all that Stephen had in his heart & mind was the joy of the Lord and where he was headed!

What are your stories about the fullness of the Spirit being exhibited in and through your life? _____

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ANANIAS & HIS SUPERNATURAL WORK (Acts 9:17)

“And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus Who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Ananias placed his hands on Saul and suddenly the scales on Paul’s eyes dropped off. Previously, Paul had a passion to destroy people and the church. He was raised a Pharisee (a religious man) and felt obligated to destroy this new movement. But, suddenly, because God touched him on the road and through Ananias’ hands; he was suddenly transformed and became a radical follower of Jesus. Ananias had to be a man of great faith and trust because he had a choice:

- being so fearful, that he would not go and obey the Lord OR
- in His obedience to God: Paul would receive the fullness of God!

When we are full of the Spirit, we overcome all obstacles like fear. As a result of having a fullness of faith and the Holy Spirit; our Lord moves mightily and transforms.

Is God calling you to supernatural things to bless others? _____
He will if you are walking in the fullness of the Spirit!

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WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF CLAIMING TO BE FULL OF THE SPIRIT? (Acts 5:1-4)

*“But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. He kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles’ feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why has satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit? And keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? **You have not lied to men but to God.** Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last.”*

This is a different Ananias than we discussed previously. This Ananias & his wife, Sapphira, fell victim to the temptation of holding back on the gift God had intended them to give. Ananias misrepresented what the gift should be. Peter makes it clear that he was **holding back** and **lying to the Holy Spirit**. Both Ananias & Sapphira fell down and breathed their last. Our Lord takes this very seriously when we claim to be something that we are not. Our Lord desires that we are **full of the Spirit all the time**. Whatever we must do to be full of the Spirit and to stay full; these are the disciplines and hopes that God wants us to have.

What is God revealing to you about the testimony of this couple? _____

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ARE YOU A GOOD MAN/WOMAN? (Acts 11:23,24)

*“When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that **with purpose of heart** they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.”*

Barnabas was asked by the church leadership, to go check out this man named Paul to see if he was a man who had the work of the Spirit in him. When Barnabas met Paul and saw what he was doing, he saw the grace of God in Paul’s life. Barnabas was glad & was encouraged that Paul had that purpose of heart. Paul was even identified as a good man. Who is identified as being good - it comes from having the fullness of a good God. Paul had these supernatural characteristics that come from God, thus being identified as a good man. Why would Paul have these characteristics? Because he had received the Holy Spirit. Barnabas was able to see Paul minister and a great number of people were added to the Lord.

When we are walking daily with the fullness of the Spirit, we will be just like Jesus, just like Paul... and many will be led by us to the Lord. Paul was a great man of God; he carried the same Holy Spirit that we carry. Barnabas carried the same Holy Spirit we have. But each demonstrated that they were “full” of the Spirit of God. We can be just like these men.

What must you do to have more of the power of God exhibited in your life? _____

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FILLED WITH JOY & THE HOLY SPIRIT (Acts 13:50)

“But the Jews stirred up the devout, prominent women and the men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul & Barnabas and expelled them from their region. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and came to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.”

The disciples have been proclaiming the word of the Lord and it was being spread throughout the region. They were having great success in being a disciple of Jesus. These men of God were **persecuted and chased away**. They just shook the dust off their feet from this persecution. In fact, the Lord clearly was watching them and as a result of the disciples’ dedication, and the work of the Lord in them, the Lord decided to **fill them with joy & with the Holy Spirit**. Here we have clear evidence that the disciples were not focused on themselves; they were focused on taking the word of the Lord and spreading it throughout the region, ministering to the people, blessing them, healing them. They were not complaining; they just went on to the next location. In this, **they were filled**. The persecution does not mean much when we are filled. This is similar to Stephen: the issue isn’t the persecution but because they were dwelling in the Lord, they were experiencing the **joy of the Lord and fullness of the Spirit**. God wants you to experience this joy, no matter your circumstance because of the Spirit of God indwelling you.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT MOVES IN MANY WAYS (Luke 1:41)

“And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leapt in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.”

What a beautiful picture of a woman that is pregnant and is full of the Spirit: God stirs the baby in Elizabeth’s womb (John the Baptist) to identify that there is something special about Mary. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth clearly recognizes Mary has been chosen by God to bear the Messiah. Elizabeth thirsts for God, is available and receives the Holy Spirit. There is no mention of laying on of hands here. But she welcomes Mary & the very Presence of God within her. My wife, Karen had a similar experience while in the hospital after an accident: a door in the room became a brilliant light, washing the love of God over her. The light reached out and poured love over her; she basked in it, was soaking in it. Eventually she had to tell God to stop because she felt like her body would explode from His Presence. She felt such peace, joy & contentment. This special experience with the Presence of God stayed with her & she began treating nurses differently—praying for them and their needs. She began giving away her prized possessions. The love of God was so full in her that He was overflowing to others. We are to have encounters with the Holy Spirit, supernatural ones.

Tell of the last time you had a special encounter with the Holy Spirit! _____

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PAUL DEMONSTRATES THE POWER OF GOD (1 Cor. 2:4)

“And my speech & my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.”

Here we have Paul's testimony of why he was so effective as an apostle. It is too often that pastors/evangelists/leaders/revivalists painstakingly work at perfectly presenting a message from scripture. Not only do they want to get the message right, but they want to illustrate it in such a way that people get it. They receive great reputations for how well they communicate and too often from the wisdom of man. What really spreads the Presence of God and His message is when we speak **inspired by the Lord and demonstrate the Presence of the Spirit of God and His power**. This means we share the transformation that has taken place within our lives: answered prayer & the supernatural work of the Spirit as people are blessed. Being full of the Spirit allows a perfect message because it demonstrates what God desires to be heard. A message from human wisdom may be good & entertaining but will have little impact on people and the community for change.

Speak & demonstrate the fullness of the Spirit of God and His power to the people whom you are blessed to touch.

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SPIRIT OF GOD ENCOUNTERS (Luke 1:67)

"Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied..."

Zacharias was the father of John the Baptist and he too was filled, like his wife Elizabeth, with the Holy Spirit. Resulting from his God encounter - he prophesied to the people. We all are to have supernatural encounters. This was Keith's encouraging encounter: He had just returned from a trip to the underground church in China. He saw the work of the Lord because they were willing to be persecuted (like many of our biblical heroes) to the point of death. When they gave their testimonies, they were so moved by God that they would speak for an hour at a time about their supernatural salvation experience. Keith's heart was moved & he wanted more of what they had. He began searching for the Lord, day after day in the Word, prayer, crying out for the Presence of God. As Keith was yearning for His Presence, the Spirit of the Lord came upon him with an outpouring of joy that went on for 72 hours. He couldn't stop smiling, couldn't stop sharing the hope of God. It was so intense he felt his body would burst. Just like Karen's experience, Keith had a joy so overwhelming, he had to ask the Lord to stop - what an incredible experience: to have joy so outrageously good! We want you to have more encounters with the Holy Spirit. We want you to touch more lives and spread the Word throughout your region. As you seek many encounters with the Lord in you and through you, the Lord will give you a special joy, like the disciples.

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DOING THE MIRACULOUS! (Matt. 10:1)

*"And when he had called his 12 disciples to Him, **He gave them power** over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease."*

One of the interesting things about this verse is that the apostles were not called by Jesus a long time before this. They hadn't gone through 4-10 years of training. This means that the significance of our human wisdom vs. the power of the Holy Spirit is one of the points to observe here. When you seek the Lord with all your heart and operate from a pure heart, the Lord can bestow power on you. These disciples were impacting the world around them. Just as it states in Matt. 28:18: He gave us all authority in heaven and on earth. This is because Jesus died and was resurrected by God for us; this defeated the enemy! Having the fullness of God and the Spirit of God dwelling in us—we can declare the enemy flee from us and from others (James 4:7). We can resist him (the enemy) and declare war on him. Eph. 6:10 Put on the full armor of God (which would be the fullness of the Spirit) and you will be able to cast out evil spirits. The same Holy Spirit enables us to heal the sick, cleanse those contaminated in heart & body with disease. God wants to announce Himself to the rest of the world through these miraculous acts. He wants people to see His power, so He empowers the Christian...that includes us! The Holy Spirit wants to demonstrate His authority in us! Acts 1:8...the Holy Spirit will come on us and **we will receive power!** All we must do is utilize that authority and power to do just as the disciples did.

In 10 years, if you followed all that the Lord leads you to do, empowering you to do it...if you kept notes of what God has done through your life...you would have your own book to tell the stories you have experienced of God working &

spreading His message through you, just like Paul, just like Peter! God desires for you to be great in His eyes. Seize every opportunity! God bless you!!
Start recording today!! _____

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THE HOLY SPIRIT, DO YOU KNOW HIM? (Matt. 3:16)

"When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He (Jesus) saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him."

The Holy Spirit is mentioned 325x's in scripture; thus, we see the Deity of the Holy Spirit, true God, being fulfilled. He is God; He is not an angel! He is to be honored, feared, and yet awesomely welcomed. Once saved, He indwells in us. But we have a problem: if we do not love the Lord with all our heart, with everything, in every role, in every thought; then we do not see much of the Holy Spirit in and through our life. In the Old Testament, He demonstrated His power in Samson: "while He empowered him to kill a lion with his bare hands (Judges 14:5,6); or with Bezaleel: "where the Spirit gave him wisdom and skill to build the tabernacle" (Exodus 31:3); and the Holy Spirit of the Lord also enabled the Judges to lead Israel to military victory (Judges 3:10; 11:9); the Spirit enabled the prophets to prophecy (Numbers 24:2; Ezek. 11:5). Clearly, the Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity with the characteristics of God! When we speak of God, we are speaking of the Holy Spirit as well as Jesus Christ and God the Father! When we worship God, we are worshipping the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit does not declare He wants to be worshipped independently because He is God; (3 in 1) therefore, all-powerful; all-knowing; and everywhere all at one time! To worship one of the God-head is to worship all THREE!

The Holy Spirit came when Jesus ascended to heaven and He is the Person of the Godhead with Whom we now deal most directly. When we worship, think of the Trinity, each Person of the Godhead. The Holy Spirit is Almighty God and all powerful! As we are in our daily worship, proclaim the supernatural work of each Person in the Godhead!

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THE HOLY SPIRIT: THE GIVER OF LIFE (John 3:6)

*"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
Do you not marvel that I said to you, you must be born-again."*

It is in the Holy Spirit that life is given eternally. The Holy Spirit is the same as saying the Spirit of Jehovah, the Spirit of God. The Spirit means "breath or wind", and this breath or wind is evidenced even at Pentecost. (Acts 2:2) If we are observing the things of God, and the Holy Spirit, we will recognize the sound/wind of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the **outbreathing of God**. It is the Holy Spirit that works with us in living out our faith. It is the Spirit that empowers us to do the things He wants us to do. The Holy Spirit leads us, speaks to us, will give us supernatural gifts, will empower us to love like Jesus. We are to recognize His Deity while partnering with Him to do the will of God in us. None of this is possible without the Divinity of the Holy Spirit.

Are you hearing, experiencing the Holy Spirit? What is He whispering to you today? Is it the sound of a violent wind or a whisper? _____

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HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT? (2 Cor. 3:18)

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

In many cultures, people were given descriptive names: i.e. Isaac means "he laughs"; Abraham means "father of a multitude". Thus, by examining the names of the Holy Spirit, we learn about the characteristics of the Spirit and about the relationship between the Spirit and others. The Holy Spirit is called "the Spirit of God" and "God's Spirit". This is the same essential thought as the term: "the Spirit"; in which His divine origin, character and power are emphasized. The Spirit is also called:

- The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord.
- The Spirit of the Living God
- The Spirit of Christ
- The Spirit of His Son
- The Spirit of Jesus Christ
- The Spirit of Jesus

So, we are experiencing the very Spirit of God and He is breathing & whispering in the wind to us as we live out our Christian faith. His Name emphasizes the essential moral character of God within us. His breath & whisper is available to us every moment of every day. He is holy & He wants to impart His holiness to others through us. This is an awesome opportunity that we have. Because of what Jesus has done and is now on His throne in heaven; it is His Holy Spirit that is with us and breathing on us, that we would accomplish God's will in our lifetime.

What is the Spirit of God directing you toward today? _____

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BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE! (Luke 3:16)

"John answered, saying to all, I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

We are speaking of this fire coming from the Holy Spirit as being a part of our Christian life. Fire refines, it consumes or burns up sin and temptation. Fire illuminates so you can see what God sees. Fire is not easily contained and has an energy unto itself. As the saying goes: "we are to be like a wildfire": reproducing quickly by leaping to other locations; it has a God given energy. Fire refines metal and makes it pure. Fire, (as in the pillar of fire when the Israelites left Egypt) is protective and full of power to consume the enemy. It fostered fear in the enemy. For the Christian, it produced protection and joy.

What does a Christian look like when he/she has the Spirit of fire? _____

This fire of God will be visible: you will have power to heal & bless; power to push away the enemy; power to fulfill God's will; power to help deal with the sin in a person's life; power to consume the temptation in one's life. The Spirit's power can lead us wherever we go, so we go from victory to victory in the prosperity of our heart. The Lord & our relationship with Him is so on fire that we are a witness to all those around us. Within this fire, there is: holiness, truth, wisdom, understanding, God's counsel, His knowledge & His awesomeness.

Do you have this fire with which God has baptized you? _____

How could this fire be more brilliant in your life than what it is today? _____

What is God asking of you to have more fire? _____

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DO YOU HAVE THE OIL OF GLADNESS? (Heb. 1:9)

"You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companions."

The Holy Spirit could be called “the **oil of joy**” because He **anoints with gladness**. He empowers righteousness. Oil is the instrument of anointing & joy accompanies it. Joy is available to those who are followers/believers in Jesus. It is joy that gives us hope. Joy from God means: no matter our circumstance, whether suffering from persecution, unjust duty, poverty, or even overwhelming responsibility”; **joy is available** to the believer. It gives the believer **purpose & hope**. It is continuously available. We must not allow our flesh to push away the oil of joy; the anointing of joy in our life. When someone speaks of us: will they speak of our being sad, worrisome, complaining OR of our being someone who is **overflowing with joy?**

Are you displaying God’s joy in your life? _____

How could joy be more displayed? _____

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DO YOU HAVE A SPIRIT OF GRACE? (Heb. 10:29)
“...and who has insulted the Spirit of grace”

The Holy Spirit is known as the Spirit of grace. Other words that are a part of the idea of **grace: mercy, love, compassion**. It comes from the Greek word: “charis”. It is a person that is regarded favorably, pleasing and welcomed; accepted, well pleasing. When the fullness of the Spirit is within us, we will exhibit all these gracious elements. This is one of the ways by which we distinguish ourselves: being full of the Spirit’s grace. We will then exhibit unusual grace to others. A man who does not have the fullness of the Spirit of God within him...does not have God’s grace. The Lord wants the world to know that they can have all this, not out of human determination but by the Spirit of God moving through us to others. Have & share the fullness of God’s grace!

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THE SPIRIT OF GLORY (1Peter 4:14)
“If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you .”

Do you have the Spirit of glory resting upon you? **Glory is the very Presence of God**. Glory has honor & praise & worship within it. It has good report, fame, renown...these are all characteristics of the Presence of God. The glory of God is so bright, one cannot look upon it for it could consume one. When we have the Spirit of glory, people are seeing the Presence of God upon us. This comes from God the Holy Spirit. In 2 Cor. 3:18, it is translated that we have “ever increasing glory”. This is only possible if it comes from God. As a result of the Holy Spirit alive within us; the Holy Spirit on us—we will have all these things:

- Spirit of fire
- Spirit of joy
- Spirit of grace
- His glory

We are the most privileged and blessed people on earth, because God has given us the **fullness of His Spirit** to those who love Him with everything. Do not hold back, give Him everything and welcome the Spirit of God’s fullness!

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ARE YOU LIVING ETERNALLY? (Heb. 9:14)

"...how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God."

We have the eternal Spirit within us. We are walking with Him, we have that eternal life that God offers. As the Spirit is eternal, so we are, as we walk with Him. We no longer worry; it doesn't matter what others inaccurately accuse us of; we have the Spirit of God from now to eternity. We have won, therefore, discouragement can have no place in us! Hope, love, joy, grace...all ours! We are so loved & blessed: we have eternal life as we walk with our Lord, remaining in Him and blessed by Him...every day of our lives! Today, ENJOY the eternal Spirit that dwells within you.

Banish discouragement, in the name of Jesus!

How have you enjoyed the very Spirit of the Living God within you today? _____

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THE HOLY SPIRIT—YOUR COMFORTER (Acts 9:31)

"Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace & were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied."

The churches had peace & were edified; they were built up; they walked in fear of the Lord...this gave them peace. The Holy Spirit, known as the Comforter, exhorted them, consoled them, uplifted them. That is what the Holy Spirit does. He is called the Comforter or Counselor. The Holy Spirit is there to bless us. This is not something man is doing for us; the Holy Spirit is doing it. We are to speak to the Holy Spirit and be comforted; then let that comfort outpour to others! (2 Cor. 1:4 ...*Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*)

What would you like the Holy Spirit to comfort you about today? _____

Who can you turn around and comfort? _____

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ENJOYING THE HOLY SPIRIT! (Acts 1:8)

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses..."

Glory be to God. We thank our God for His design and the opportunity we have in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit does so many things. Here are descriptions spoken of in Scripture.

The Holy Spirit:

fills, stirs, instructs, admonishes, renews the earth, leads, speaks, gives strength, gives prophecy, gives rest, guides, physically moves people, sends, made us, puts plans in our mind, helps, comes upon, pours upon, in us, conceives, convicts, baptizes, drives out demons, gives life, testifies about you, makes things known, gives power, gives gifts, physically hinders, compels, warns, makes overseers, urges, circumcises hearts, controls the mind, lives in you, gives life, puts to death misdeeds, testifies with our spirit, helps us pray, intercedes, confirms in us, gives us an overflow, sanctifies, gives signs and miracles, reveals, searches all things, makes clear, helps us accept, makes us competent, transforms us, fellowships, gives Fruit of the Spirit, vindicates, testifies to truth!

The Holy Spirit is so special & precious. Treasure Him! Look for the Holy Spirit to do these things in your life. Recognize when the Holy Spirit of power is working within you. You are richly blessed. Glory be to our God!!

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RELATIONSHIP/INTIMACY WITH GOD IS REQUIRED (Isaiah 43:7)

*"Everyone who is called by My Name, whom I have created for My glory;
I have formed him, yes, I have made him..."*

Relationship means to know, trust & enjoy! In everyday life, we have all experienced a "higher quality relationship": desiring to "be with someone" and "to do and accomplish things together"! This is what God is intending in our Father/child relationship with Him. As in our scripture: The Lord reveals that He has formed each of us; made us. Why? We have been created for His glory. It is one thing to honor our awesome God out of reverential fear; quite another to glorify Him through relationship of knowing trusting and enjoying Him. We know God is admired when people want to know all about Him; trust everything He does, says and is going to do. This defines how awesome our Lord is. He is not only all powerful, all knowing, everywhere present; but He is a Person Who enjoys the very thing that He created: us. When we adore Him in all these ways, we are bringing Him glory! God wants us to have great marriages, well-trained children, great relationships with others; but how can all this be done without relationship and partnership with Him, our supernatural God in all my life? We are to be in awe, having reverential fear! We are to love Him, know Him in every way. We are to trust and enjoy Him. This is RELATIONSHIP. To live this Christian life, the way God intended, relationship is required. He desires it with us, and we should be desiring it with Him. In this way, we will exhibit the life of Jesus in us and through us.

Do you enjoy your relationship with the Lord? _____
How do you enjoy it? _____
What needs to be transformed to bring enjoyment to a higher level? _____

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BEING ONE WITH HIM (John 18:20-23)

*"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;
that they all may be one, as you, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they may also **be one in Us**,
that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the **glory** which You gave Me **I have given them**,
that **they may be one just as We are One**:"*

It is clear in vs. 20, that those who believe in Him are in the Lord's favor, because He is praying for them. Jesus is praying that they may be one with one another and ultimately one with the Father & the Son. You cannot be one with someone, united, knit together, if you do not believe in them and trust them. This is the kind of relationship the Lord wants us to have with Him and with one another. To be one is to have the same thinking, the same passion for the Lord's work, the same willingness to serve and sacrifice for one another for the sake of His Kingdom. It is through seeking Him that we become one with Him. We stop at nothing to become one with Him. We must go past the academic understanding of knowing all the facts about Him to being emotionally tied to Him and one another. Being one with Him ignites the fullness of His power in and through our life. You will be more prosperous; you will have the joy of the Lord; no matter your circumstance. When you are one with Him, you have no cares about the world...His peace ensues.

Have you held anything back from God? _____

Whatever you have held back, release it now and welcome more of Him within you!

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WHAT IS THE SECRET TO RELATIONSHIP? (Gal. 5:16)

"I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

Relationship requires that we walk with God Himself. Walking is living with Him in every aspect of life. It is having His holiness as a part of who we are. It means that whatever we have that has not been given to Him; will eventually go away, because we have

chosen Him. The more we walk with Him, the more we desire Him, the more we enjoy Him, the more we enjoy life. Our life will not be measured by the physical things we get in the world; it will be measured by the joy we have in life no matter the circumstances. As we walk with Him, we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh. The flesh desires the things of the world; the things of Satan and his kingdom. But when we walk with God, we are in His Word, praying with Him about what He wants, listening to Him, obeying what He tells us to do, performing miracles in and through our life by giving Him the challenges that we face. This is when we are operating in the power of the Holy Spirit and God responds by leading us and helping us. If relationship is required, then walking with Him daily is required throughout each day. It is not a one-time thing. This is far more than just going to a church activity; this is **intimate relationship**. He knows us better than anyone and desires to heal & bless us.

In what ways are you walking with Him today? _____
In what ways are you not walking with Him today? _____

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RELATIONSHIP EMPOWERS YOU! (John 14:12)

*"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also and **greater works** than these he will do because I go to My Father."*

Jesus is preparing His disciples for His departure. He is stating that he that believes on Me will... "Believe" literally means: to have faith, to entrust, to place confidence in, to be reliant upon. When we believe in this way, we become empowered, empowered to do what Jesus did. Jesus does not want His image, all that He represents, to leave when He leaves; He desires that anyone who fully believes in Him will become like He is. This is the beauty of relationship. When we have quality relationship, we walk with each other; we become empowered by one another. Becoming empowered by God Himself, by the Holy Spirit is supernatural. You will be able to do the things that Jesus did in this empowerment. This is not done through an academic statement that I believe in Him. It is done by walking with Him every day throughout each day, having relationship, being one with Him, will give you great power to do His will!

What is the evidence in your life that you are empowered? _____

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BEING IN FULL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM (Eph. 5:18)

"Be filled with the Spirit."

When you are walking with God; you are walking in the Holy Spirit. Being full of the Spirit is spoken of in the book of Acts more than 50 times. Acts tells us about what the apostles did, including the Epistles (letters) of Paul, Peter, and John as well as the rest of the Bible. We note that being full of the Spirit is mentioned more than 50 times in Acts, this is a BIG IDEA! Becoming full of the Spirit one time does not mean that you are full of the Spirit ALL the time. You cannot have envy, covetousness, desiring the things of the world, if you are full of the Spirit. These things are not of God! When we are walking in the Spirit, we will be led to be full of the Spirit. There will be many signs of the fullness of the Spirit: the giftings, healings, words from God, healing of hearts, healing of wounds, healing of wrong thinking. These are the things that flow from relationship with Him. Whatever sin we carry in our lives, will hinder the work of God in and through our life. We must yearn to be **full of the Spirit**. We must be walking with Him to continue to be full of the Spirit. It is this oneness relationship with God that will produce a passion for our God so that we will love Him with ALL of our heart.

What can you do in your life to keep yourself full of the Spirit all of the time? _____

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SEEK RELATIONSHIP ON HIS TERMS (Jer. 29:13)

*“And you will seek Me and find Me,
when you search for Me **with all our heart.**”*

Seeking is to search out by any method, to strive after, to entrust! The scripture is telling us to seek the Lord with ALL our heart. We are to hold nothing back to find Him and He is promising that He will be found by us. Too often, we set limits on our relationship with Him and thus do not get the fullness of the relationship. Sometimes, we set time limits in our walking with Him each day; sometimes we lack patience in listening to Him; we do not persevere in our hopes, waiting on Him to act. We are never to lose faith. He will respond. We will find Him if we are relentless. We will push through all the obstacles that the enemy throws in our way to distract us! Our Lord wants to be found by us. So, seek Him until you find Him, in every situation in your life. He loves to bless His children, but He will not bless beyond the degree by which we seek Him. We must seek Him on His terms not on our terms.

Are you seeking Him for relationship on your terms or His terms? _____
If on His terms, then praise God for your supernatural life.

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RELATIONSHIP COMES FROM GREAT FAITH (Matt. 15:28)

*“Then Jesus answered and said to her, oh woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.
And her daughter was healed from that very hour.”*

Great faith is trusting Him in everything. It is like this woman that demonstrated that she had a sacrificial faith that Jesus could heal her daughter, up close or far away. Because we believe in everything Jesus said and did, we will have faith that He will fulfill all His promises; that He will fulfill many of our Godly desires. As we seek relationship, we now need to be exhibiting great faith in stepping out that He will bless others through us!

Please understand, that in building this relationship we will be built up and purified; we will be tested; we will suffer. Just as it states in James: the testing of your faith will cause you to become perfect & complete, lacking nothing. As we go on this journey of deeper relationship; our faith will be tested, our patience grows, and we will welcome the very Presence of God. We will have great faith in the things He wants us to do.

About what He is going to do in and through your life, are you having great faith? _____

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RELATIONSHIP ALSO REQUIRES REPENTANCE & ASKING (Matt. 4:17)

“From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

Repent means to think differently, to change, to turn around from your previous direction. Paul states in Romans 7:20 that it is sin living in us that causes us to spiritually fail. Ps. 24:3,4 “who can ascend to the holy hill? Only he who has clean hands and a pure heart.” To be in complete relationship, you cannot allow sin to dwell in you or have patterned sin in your life. It quenches the work of the Spirit, depth of relationship, and the love of God that is available within you. We must go before the Lord; He already knows what you are doing. We must turn from our wicked ways; we must choose His life. He has so much to offer us, therefore we must keep our hearts pure in order to receive all that He intends.

As the heart is pure, we are positioned to ask the Lord. (John 14:13 - whatever you ask in My name, I will do.) If we follow this process of seeking, having great faith, repenting; we are now positioned to ask the Lord, by faith, to become what He wants us to

become. We ask God for the fullness of His Spirit, that we might be immersed in His very Presence and the Holy Spirit will join us in everything that we do. We ask Him for the things that concern His Kingdom, for self and for others!

Is your heart pure? _____
What would God have you deal with and turn from? _____

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RELATIONSHIP IN HIM LEADS TO TRANSFORMATION IN YOU (Rom. 12:1,2)

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is that good and acceptable perfect will of God"

As a result of God's mercies, we are to present our bodies in such a way that is acceptable to Him so that we can be of service to Him. He desires that we be living sacrifices: that we hate the world and the things of the world enabling us to have relationship with Him that leads us to holiness. If we follow God's plan, He will renew our mind and heart, taking on the image of Jesus. Therefore, we will be transformed from the things of this world to the things of God. Our life is to change, moving ever closer to the image of Jesus. We don't do this on our own but as a result of seeking Him, exhibiting great faith, enduring testing, turning away from the things of the world to the things of God, asking Him to transform us from the things that cling to us: transforming our marriage, our living style, transforming our relationships with others...so that He can use us in the building of His Kingdom here on earth. For those who are willing to be transformed, He promises great reward: now and especially for all eternity.

What is God asking you to have transformed in our life? _____

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MOVING IN HIS POWER! (1 Cor. 4:20)

"For the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power."

The Kingdom of God represents our God: Father, Son & Holy Spirit, and the world They are creating here on earth and forevermore! Our Lord not only wants to move in us, as in being one with Him, but He wants to move through us, with His power to accomplish His will. We do not have to do the things He wants us to do on our own strength, but if we are in an intimate relationship with Him; it will be done with His power! We will know what the Holy Spirit wants us to do and how He wants us to do it. He will help us to accomplish it. We are going to become conquering warriors in this present world. The enemy will fear & tremble at the move of God in us and through us.

What has God placed in your heart that He wants to move in you and through you to accomplish? _____

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RELATIONSHIP REQUIRES SPIRITUAL WARFARE (2 Cor. 10:4)

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments & every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled."

When in relationship with others and with the Lord, the enemy does not like it. He wants to separate & keep us from assisting our brother. The way you & your brother are to react is with His divine weapons, weapons full of God's power, not human power. These are weapons of mass destruction: especially the Word of God & prayer. The enemy will attempt to distract us to think that any attack on us (or our brother) is of this world. Far too often, it is caused by the enemy. Not only do we need God's protection, but we also need an offensive thrust to move forward in doing God's will. Therefore, God has designed for us to have these divine weapons: the sword of the Spirit & complete prayer. Matt. 22:39 – we are to love our brother. This means we should use these divine weapons regularly for ourselves and our brothers. This is the power of God and is to be used with great **confidence**; especially when we are walking with the Lord & being saturated with His Presence. Our Lord tells us (2 Peter 1:3) that His divine power has been given to us to succeed in all life & godliness. So, it is true for our brother. God wants us to combat the enemy's attack. He wants us equipped to do it with His power. This is part of relationship. When we are in relationship with our Lord, He gives us this divine power; especially to the mature. Therefore, **arm up with the Word of God and mighty prayer**, to thwart the enemy's attack.

What action is He asking you to take? _____
What scripture does He want you to use, in having victory for yourself or a brother? _____

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GOD'S WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION (Eph. 6:18)

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance & supplication for all the saints."

Our Lord gave us weapons to take out the enemy. That is why He gave us Eph. 6:10-18! First, He is communicating to us that we are not to go out and do battle unprepared; we are to put on the full armor of God. In putting on this full armor, the armor is empowered to do His supernatural work. Putting on the armor means we are preparing to be in the Presence of God and once prepared, stepping into His Presence. He will show us how to use His weapons! Let us focus on one of these weapons: Prayer! Prayer is not ramblings that come from our mind; things that we think are so important. To use this divine weapon, we are to be "in the Spirit", which is praying & petitioning our Lord in the things He wants us to pray about, for ourselves & our brothers. We are to intercede with God's mighty power. His power flows from being one with Him! This means we are free of sin; free of the flesh; and engaged with His Presence. We are here on earth to bring glory to Him and to do His will! He will communicate this to us.

Are you in the Spirit now? _____

If not, stop! Confess, repent, ask for His Presence; ask for His will for this day; ask for whom you should be praying. Therefore, you will be ready, with His help, to do His will throughout this day!

CONCLUSION: Pray "in the spirit", "in Him" and you will see Him answer your prayers!

To what is God calling you to pray into today? _____

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OUR BATTLE IS AGAINST OUR ENEMY (Eph. 6:10-13)

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh & blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

Our Lords is calling us to pray in the Spirit on all occasions in Eph. 6:18. How can we pray and hear the voice of God if we do not put on His armor, everyday? Too often we are praying against situations vs. the enemy: the dark spiritual world, rulers, & principalities. Not only do we need to discern circumstances through the power of the Spirit, but we must also hear how God wants us to pray. He is all wise. Sometimes, it is very clear and because we have already been impressed with His direction earlier. When we pray in the Spirit, we are full of power and see prayer answered more often. There is no reason to fear/doubt because the battle is already won by being in Him! We are to operate in faith that our mighty God, (Who had the victory over

satan), is hearing our prayers and will answer! Through focused prayer, we free ourselves and those we pray for, from the entanglements of the enemy! As we pray for them, we have full protection because we have on the full armor of God. This does not mean we will not be hassled or distracted. We are to look beyond these circumstances and pray the very thing God has directed us to pray, leaping right over the enemy. God and His angels may just smash them. We are being supported by Jesus Himself, sitting at the right hand of God the Father. Our will and Jesus' will are the same. The enemy will try to distract us and cause us to pray more about earthly things than the things God wants accomplished. Praise be to God for our faithfulness and our durability. In all this, God blesses us. He will shower blessings on our hearts – which brings joy, as well as in the earthly circumstances. The Lord is calling us to **stand firm and be bold**. We are not to shy away or turn away from these difficult circumstances. We are to **stand** and know God will answer our prayers. The enemy cannot take us out! In John 10:10 – God makes it clear that the enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy. But because Jesus indwells us with His resurrection victory; we carry His victory & power. He will measure to us abundance, according to our maturity. As we pray, on all occasions (Eph. 10:18), pray with power & confidence! We have on His armor; we are His children; we are promised eternal life. Be bold and declare the prayers He has for you! Stand firm; persevering as you wait for His answer. Keep praying in faith!

What is He asking you to pray about today? _____

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EFFECTUAL PRAYER (James 5:15,16)

“And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

Effectual prayer begins with a steadfast faith, without doubt of what God can do, according to His will. He desires His best for His people. If there is sin within a life, a person must seek to have a pure heart (Ps. 24:3,4). As a follower of Jesus, our sins will be forgiven, and we are freed upon true repentance. To help us get to repentance, the scripture is encouraging us to confess our sins to one another. Our Lord desires that we humble ourselves to one another and to Him. If we hold out on God, then we cannot experience the fullness of His power. This is an important step: to gain His humility for ourselves. We then can hear from God and pray for others & they will be healed. This is being “effectual” in prayer. With this approach, bring a fervency, a passion. Then you will see God moving greatly within you and through you. God sees us as righteous; we avail much. With great faith, we can do as Elijah did: he told the rain when to stop and when to come. This is fruitfulness and will bless many others. When we act with the attitudes of Jesus: in humility, full of faith, we are righteous before God; and He will answer our prayers.

Is there anything in your life right now that hinders your prayers? Repent and ask for His healing. _____

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POWERFUL PRAYER (Psalm 24:3-5)

“Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.”

We cannot ascend to His holy hill, if we are contaminated with sin, even the most hidden sin in our life. This also states that we cannot move into the Presence of God & be saturated if we do not have a pure heart. Our heart is like a container and it holds whatever treasures we have. If we value earthly things, as much or more than our Lord; our hearts are contaminated. We are denying the Lord's access to that part of our heart; it is hidden. He desires full access to our heart, so He can fulfill delivering all His power to us. But, if we do not love Him with all our heart, holding anything back; we will not be able to exhibit the full power of God. The power of God that we declare in our prayers, is equal to the purity of our hearts; where we invite the Holy Spirit to indwell. God wants an authentic relationship with us. He knows our hearts; we cannot fool Him. The consequence of covering up our sin is a weak faith and limited power. Someone with a pure heart, who seeks to know & do His will, will be declared by the fruit of his prayers, to be effectual. If you pray little, few things will be answered. If you pray much, many things will be answered. If we pray continually, a multitude of answers will take place! We can change the world through our prayer life. We can change our circumstances, as we pray and walk in the image of Jesus.

How would you characterize your prayer life and praying in the Spirit? _____

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WHO ARE YOU? (Phil. 2:1,2)

"Therefore, if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being in one accord, of one mind."

It is easy & common to be in prayer and to be thinking our own thoughts. As we are to continually pray, we are to be carrying the mind of Christ. As the scripture states: not only are we to be like-minded in prayer but to be like-minded with Jesus: having the same love; having the same purpose, the same goals He has. This group of Devotionals feeds back to "praying in the Spirit". We are in the Spirit when we are like-minded and like-focused! When we walk in the Spirit/in Jesus; we think and act like He does. We have the same attitude He has. Effectual prayer is not a casual prayer; it is operating in the Spirit, all the time, staying pure all the time; having the same attitude as Jesus, all the time! Selfish ambition and conceit cannot enter when you are Saturated with His Presence.

Are you praying & thinking based on who you are in the world or on being a son/daughter of God, in the likeness of Jesus; thinking & feeling what He does and therefore powerfully freeing self and others? _____ God wants to do mighty things through you.

As a result of pondering these thoughts, what is God saying to you right now? _____

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ARE YOU OPERATING WITH GOD'S FIRE? (Eph. 6:18)

"praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit...."

Matt. 3:11

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He Who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Our Lord is calling us to pray in the Spirit, always, because we are one with Him, thinking & feeling like Him, and desiring His outcomes. We are to operate with great faith. He desires to move mountains through us. When we are baptized in the Spirit, no matter how it takes place, we receive Holy Spirit power and fire!

Is your spiritual life & prayer life on fire? _____ Fire is visible; it consumes. As a result of fire, once the chaff is burnt; newness of life takes place.

Are you walking in this manner, as a fire? _____ Heb. 12:29: our God is a consuming fire. It does not matter how you received the Holy Spirit; what matters is: do you have the "Holy Spirit in control"? If you doubt this, it is time to get on your knees and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior of your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with His fire! What God is stating: if you have been baptized with the Holy Spirit, if your heart is pure & you have asked the Holy Spirit to fill every part of your heart; then it will be visible to you and to others: that you are walking in and with the power of God.

Are you exhibiting the power of God in and through you? _____ What would the Lord have you do? _____

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MULTIPLY YOUR POWER (Matt. 18:20)

"For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, I am there in the midst of them."

As we are becoming effectual and a righteous Prayer Warrior by praying in the Spirit, God is saying that we can increase our voice to Him by gathering with 2 or 3 others. The two or three others need to be encouraged that they are walking as you walk: with a

pure heart, filled with the Holy Spirit. God loves to hear His people. When they come to Him in a unified choir, giving a concert to Him about what He wants to see done; all in concurrence with His desire; it delivers a very clear message to the Lord; it pleases Him. Concert is an interesting idea: it is many voices or instruments that are “one” in what they are producing. They work in unison and their sound is better and greater, because of operating “in concert”. This is putting your prayers on high alert before God. If you want Him to hear you; then pray as a concert with others; who are operating in full humility before the Lord and walking with Him. They desire what He wants and where He wants to go, and who He wants to bless. They are also very dear to one another; confessing their sins to one another. These are mighty men/women of God who will change the world through prayer.

Who would you invite into a concert of prayer like this; willing to confess their sins & pray in concert together?

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BEING FREE AND POWERFUL (Matt. 6:14,15)

“For if you forgive their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

We have been talking about effectual prayer accomplished through praying in the Spirit; being freed of sinfulness and having a pure heart. None of these matter, if we do not forgive other’s trespasses against us. God cannot hear our prayers if we are being disobedient about forgiving others. In fact, He will not even forgive us! It is not optional to forgive others. I remember a lovely man who spoke up at a conference. He stated that if you forgive, culturally people identify you as being weak. Was Jesus being weak when He forgave us? Did Jesus do things that made Him look weak? No, He demonstrated that even while suffering, He was unafraid of them and challenged the Pharisees, even though it would create more suffering for Him! At the end of His crucifixion, He stated “forgive them for they know not what they do.” Is that a picture of weakness? No! It is a picture of strength! Satan’s lie is that if you forgive, you are weak. It may be a cultural idea, but it is biblically wrong. Satan desires to hinder your life by you not forgiving others. Make a list right now of who God truly wants you to forgive. _____
Forgiving is freeing others of all obligation toward you.

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EXTOLLING HIM (Matt. 4:10)

“Then Jesus said to him, away with you, satan! For it is written, you shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.”

Worship is to revere a deity. It is adoration, reverence, trust, love, loyalty, and dependence upon this same deity: God! We are to emotionally and specifically declare the greatness of God and His character out loud! We are to thank Him for the very things He has done in our life; especially recently. If we cannot recall what He has done in our life; then we are unable to truly praise & honor Him for Who He is. You cannot pray in the Spirit if there is no appreciation for His life, His life within you, and His life in others. To extol is to praise with authenticity not just words. You have now welcomed your God to hear your prayers! You have communicated that He is your answer to life; you are declaring that the world has no answers for life satisfaction. God wants to bless you with everything, and you must bless Him by honoring Him for being the only true God!

How could you improve your worship life? _____

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THE GLORY (Exod. 15:11)

“Who is like You, oh Lord, among the Gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?”

What a beautiful thing the glory of God is! It is full of splendor, honor, in great quantity...there is no limit to this treasure. We raise up that glory by giving God glory. Through this process, we also receive His glory! God the Father gave His glory to Jesus; Jesus gave that glory to His disciples & through the Holy Spirit, gave His glory to us. God uses this glory to accomplish things. Do you think He will use His glory to accomplish His purpose in you and through you? Exodus 40:33-35 states: “...and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle”. This glory is very real. It has mass. Isaiah 4:5,6 states: “a cloud of smoke by day, a glow of flaming fire by night.” God’s glory is bright, shining, and powerful. We will look further to see that we can ever-increasingly see God’s glory multiplied within us. Ezek. 1:27 states: “...He looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire...brilliant light surrounded Him...the likeness of the glory.” We will see how magnificent His glory is, because of His filling our lives with His Presence. Moses had to hide in the rock to protect himself from God’s glory—that’s power.

If you are seeking more of God’s glory: you will have “less” or “more”, depending on if you take “some” of God’s message or “more” of God’s message? _____

Are you satisfied with the glory you have from God? _____

Can people sense/see His glory residing within you? _____

What can you do to become more Saturated with His Presence & conform to His will, thus experiencing more of His glory?

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ARE YOU INCREASING IN GOD’S GLORY? (John 17:22)

“And the glory which You gave Me, I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one...”

It had never occurred to me that I could have the glory of God within me. What a powerful thing to imagine. Jesus had given the glory that the Father had given Him, to His disciples. This is the very Presence of God! Just as God the Father passed by Moses and Moses had to hide within a rock, God’s power was there—so much power. Within this glory is His character, His power, His love, and it is greater than anything in the world. He uses it for you and the building of His Kingdom. Having His glory and more of it, is something we should yearn for, at all cost. His glory is so wonderful because it can bring His righteousness, His love, His power, His holiness to the forefront within you. His very Presence can give you the very things you need to do His will, now and throughout your life! As you become a follower of His, you begin being **splashed by that glory**. As you become full of all the fullness of God, you can become **drenched in His glory**; as much as humanly possible. You will walk through life, in step with the Holy Spirit, doing miraculous things aimed at furthering His Kingdom. Because you are Saturated with Him: you will pay no heed to the cares of the world; your only desire will be to have more of Him and His glory within you!

Have you talked with the Lord about the glory He has given you? _____

Have you conversed with Him as to how much more of His glory you want? _____

Have you asked Him: what must I do differently/additionally to receive more of Your glory? _____

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ARE YOU INCREASING IN GOD’S GLORY? (2 Cor. 3:18)

“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of God, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of God.”

This scripture makes it clear that Paul is speaking to us, in this present time also! We are beholding as in a mirror, the glory of God within ourselves. When we are walking in the Spirit, sinless, full of forgiveness; we are welcoming the glory of God into our lives. This glory transforms us, radically, into the image of Jesus! Yet we remain ourselves. Just as seeing His glory within us is reflected in a mirror, so that glory shines from us to others as we reflect it, and it is increasing. In another translation of the Bible

(NIV), it speaks of going from glory to ever-increasing glory! This illustrates that as our walk is consistent “in Him”; His glory can accumulate within us! Therefore, we are empowered to do more of His will; producing greater and more fruit for His Kingdom!! This glory accumulation within us is in direct proportion to the degree that we love Him and sacrifice everything in our lives for the sake of His glory. These are the things that cause us to increase the amount of His glory within our lives. As the glory increases, just as in a mirror, it will be visible to others; there will be an aura about us, especially in the love we give to others & the fruit we bear. When we carry God’s glory, it is not a matter of whether we will bear fruit; most assuredly, we WILL BEAR FRUIT!

Are you increasing with the glory of God in your life? _____

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GOD’S GLORY IS POWERFUL (Exod. 24:16,17)

“and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sanai...to the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like consuming fire on top of the mountain.”

The Israelites could see the glory of the Lord from below the mountain, as it settled on top. They said the glory looked like a consuming fire! Do you think of God walking beside you as a consuming fire? You have this glory within you. God’s glory is doing good & consuming bad, but it is only as bright as you choose to be Saturated by Him! In this state, there is no preoccupied thought about the world & your circumstances; just a consuming thought and heart passion for Him, His Presence, and the glory of Him working in you. God wants you to be powerful. He wants to display His greatness through you. He wants to announce Himself through you. He wants to announce to the world that He is the answer to all life’s issues. If we follow Him fully, He will do the work & allow us to participate. Yearn for this fire to be in you & to protect you, giving you life! Praise Him for His grand design and His care for you and your loved ones. Rejoice that you are marching on - doing the work of the Kingdom of God. This is what matters from this point in your life, throughout all eternity!

Are you yearning for His glory to be displayed through you? _____

With a pure heart, are you asking Him to do His mighty work in you and through you? _____

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