

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

VOLUME 1

The "seeds" for this project were planted as far back as 1982 as the Lord led me to various writings by many men and women who had one thing in common: they loved the Lord their God with every fibre of their being. Because of this, they were used greatly by the Father to speak *[write]* the deepest thoughts and intentions of His heart - and, thus, paint a "clear" and "true" picture of His highest Will and purpose for the Body of Christ.

I perceive, by the Spirit of God, that it is important at this time to state emphatically that the foremost priority of every child of God is to continually place the Word of God first in their lives - and, thus, remain faithful to God's requirement to "meditate on it day and night" *[Joshua 1:8]*.

The writings contained in this volume of work are not meant to stand on their own - apart from the revealed Word of God - but, rather, the words found within are simply an expansion and confirmation of God's Word - a revealing of the thoughts and intentions of the Father's Will and purpose for His Church - a running commentary expressed by God, Himself, through His anointed bondservants and handmaidens.

It is my fervent prayer that as you read this volume of work you will "allow" the Holy Spirit to reveal to your heart the fullness of the Divine Requirement *[Luke 10:27]* concerning your life and ministry. For, as you do, you shall surely be brought to the place of "abiding" in Christ - and, from that holy place, you shall surely fulfill the Father's highest Will and purpose for your life and ministry in your remaining time on earth.

The words contained in "Meditations on the True Christian Life" are anointed by God to help lead His precious children into the "fullness" of their inheritance *[salvation]* in Christ.

Therefore, let us receive freely all that the Father has given to us in this last hour that we might be those who are found living *[demonstrating]* the "true" Christian life in the midst of a "crooked and perverse generation".

A word from the Father:

...."The purpose of "Meditations on the True Christian Life" is so that My children might experience a "cross-section" of the anointed words *[absolute truths - "patterns"]* that I have passed on to My consecrated ones down through the ages.

Truly I say to you, there would not be time for all those of My children, who seek only to walk in the "fullness" of their inheritance in Christ, to read all of the books that I have instructed you to "glean".

Therefore, continue on with great diligence and never underestimate the great importance of any aspect of My Will. For all those who desire to walk in the "fullness" of the Kingdom-position and destiny, in Christ, that I have called them to must be introduced to, and taught, the "absolute" truths and principles contained in the "writings" that I have instructed you to place in this volume of work"....

DEDICATION:

This book is dedicated first, and always, to the glory of God, but it is also dedicated to the memory of all those saints - both men and women - who, through their faithfulness to the uncompromised Word of God and their obedience to the Holy Spirit throughout their time on earth, made possible the writings contained in these volumes. Writings which *[by the power of the Holy Spirit]* paint a true picture of God's Will for "all" of His children - and which, once and for all, disprove the "lies" of Satan which state that the "true Christian life" is something "less" than a heart and life "wholly" given to, and empowered by, God.

January 1st

The "true" Christian life is the life which is fully and totally controlled, empowered and maintained by the Holy Spirit - a life that is always seeking to be in agreement with the "revealed" Word *[Will]* of God at all times.

The prerequisite for "maintaining" this life for every believer, regardless of their spiritual maturity, is for them to walk in ALL of the knowledge that has been "revealed" to them by the Holy Spirit at that point in their walk, continually - from faith to faith, obedience to obedience and glory to glory.

...."You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind".... Luke 10:27 NASB

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

....*"But seek [aim at and strive after] first of all His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right], and then all these things taken together will be given you besides".... Matthew 6:33 The Amplified Translation*

January 2nd

* When God desires to perform a small miracle He places His faithful ones in difficult circumstances; when He desires to perform a mighty miracle with far reaching effects, the circumstances in which He places us seem utterly impossible to the five physical senses.

"supernatural hope" - hope based on a "revelation" of God's Word [*Will*] - the origin of which is in Heaven;

"natural hope" - hope based on what can be discerned through the five physical senses in the natural [*physical*] realm;

....*"In [supernatural] hope against [natural] hope he [Abraham] believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, 'SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE'. Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform".... Romans 4:18-21 NASB*

January 3rd

* There are no short cuts when there is only one path.

....*"Enter through the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and spacious and broad is the way that leads away to destruction, and many are those who are entering through it. But the gate is narrow [contracted by pressure] and the way is straitened and compressed that leads away to life, and few are those who find it [Deut. 30:19; Jer. 21:8]".... Matthew 7:13-14 The Amplified Translation*

January 4th

- * The Bible is not a religious book but, rather, a transcript of God's integrity.
.... *"God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord".... 1 Corinthians 1:9 NASB*

January 5th

- * Worry is quite simply "meditation" on the lies of the Evil One.

.... *"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"....*
Philippians 4:4-7 NASB

January 6th

- * Be assured that there is nothing more intensely "practical" in any situation we enter into than an act of faith based on the Word of God as the answer.

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

January 7th

- * Narrow is the path which the children of God have been called to walk upon, but each step is firm and sure for our God shall order them.

.... *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you".... Psalms 32:8 NASB*

January 8th

- * The life of faith is simply becoming nothing in ourselves to let God be all in all.

.... "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly" Galatians 2:20-21 NASB

January 9th

- * The intense desire and determination to do all of God's Will is the secret of "knowing" it *[having it revealed to one's heart]*.

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

January 10th

- * The tremendous protective hedge we have in Christ does not manifest itself in our lives because of who we are in ourselves, but because we are yielded in all things and obedient in all things to our Heavenly Father.

.... "[remember] that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" Ephesians 2:12-13 NASB

January 11th

* Faith is the audacity that rejoices in the fact that God will not break His own Word. Faith is the quiet confidence that God means what He says - and this allows us freely to both trust and act upon His Word.

...."I am watching over My word [Will] to perform it".... Jeremiah 1:12b NASB

January 12th

* To hunger and thirst after righteousness continually is when nothing in the world can fascinate us as much as being near to God.

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

January 13th

* God is not able to help us while in our minds we still seek to help ourselves. The end of reliance upon ourselves is the beginning of God's work.

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

January 14th

* **"ZOE"** - absolute life - no death
absolute light - no darkness
absolute love - no fear

January 15th

* True membership in the Body of Christ demands that the measure of Jesus' surrender for our deliverance [*salvation*] is the only true measure of our own surrender to Him and to His service.

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

...."Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, [which is] your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect".... Romans 12:1-2 NASB

January 16th

* The child of God should have in them a mind [*heart*] to suffer hardship for righteousness sake. God will most certainly put a limit to our sufferings, but there should be no limit to our willingness to suffer for His testimony and for the setting free of the captives.

This mind to suffer is not a sentimental idea but, rather, it is the spirit of those who disregard careful calculations and the crippling fear of going to extremes - all for the love of Jesus.

...."For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart [Isa. 40:13]".... 1 Corinthians 2:16 The Amplified Translation

January 17th

* "Time", when set in place as an idol in the life of the believer, opens the door for the Evil One to lay all manner of deception upon them. Thus, easily swaying them off the narrow path of perfect obedience.

"perfect obedience" - receiving a revelation of the Father's Will, and then carrying out that Will in the timing [*unction*] and power of the Holy Spirit - alone [*through the continual exercising of an absolute faith working through a perfect love*];

...."But do not let this one [fact] escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day".... 2 Peter 3:8 NASB

January 18th

* Holiness is the unseen yet manifest Presence of God resting on His anointed ones.

...."Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust".... 2 Peter 1:2-4 NASB

January 19th

* To believe that God is "able" does not call for faith to be exercised: but to know that God is willing in His Love to meet every need of every person calls forth believing faith in the one who has the revelation. Satan attempts to keep people in darkness, blinded to this wondrous fact, for once the believer realizes that God is "willing" they will indeed exercise faith [*trust*] in His Word.

...."When Jesus came down from the mountain, large crowds followed Him. And a leper

came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus []said to him, "See that you tell no one; but go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them".... Matthew 8:1-4 NASB*

January 20th

* Man's own understanding and wisdom and his self-esteem are the poison which will cause him to harden his heart against God.

.... "Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts, as [happened] in the rebellion [of Israel] and their provocation and embitterment [of Me] in the day of testing in the wilderness, where your fathers tried [My patience] and tested [My forbearance] and found I stood their test, and they saw My works for forty years. And so I was provoked [displeased and sorely grieved] with that generation, and said, They always err and are led astray in their hearts, and they have not perceived or recognized My ways and become progressively better and more experimentally and intimately acquainted with them. Accordingly, I swore in My wrath and indignation, yhey shall not enter into My rest. [Ps. 95:7-11.] [Therefore beware] brethren, take care, lest there be in any one of you a wicked, unbelieving heart [which refuses to cleave to, trust in, and rely on Him], leading you to turn away and desert or stand aloof from the living God. But instead warn [admonish, urge, and encourage] one another every day, as long as it is called Today, that none of you may be hardened [into settled rebellion] by the deceitfulness of sin [by the fraudulence, the stratagem, the trickery which the delusive glamor of his sin may play on him]".... Hebrews 3:7-13 The Amplified Translation

January 21st

* Satan attempts to challenge the faith-giving promises of God's Word with fear-filled lies, and if those lies are agreed with and acted upon by the child of God they will produce "failure" in their life.

.... "We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the [true]

knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ [a revelation of the Father's Will]".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB

January 22nd

* Persecution and affliction is pressure that is applied on a believer in an attempt by Satan to turn that believer's head [*focus*] from the Word of God to the natural physical circumstances.

*...."These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them. "In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; and they have no firm root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when **affliction** or **persecution** arises because of the word, immediately they fall away. "And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, but **the worries of the world**, and **the deceitfulness of riches**, and **the desires for other things** [that are apart from God's Will] enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful".... Mark 4:15-19 NASB*

January 23rd

* God is infinitely more real than any thoughts or feelings which fluctuate through our five physical senses.

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

January 24th

* One never truly realizes that a certain thing is right or wrong until it is realized [*revealed*] in the heart [*spirit*].

...."Now David's heart troubled him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O LORD, please take away the

iniquity of Your servant, for I have acted very foolishly".... 2 Samuel 24:10 NASB

January 25th

* One's constant, continual confession of having "already received" the petition sought after in prayer [*in other words, continually calling those things which be not in the natural as though they already were*] will bring one's "actions" into line with their confession in every way and inevitably bring about the physical manifestation of the blessing in the natural realm.

This process cannot fail to inherit the blessing - the key being to hold fast the confession or faith, despite any adverse circumstances the Evil One attempts to create, and to walk by faith and not by sight - bringing ALL thoughts captive to the [*revealed*] Word [*Will*] of God.

...."(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, [even] God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were".... Romans 4:17 KJV

January 26th

* "Blind [*absolute*] faith" is the force which is released from the abundance of one's heart by way of the tongue, completely independent of the five physical senses with the Word of God as its ONLY hope.

...."How can you speak good things when you are evil [wicked]? For out of the fullness [the overflow, the superabundance] of the heart the mouth speaks. The good [righteously motivated] man from his inner good treasure flings forth good things, and the evil [unrighteously motivated] man out of his inner evil storehouse flings forth evil things. But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for every idle [inoperative, non-working] word they speak. For by your words you will be justified and acquitted, and/or by your words you will be condemned and sentenced".... Matthew 12:34-37 The Amplified Translation

January 27th

* Satan is in real trouble when he comes up against a child of God who has the revelation in their heart that their struggle is NEVER against flesh and blood. For, then, Satan has no offence or defence against them.

...."Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not [NEVER] against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm".... Ephesians 6:11-13 NASB

January 28th

* Ego is a counterfeit of faith. Faith is fully persuaded of what God can do. Ego is fully persuaded of what self can do. Ego says "I can do all things". Faith says "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me".

...."I can do all things through Him [Christ - the Anointed One and His Anointing] Who [which] strengthens me".... Philippians 4:13 NASB

January 29th

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January 30th

* In coming to the realization that Satan is a complete and abject failure [*and an ALREADY defeated foe*] the child of God need only let him fail [*through the continual exercising of a steadfast faith, love and obedience on their part*].

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

January 31st

* "Cautiousness" in the child of God is that state of the heart which produces a watchful eye for the Word of God [*and the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit*] in every situation This in no way denotes fear, but rather a trust in the Heavenly Father - which is pleasing to Him. It is an attitude of heart which protects the believer from any intrusion of evil.

....*"A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil".... Proverbs 14:16 NASB*

February 1st

* The Spirit of God is as destructive of evil as He is creative of good.

....*"Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world".... 1 John 4:4 The Amplified Translation*

February 2nd

* The three prerequisites for the manifestation of the Glory of God are holiness, harmony [*true unity and one accord*] and praise.

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

Spirit and [began] to speak the word of God with boldness".... Acts 4:29-31 NASB

*...."Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!"....
Psalms 133:1 NASB*

February 3rd

* As the children of God resist the Devil continually so shall he and his forces be in a constant state of fleeing before them"....

...."Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you".... James 4:7 The Amplified Translation

February 4th

* "Maintaining" close and intimate contact and fellowship with the Father and His Word is the "safeguard" against self-exaltation in the ministry - and to the maintenance of being a pure channel and vessel of God's Love and Power.

...."humble yourselves [demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation] under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you, Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully [Ps. 55:22]".... 1 Peter 5:6-7 The Amplified Translation

February 5th

* "Giving" is a matter of the heart. The giving and receiving of material things is only the manifestation of giving in the physical realm. For it is the obedience of the heart that the Heavenly Father desires.

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

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

February 6th

* When we "mentally ascend" to the Word of God our eyes are closed to what God sees. In total reliance on the Spirit of God, revelation knowledge [*true or exact knowledge*] is born and our eyes [*spiritual*] are opened to what God sees.

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

.... "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed [them] unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.".... 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 KJV

February 7th

* A wholesome faith is one that does not attempt to "peek" around corners.

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

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

February 8th

* An "accusation" is a charge brought against a person, which is founded and based on a source other than the exact knowledge or true knowledge [*revealed knowledge of God*] - and is always brought by one who has been held captive by the Evil One to do his will. It is in this way that Satan will attempt to persecute those who seek only to live lives of godliness in Christ Jesus.

....*"Therefore you have no excuse or defence or justification, O man, whoever you are who judges [accuses] and condemns another. For in posing as judge and passing sentence on another, you condemn yourself, because you who judge are habitually practicing the very same things [that you censure and denounce]".... Romans 2:1 The Amplified Translation*

....*"The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will".... 2 Timothy 2:24-26 NASB*

February 9th

* "Spiritual darkness" is caused by a greater desire to be right in one's "own" thinking than to come to the knowledge of the truth - at all cost to one's "self".

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

....*"For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you'.... Isaiah 60:2 NASB*

February 10th

* Anything less than walking in the perfect Will of God [*in the power of the Holy Spirit - Who is the Spirit of Christ*] is a misrepresentation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

....*"As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts [which were yours] in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all [your] behavior; because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY".... 1 Peter 1:14-16 NASB*

February 11th

* "Unfailing courage" is that courage which is aligned [*based*] solely on Love - and every aspect of His Word [*Will*].

....*"No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it [the Word of God] to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go. This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from your mouth, **but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that success.** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go".... Joshua 1:5-9 NASB*

February 12th

* Everything the child of God does must be based on their love for God - without regard for anything [*or any one*] else.

....*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as your self".... Luke 10:27 NASB*

February 13th

* The place the Word of God has in our lives is the place God has. The same honor and respect we give to the Word of God, we give to God. We do not love God more than we love His Word. We do not honor God more than we honor His Word. We do not obey God more than we obey His Word. The test of our relationship to God is our relationship to His Word. Quite simply our attitude towards the Word [*Will*] of God is our attitude towards God.

....*"I will bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name".... Psalm 138:2 KJV*

February 14th

* Our grasping, by faith, the fact [*spiritual reality*] of the righteousness imputed to us through Jesus Christ is the key to the final overthrow of Satan in one's life.

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

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

February 15th

* "Dying to self" or "crucifying the flesh" simply means that we choose to obey God at the expense of our desires which proceed from the "old nature". The full provision for this was made at Calvary.

....*"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me".... Galatians 2:20 NASB*

February 16th

* "Ministry of excellence" - a ministry that will not tolerate unbelief in its midst. It will not tolerate taking the easy way. A ministry of excellence will pay whatever price it takes to get God's Will done - and will get that work done through the exercising of an absolute faith [*trust*] in God's Word.

....*"We will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word".... Acts 6:4 NASB*

February 17th

* Don't ever let anyone try to convince you that the big price to pay in this life is being in the Will of God. For, in reality, the most expensive price to pay in this earth is being outside the Will of God.

....*"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?".... Mark 8:35-36 NASB*

February 18th

* We must be intolerant of unbelief. It is never that we are intolerant of people, but rather the unbelief which resides within them. Sometimes we are able to be intolerant of that unbelief in a very kind way and sometimes we must be intolerant of unbelief in a way which seems unkind to the flesh [*natural man*], but the kindest thing one can do, in reality, is to get through that outer crust of unbelief [*hardness of heart*] and reach the core of their heart with the Word of God - regardless of what people think. This whole process of ministering is dependent entirely on the leading of the Holy Spirit in each individual circumstance.

....*"Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon. And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and [began] to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed." But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, "Send her away, because she keeps*

shouting at us." But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and [began] to bow down before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" And He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once".... Matthew 15:21-28 NASB

February 19th

* The truly "balanced" Christian life means to have one's faith developed by God's Word [*and the Holy Spirit - Who is the Spirit of wisdom and revelation*] in every facet of human existence [*life and ministry*].

.... "let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God".... Hebrews 12:1-2 NASB

.... "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust [the desire for things that are apart from God]".... 2 Peter 1:2-4 NASB

February 20th

* God's promises, commands and directions are more precious than gold - and more necessary than food to a heart "wholly" given to the Lord.

.... "Man shall not live and be upheld and sustained by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God [Deut. 8:3.] ".... Matthew 4:4 The Amplified Translation

February 21st

* The whole of the true believer's life is a "sabbath" in the sense that they have entered into rest - rest from sin, self and the world, in Christ.

"If because of the sabbath [rest], you turn your foot from doing your OWN pleasure on My holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and honor it, desisting from your OWN ways, from seeking your OWN pleasure and speaking your OWN word, THEN you will take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth [Ephesians 2:6]".... Isaiah 58:13-14a NASB

February 22nd

* There is no more acceptable service you can render to God than to feed upon His Word.

...."Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word. But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up [to Him] and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me." But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but [only] one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her"... Luke 10:38-42 NASB

...."feed me with the food that is needful for me".... Proverbs 30:8b The Amplified Translation

February 23rd

* The highest aim in all our ministry should be to hold Christ forth for God's Glory as much as man's good. If you speak Christ, if you live Christ so that God sees you in Him and Him in you, it is Heaven enough if no man rejoices. If I have held Christ up so that God is satisfied even if a man does not eat of the meat of the Word put forth, my ministry is not amiss.

...."For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I

were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ. For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but [I received it] through a revelation of Jesus Christ".... Galatians 1:10-12 NASB

February 24th

* Speaking the Name of Jesus and the Word of God in every circumstance will *[ultimately]* cause those circumstances to conform to the perfect Will of God.

Speaking words which proceed from the unrenewed mind in the name of "self" will cause every circumstance to remain in or conform to the ways of the world - and keep those who hear and speak them in bondage to the law of sin and death.

...."[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death".... Romans 8:1-2 KJV

...."Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give [impart] Grace to those who hear [including oneself]".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB

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

February 25th

* There is NO way apart from Jesus; there is NO truth apart from Jesus and there is NO life apart from Jesus.

...."Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to [enters into the Will of] the Father but through Me".... John 14:6 NASB

February 26th

* The comfort ministry of the Holy Spirit is in proportion to the trial. As the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds in Christ. As far as the pendulum swings backwards that far it will swing forward. Every trial is therefore a prophecy of blessing to the one who would walk with Jesus.

...."Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great".... Matthew 5:10-12 NASB

February 27th

* Forsaking all to follow Jesus is to bring every thought into captivity to the Word of God.

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

February 28th

* The healing power of God is a spiritual force. It can be called the anointing of God and is, in reality, the "administration" of the life of God.

...."they drew near to the gates of death. THEN they cried out to the LORD in their trouble; He saved them out of their distresses. He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions"..... Psalms 107:18b-20 NASB

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

February 29th

* Satan's basic work is to attempt to camouflage whatever he does so that people will not know it is his doing. ALL his works are done under the cover of deceit. The sphere of Satan's operation is in the "thought life" of a man. He will attempt to inject a thought, an imagination into a one's mind which appears to be their own and under this deception, they accept it and use it as if it originated with themselves - though in actuality it belongs to Satan. Thus they are held captive by Satan to do his will.

*...."The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will"....
2 Timothy 2:24-26 NASB*

March 1st

* Five characteristics of a bondservant/handmaiden [Genesis 24] :

- [1] They are dependable and trustworthy.
- [2] They pray without ceasing.
- [3] They refuse to put their own pleasures before the work of the Lord.
- [4] They never seek to exalt themselves with their words but all they say will point to Jesus.
- [5] They give God all the glory.

March 2nd

* Guilt is a manifestation of sin meeting, in some form, the holiness of God.

.... "They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden".... Genesis 3:8 NASB

.... "When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say [and] let down the nets." When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets [began] to break; so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw [that,] he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!".... Luke 5:4-8 NASB

March 3rd

* The anointed words spoken by a child of God have within them the potential to bring the hearer of those words into conformity with those words - words that are spoken from the heart of the Father in accordance with His perfect will for that individual.

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

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

.... "For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, [II Cor. 9:10.] So shall My word [Will] be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it".... Isaiah 55:10-11 The Amplified Translation

March 4th

* Anytime there is a manifestation of God's Power, fear will encompass the hearts of those who *[wilfully]* practice sin and cause them to draw back from rather than to draw near to God.

....*"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded".... James 4:8 NASB*

March 5th

* The Spirit of revelation will cause our spirit to see that which it has already obtained in the New Birth, and the Spirit of Wisdom will cause us to understand how to use that which we have "seen" *[had revealed to our heart]* to further God's Kingdom in the earth.

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

March 6th

* When one is "conscious" of their walking *[being]* in the perfect Will of God it is then that they must take steps to ensure that their heart is continually guarded with ALL diligence.

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

March 7th

* To "know" *[gain a revelation of]* the Name/s of God is to witness the manifestation of those attributes and comprehend that Character which the name denotes. God's Name, that is, His

self-revelation, signifies the active presence of His Person in the fullness of His revealed Character.

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

March 8th

* Unbelief in the life of a believer is governed by their "concept" [perception] of time.

.... "But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day".... 2 Peter 3:8 NASB

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

.... "Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised".... Hebrews 10:35-36 NASB

March 9th

* Perfect obedience is a product of the heart filled to overflowing with the Word of God. When the Word of God is put first in the life of the believer, obedience will be a "spontaneous manifestation" [*fruit*] of the Love abiding in their heart - and NOT a duty.

"perfect obedience" - receiving a revelation of the Father's Will, and then carrying out that Will in the timing [*unction*] and power of the Holy Spirit - alone [*through the continual exercising of an absolute faith working through a perfect love*];

....*"Your word [Will] I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You"....*
Psalms 119:11 NASB

March 10th

* The "spirit of the world" and the "spirit of religion" encourages people just to stay where they are comfortable, and does not in any way encourage them to step out in faith on the Word of God.

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

March 11th

* Fear is considered "maintained" when one, through an act of their will, continues to hold onto it once that fear is exposed [*by the Holy Spirit*].

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

March 12th

* When praises go forth from the children of God the forces of the Evil One become confused and baffled.

....*"They rose early in the morning and went out to the wilderness of Tekoa; and when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, O Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, put your trust in the LORD your God and you will be established. Put your trust in His prophets and succeed." When he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who sang to the LORD and those who praised [Him] in holy attire, as they went out before the army and said, "Give thanks to the LORD, for His lovingkindness is everlasting." When they began singing and praising, the LORD set ambushes against the sons of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; so they were routed".... 2 Chronicles 20:20-22 NASB*

March 13th

* The key to obedience is the tongue.

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

....*"How can you speak good things when you are evil [wicked]? For out of the fullness [the overflow, the superabundance] of the heart the mouth speaks. The good [righteously motivated] man from his inner good treasure flings forth good things, and the evil [unrighteously motivated] man out of his inner evil storehouse flings forth evil things. But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for every idle [inoperative, nonworking] word they speak. For by your words you will be justified and acquitted, and/or by your words you will be condemned and sentenced".... Matthew 12:34-37 The Amplified Translation*

....*"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give [impart] grace to those who hear".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB*

March 14th

* We are establishing one Kingdom [*Heaven*] and driving another kingdom [*the world*] out - and this constitutes war!

....*"Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm".... John 18:36 NASB*

March 15th

* Keep your eyes "fixed" on what Jesus has already done [*His "finished" Work*] and NOT what Satan is attempting to do.

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

March 16th

* It is not the act of ordination that gives one the Spirit but rather it is the possession of the Spirit that entitles one to "ordination". Men and women are ordained by God and NOT by "flesh and blood" [*in themselves*]!

....*"So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; and have him stand before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and commission him in their sight. "You shall put some of your authority on him, in order that all the congregation of the sons of Israel may obey [him.] "Moreover, he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before the LORD. At his command they shall go out and at his command they shall come in, [both] he and the sons of Israel with him, even all the congregation." Moses did just as the LORD commanded him; and he took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation. Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, just as the LORD had spoken through Moses".... Numbers 27:18-23 NASB*

March 17th

* Staying in close contact with God and His Word "allows" the child of God to hear the still small voice of the Spirit clearly.

....*"So He said, "Go forth and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the LORD; [but] the LORD [was] not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, [but] the LORD [was] not in the earthquake. After the earthquake a fire, [but] the LORD [was] not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing. When Elijah heard [it,] he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice [came] to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?".... 1 Kings 19:11-13 NASB*

March 18th

* "Peacemakers" are those who bring people into right-standing with God, leading them into the fullness of their inheritance in Christ Jesus through the "ministry of reconciliation".

....*"Now all [these] things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation".... 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 NASB*

March 19th

* To the degree we have a "revelation" of our righteousness [*right standing with God*] in Christ Jesus, it will be to that same degree that the peace of God is manifested in our lives.

....*"For it was the [Father's] good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, [I say,] whether things on earth or things in heaven".... Colossians 1:19-20 NASB*

March 20th

* If you are a "peacemaker" in the true sense of the word you will suffer persecution for the Word's sake for the Word of God in the fertile ground of a believer's heart makes the Kingdom of Heaven a reality first in the heart and then in the earth as faith is continually exercised.

*...."Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"....
Matthew 5:9-10 NASB*

March 21st

* There is NO excuse for a believer to speak out of the flesh - we always have a choice. There should be a holy fear of speaking out of love against a brother or sister.

...."and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin [as] instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members [as] instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be! Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone [as] slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?".... Romans 6:13-16 NASB

...."Let no unwholesome [unrighteously motivated] word proceed from your mouth, but only such [a word] as is good for edification according to the need [of the moment,] so that it will give [impart] Grace to those who hear".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB

March 22nd

* One speaking under the anointing of the Holy Spirit is speaking God's Will. Everyone in the Body of Christ has the anointing to carry out their portion of God's Will in the earth.

...."But as for you, the anointing (the sacred appointment, the unction) which you received from Him abides [permanently] in you; [so] then you have no need that anyone should instruct

you. But just as His anointing teaches you concerning everything and is true and is no falsehood, so you must abide in (live in, never depart from) Him [being rooted in Him, knit to Him], just as [His anointing] has taught you [to do]. And now, little children, abide (live, remain permanently) in Him, so that when He is made visible, we may have and enjoy perfect confidence (boldness, assurance) and not be ashamed and shrink from Him at His coming".... 1 John 2:27-28 The Amplified Translation

March 23rd

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March 24th

* People walking in the flesh and desiring to stay there are not able to "recognize" the anointing and fear [*anger*] will rise up within them [*when confronted by it*].

...."THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious

words which were falling from His lips; and they were saying, "Is this not Joseph's son?" And He said to them, "No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we heard was done at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.'"

And He said, "Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his hometown. "But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land; and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, [in the land] of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. "And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

And all [the people] in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things; and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff".... Luke 4:18-29 NASB

March 25th

* Everyone preaching under the anointing [*the power of the Holy Spirit*] is preaching from their own "experience" in the Lord. Those preaching from an unrenewed mind [*their own understanding and intellect*] will lead the sheep astray in some way - without exception.

...."Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!" declares the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning the shepherds who are tending My people: 'You have scattered My flock and driven them away, and have not attended to them; behold, I am about to attend to you for the evil of your deeds,' declares the LORD. 'Then I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply. 'I will also raise up shepherds over them and they will tend them; and they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing,' declares the LORD".... Jeremiah 23:1-4 NASB

March 26th

* Not acknowledging God's "true" delegated authority constitutes rebellion in God's eyes. A man's rebellion is expressed through his tongue.

....*"Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married (for he had married a Cushite woman); and they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?" And the LORD heard it. (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.) Suddenly the LORD said to Moses and Aaron and to Miriam, "You three come out to the tent of meeting." So the three of them came out. Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the doorway of the tent, and He called Aaron and Miriam. When they had both come forward, He said, "Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, shall make Myself known to him in a vision. I shall speak with him in a dream. "Not so, with My servant Moses, He is faithful in all My household; With him I speak mouth to mouth, Even openly, and not in dark sayings, And he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant, against Moses?" So the anger of the LORD burned against them and He departed".... Numbers 12:1-9 NASB*

March 27th

* When one walks in the light of the revealed knowledge of God's Word [*Will*] nothing will prevail against them. This is precisely how one maintains the walk of love at all times.

....*"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord".... Romans 8:37-39 KJV*

March 28th

* If the Lord desires us to persevere in faith and to patiently wait it is ALWAYS for our own greatest benefit - and the greatest benefit of those around us.

....*"And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises".... Hebrews 6:11-12 NASB*

March 29th

* The three main strongholds of Satan in the Church which must be torn down are his attacks on the family, prosperity [*spirit, soul, body and financially*] and healing [*spirit, soul and body*].

.... "*[You know of] Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and [how] He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him*".... Acts10:38 NASB

.... "*The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil*".... 1 John 3:8 NASB

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

March 30th

* Believers must see themselves as they are IN Christ Jesus and NOT in the light of their circumstances [*or feelings*]. Bringing EVERY thought captive to the Word of God will increase spiritual growth. It is an absolute necessity for every Christian to do this.

.... "*We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ*".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB

March 31st

* Even when one is greatly tempted to take a thought [*or act*] in the natural there is always a way out [*as one diligently seeks to enter into the Presence of God*].

.... "*let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall. No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also,*

so that you will be able to endure it. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry".... 1 Corinthians 10:12-14 NASB

April 1st

* Continued obedience will bring forth the "fullness" of what God has already accomplished for us in Christ Jesus.

"perfect obedience" - the seeking after and gaining a "revelation" of God's Will and, THEN, carrying it out to fulfilment from beginning to end [*regardless of how long that may take*] in the unction and power of the Holy Spirit [*Who is the Spirit of Love, the Spirit of Christ etc.*], alone.

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

April 2nd

* When we are truly willing to do what God desires us to do THEN we shall receive further instructions.

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

...."If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know [discern the authenticity] of the teaching".... John 7:17 NASB

April 3rd

* When the child of God wants the fulfilment of God's Will as much as the Father [*in other words, when they are in total agreement with the Will of God in every way*] THEN the physical manifestation of the blessing will not be long in coming forth.

...."You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with

all your strength, and with all your mind".... Luke 10:27 NASB

April 4th

* God's nature is a giving nature. If one is so busy giving [*spirit, soul, body and materially*] God will surely take care of the rest.

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

...."But seek [aim at and strive after] first of all His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right], and then all these things taken together will be given you besides".... Matthew 6:33 The Amplified Translation

April 5th

* The Word of God is the difference; as we subject ourselves "wholly" to Him it is certain that we will have unlimited possibilities in this earth.

...."The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]".... John 10:10 The Amplified Translation

April 6th

* When you see someone doing wrong check your motive in speaking. Your motive should not be to exalt yourself or your viewpoint but to ask the Father what His Will is in the situation. You may speak or you may just pray for that person. We should never speak words which are not "ordained" of God - in ANY situation.

...."I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord - but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]. Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision], and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek or consult My own will [I have no desire to do what is pleasing

to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose] but only the will and pleasure of the Father Who sent Me" John 5:30 NASB

April 7th

* It is the Word of God that does the judging in righteous judgement - and the word spoken comes from God and is ordained of God and directed by the Holy Spirit. If God has not sent you and you go *[even with the Word]*, you are in the flesh and in a spirit of false *[unrighteous]* judgement.

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

.... "Do not judge and criticize and condemn others, so that you may not be judged and criticized and condemned yourselves. For just as you judge and criticize and condemn others, you will be judged and criticized and condemned, and in accordance with the measure you [use to] deal out to others, it will be dealt out again to you. Why do you stare from without at the very small particle that is in your brother's eye but do not become aware of and consider the beam of timber that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, Let me get the tiny particle out of your eye, when there is the beam of timber in your own eye? You hypocrite, first get the beam of timber out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the tiny particle out of your brother's eye" Matthew 7:1-5 The Amplified Translation

April 8th

* When you forsake the "natural freedom" of speaking your "own" words you gain God's liberty.

.... "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty [emancipation from bondage, freedom]" 2 Corinthians 3:17 The Amplified Translation

.... "If because of the sabbath [rest], you turn your foot from doing your OWN pleasure on My holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and honor it, desisting from your OWN ways, from seeking your OWN pleasure and speaking your OWN word,

THEN you will take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth [Ephesians 2:6]".... Isaiah 58:13-14a NASB

April 9th

* One primary evidence that one has truly "met" God is the disappearance of their desire to "mentally ascend" to the Word of God.

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

.... "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil".... Proverbs 3:5-7 NASB

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

April 10th

* The way your mind gets "renewed" in ALL things is to put the Word of God first in ALL things.

April 11th

* When things begin to get too busy separate yourself unto God to hear from Him. There is no excuse for a Christian to be in a state of confusion. Execute the Will of God - go in, get it, and do it!

.... "God is not [a God] of confusion but of peace".... 1 Corinthians 14:33 NASB

April 12th

* If a believer is going to "choose" a leader, they will have to choose Jesus first, THEN the Holy Spirit will lead THEM to those delegated authorities [*flesh and blood*] whom God will use for their edification.

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

April 13th

* Perseverance in faith against Satan and in the Word of God always prevails.

....*"There is no wisdom and no understanding and no counsel [that can stand] against the LORD".... Proverbs 21:30 NASB*

April 14th

* It is better to get a revelation of Heaven by loving and obeying God within the covenants of promise rather than to get a revelation of Hell *[in one's own experience]* standing outside the covenants of promise - through listening to the lies of Satan.

...."[remember] that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world".... Ephesians 2:12 NASB

April 15th

* In this last hour, ALL comes down to hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit *[Who is the Spirit of Christ]*.

...."To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice".... John 10:3-4 NASB

April 16th

* If every believer kept themselves "immersed" in the Word of God they would NOT be deceived by false leadership.

"A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers".... John 10:5 NASB

April 17th

* Any word that is spoken about, or to, a brother or sister that is not for their edification is self-exaltive in nature.

...."Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give [impart] Grace to those

who hear [including oneself]".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB

April 18th

* The "Sabbath" refers to God's rest and it is only those who are continually led by the Spirit of God who have entered into that rest [*Hebrews 4:9-11*].

....*"If because of the sabbath [rest], you turn your foot from doing your OWN pleasure on My holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and honor it, desisting from your OWN ways, from seeking your OWN pleasure and speaking your OWN word, THEN you will take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth [Ephesians 2:6]".... Isaiah 58:13-14a NASB*

April 19th

* The denominations of today in the church at large are an affront to God - and they will be dissolved. When one has revealed knowledge of the Glory of our ascended Lord and the authority of His Name, alone, [*the Name above all names*] they can no longer be subject to any other name but the name of Jesus.

....*"For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father".... Philippians 2:9-11 NASB*

April 20th

* Anytime you feel unbelief trying to surface consider Jesus and what He did, and how God brought Him through everything - including Hell, itself.

....*"For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart".... Hebrews 12:3 NASB*

April 21st

* Consolement and sympathy in the fleshly sense will *[ultimately]* create greater despair. Always speak the truth in Love under the unction of the Holy Spirit - regardless of circumstances.

...."As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love".... Ephesians 4:14-16 NASB

April 22nd

* What causes the child of God to live the true Christian life? What gives him strength and ability? "Revealed knowledge" of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

April 23rd

* All spiritual authority is given by God. It is not our strength but God's power that enables us to run the true race and fight the good fight of faith.

...."I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith".... 2 Timothy 4:7 NASB

April 24th

* One must be found operating [*abiding*] in the "revealed" knowledge of God to be found operating in the authority of the Name of Jesus.

...."And this is His order [His command, His injunction]: that we should believe in [put our faith and trust in and adhere to and rely on] the name of His Son Jesus Christ [the Messiah], and that we should love one another, just as He has commanded us".... 1 John 3:23 The Amplified Translation

April 25th

* Always be in a position to receive light [*revelation*] - and always expect to receive at all times.

...."I have chosen the faithful way; I have placed Your ordinances [before me.]".... Psalm 119:30 NASB

April 26th

* Authority flows from true ministry [*ministry based on the revealed Word of God*]. It flows into people's hearts and makes them conscious of the life of God.

The more authority one is delegated the less one is conscious of it. They are only aware of being a vessel or channel of God's Power and blessing to others.

...."But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and [their] great men exercise authority over them. "It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many".... Matthew 20:25-28 NASB

April 27th

* Those who are truly desire to be obedient to God are continually found seeking a "revelation of His Will. Everything else is subject to change.

.... "But seek [aim at and strive after] first of all His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right], and then all these things taken together will be given you besides".... Matthew 6:33 The Amplified Translation

April 28th

* He who is able to sense his utter helplessness without God is in the best position to be given authority in the Church from God. "Sensitivity of heart" before God is important and must be maintained continually for the "flow" of God's authority [*anointing*] to be manifest in the life of a believer.

.... "Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not [merely] look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, [and] being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name".... Philippians 2:1-9 NASB

April 29th

* God doesn't suggest, He commands, so never give "suggestions" in ministering to others. Suggestions are tools of Satan. If you do not know *[have a revelation of]* the Lord's Will for a person do not attempt to speak it - and, even if you do know it, do not speak without the unction of the Holy Spirit!

...."Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such [a word] as is good for edification according to the need [of the moment,] so that it will give [impart] grace to those who hear".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB

April 30th

* Every root of selfishness must be removed if we are to truly and accurately represent the Lord Jesus Christ in this earth.

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

...."that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless".... Ephesians 5:27 NASB

May 1st

* God is willing to do *[and has already done more for us]* than we are "allowing" Him to do. We must put "ourselves" aside in everything in order that He might *[be enabled to]* show Himself strongly on our behalf.

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

May 2nd

* The anointed Word of God is THE authority in this earth. If the child of God stands firmly on His Word then God will have the victory and Satan will be defeated. Therefore, we need to place EVERY circumstance of our lives in agreement with the Word of God, to walk in the absolute victory which is ours in Christ Jesus.

...."And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth".... Matthew 28:18 NASB

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

May 3rd

* It is the Will of the Father that men and women take His Word and believe it and remain in agreement with it - and take His authority and establish His Will on earth. Our words control God's actions here on earth - for words are the vehicle God has chosen for the expression of faith. Man has a free will. He has the choice to align himself with God's Word or the lying words of Satan.

...."Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. "You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. "The good man brings out of [his] good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of [his] evil treasure what is evil. "But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned".... Matthew 12:33-37 NASB

May 4th

* To have once prayed and believed that God has answered your prayer and then to still speak of the problem as if it still existed is unbelief and renders your prayers ineffective. If you have prayed the prayer of faith and are continually standing in faith on the Word of God you must think and speak in agreement with the desired result or solution calling things that be not in the physical realm as though they already existed. This is absolute faith.

.... "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be [granted] him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe [based on the finished work of the Cross, the Word of God and the Blood Covenant] that you have [already] received them, and they will be [granted] you".... Mark 11:23-24 NASB

.... "(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, [even] God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were".... Romans 4:17 KJV

May 5th

* The responsibility of the delegated authority is to lead people back to God and into the fullness of their inheritance in Christ.

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

May 6th

* We need to be pushed to the depths in this matter of prayer. We are called to intercession. When we truly desire God's Will to be done in the earth THEN we will do whatever we are called to do without any regard for our own selfish lusts, in perfect obedience.

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

May 7th

* The only reason it seems as if God is withholding the blessing is because if it were given before the fullness of time then we would misuse the blessing. It would harm our walk in some way and we would eventually lose it. God's desire is for every blessing we receive from Him to be of the eternal variety.

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

May 8th

* The "fullness of time" - that time when everything is ordered to God's perfection [*by His Hand*] in order that His Will might be fully accomplished in the life of that individual or individuals.

....*"when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son".... Galatians 4:4a NASB*

May 9th

* The only things we truly "need" are those things we need to accomplish God's Will for us in the earth - and, even in the light of this fact, God always will meet those needs in a manner which exceeds abundantly all we could ask or think.

....*"And my God will liberally supply [fill to the full] your every need according to His riches*

in glory in Christ Jesus".... Philippians 4:19 The Amplified Translation

May 10th

* The Name of Jesus is higher than all other names and this should be so in our lives by that holy Name being first in our heart - and in all of our thoughts.

...."Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him [securely] on high, because he has known My name".... Psalms 91:14 NASB

May 11th

* All disobedience to the Word [*Will*] of God only causes unnecessary wanderings in our walks. We are saved many of these unfruitful wanderings if we keep our hearts in a sensitive state before God - and, thus, learn at all times to submit to His Will.

...."Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts, as [happened] in the rebellion [of Israel] and their provocation and embitterment [of Me] in the day of testing in the wilderness, Where your fathers tried [My patience] and tested [My forbearance] and found I stood their test, and they saw My works for forty years. And so I was provoked (displeased and sorely grieved) with that generation, and said, They always err and are led astray in their hearts, and they have not perceived or recognized My ways and become progressively better and more experimentally and intimately acquainted with them. Accordingly, I swore in My wrath and indignation, They shall not enter into My rest. [Ps. 95:7-11.] [Therefore beware] brethren, take care, lest there be in any one of you a wicked, unbelieving heart [which refuses to cleave to, trust in, and rely on Him], leading you to turn away and desert or stand aloof from the living God. But instead warn (admonish, urge, and encourage) one another every day, as long as it is called Today, that none of you may be hardened [into settled rebellion] by the deceitfulness of sin [by the fraudulence, the stratagem, the trickery which the delusive glamor of his sin may play on him]. For we have become fellows with Christ (the Messiah) and share in all He has for us, if only we hold our first newborn confidence and original assured expectation [in virtue of which we are believers] firm and unshaken to the end. Then while it is [still] called Today, if you would hear His voice and when you hear it, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion [in the desert, when the people

provoked and irritated and embittered God against them]. [Ps. 95:7, 8.] For who were they who heard and yet were rebellious and provoked [Him]? Was it not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was He irritated and provoked and grieved for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose dismembered bodies were strewn and left in the desert? And to whom did He swear that they should not enter His rest, but to those who disobeyed [who had not listened to His word and who refused to be compliant or be persuaded]? So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest], because of their unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God [unbelief had shut them out]. [Num. 14:1-35.] Hebrews 3:7-19 The Amplified Translation

May 12th

* True consolation speaks the Word of God in love and truth. The sympathy and pity the "world" gives is just an agreement with the law of sin and death. There is no healing power in it. Never agree in spirit with those who seek only sympathy for themselves due to self pity. Never agree in spirit with anything that is not in total agreement with the "revealed" Word of God.

...."Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God".... 2 Corinthians 1:5-7 NASB

May 13th

* Our "sufferings" for righteousness sake call for us to stand in faith against the flow of this world's thinking which are all the lies of Satan. As one endures these sufferings then they become vessels of comfort to the Body of Christ.

As they experience God's comfort in knowing that His Word is true and that they can depend on it [*which indeed is true comfort*]. Then they are able to properly console with that comfort, those who are in need.

...."For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are

comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are [sharers] of our comfort"..... 2 Corinthians 1:5-7 NASB

May 14th

* The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to cause men and women to receive Him that they might be brought into the fulness of their inheritance in Christ Jesus and to be governed by Him in all things.

...."And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit".... Ephesians 5:18 NASB

May 15th

* Why do we walk in the light? Because we are in the Word of God and are being transformed by that Word into the image of Jesus. As we measure all things by the Word of God and we continually see ourselves as God sees us we will be transformed from one degree of Glory to another.

...."but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin".... 1 John 1:7 NASB

May 16th

* To pray properly you must exercise faith.

...."Now faith is the assurance [the confirmation, the title deed] of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]".... Hebrews 11:1 The Amplified Translation

May 17th

* People need to open the eyes and ears of their heart to what God is saying - and believe what He has said more than they believe the things of this world and Satan's lies.

Everything is governed by spiritual law. Faith is a law *[divine principle]* and love is a law *[divine principle]* . Power being released without demands being made on it by law *[divine principle]* is always dangerous. Spiritual law which God Himself has set forth in His Word governs His power.

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

May 18th

* Unforgiveness is no longer a problem in the life of the believer who has the revelation that their struggle is NEVER against "flesh and blood".

...."For our struggle is NEVER against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual [forces] of wickedness in the heavenly [places]".... Ephesians 6:12 NASB

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

...."There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death".... Romans 8:1-2 KJV

May 19th

* Five manifestations of holiness are deep restfulness, humble reverence, entire surrender, joyful adoration, and simple obedience.

"If because of the sabbath [rest], you turn your foot from doing your OWN pleasure on My holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and honor it, desisting from your OWN ways, from seeking your OWN pleasure and speaking your OWN word, THEN you will take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth [Ephesians 2:6]".... Isaiah 58:13-14a NASB

...."For it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy'".... The Amplified Translation

May 20th

* If one would be holy they must be taught and led of the Spirit of God.

Sinners should not be an "expected necessity" in the life of the believer. This "preconceived notion" [*holding to a sin-consciousness*] robs many of the blessings of God.

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

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

...."There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death".... Romans 8:1-2 KJV

May 21st

* The Holy Spirit always, at all times, under all circumstances, regardless of what they are, responds to and acts upon God's Word [*Will*].

The Holy Spirit brings us face to face with the law of faith and shows us that to doubt God is wrong, to hold an anxious care is wickedness, that to pray in unbelief is to take the Name of God in vain, and in short to show us beyond a shadow of doubt that whatever does not proceed from faith in the Word of God is sin.

.... *"Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith".... Romans 3:27 NASB*

.... *"whatever does not originate and proceed from faith is sin".... Romans 14:23b The Amplified Translation*

May 22nd

* The Holy Spirit is the power of God in our work; the fire that all of Satan's floods cannot extinguish; the fire that delights in the hardest places and the most difficult undertakings. We need not fear to claim this power for our mightiest difficulties and glorify God all the more in the face of Satan's fiercest opposition.

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

May 23rd

* It is a wonderful thing when even ungodly men are compelled to see and glorify God in our lives. There is no greater triumph of holy character than to compel the testimony of the men of the world to the power of God in us.

.... *"Then Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is a divine spirit?" So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you are. "You shall be over my house, and according to your command all my people shall do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you".... Genesis 41:38-40 NASB*

May 24th

* There are greater calamities than to be unpopular or misunderstood. There are far worse things than to be found in the minority. Let us be content with His recognition and man's praises will count for little and the Father will give us all that we need of help and praise from flesh and blood. Let us make no compromise to please men. Let us only seek His will, His glory, His

approval in all things for His Word and His Spirit are truly enough.

*...."Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven. So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees [what is done] in secret will reward you"....
Matthew 6:1-4 NASB*

May 25th

* "Divine Health" is not the self constituted strength of our physical body; but it is brought about by the supernatural force of the Divine Presence, filling our frame and quickening our vital systems as we are wholly separated from worldly and forbidden things and living in communion with the Holy Spirit.

This life is the life of Jesus manifested in our mortal flesh. It is a very sacred life, for it keeps us constantly separated from the world and unto God - and is a wholesome check upon the purity and obedience of our lives.

...."But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you".... Romans 8:11 KJV

May 26th

* God is always speaking to His children, but many only hear the voice of their own pride, failing therefore to understand or comprehend their Father's voice. And, because of this, those who continue to act on their own word as opposed to the Word of God, place themselves outside their Covenant with God, and Satan is then able to lay all manner of sickness and affliction upon them.

...."[remember] that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the

commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ".... Ephesians 2:12-13 NASB

May 27th

* The most difficult thing to see and to allow to be crucified is one's own self-confidence and self-will, and it is because of this that one may pass through many painful incidents and many a humiliating failure before they find it out - and fully recognize the fact that there is no good at all in the unregenerated nature of man. A revelation of this is the pre-requisite to the Spirit-filled, Spirit-led life of obedience which God desires of each one of His children.

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

May 28th

* As we grow in the Lord the Holy Spirit will, through conviction, cause us to be brought to the point where any open sin or flagrant wrong will be put completely aside by us but He will continue searching for and exposing the subtle self-life, which lies concealed behind a thousand disguises in us all unless we allow the Spirit of God to shine His ever penetrating rays of light upon the darkness hidden in the depths of that self-life which is so slow and so unwilling to accept its rightful place of crucifixion.

...."I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly".... Galatians 2:20-21 NASB

May 29th

* Let every child of God guard against the first step backwards away from God. For the "wearing-down tactics" of the Evil One begin at this point and we do not know for certain where it will end.

.... *"BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM. But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul".... Hebrews 10:38-39 NASB*

May 30th

* It is very remarkable how fully God can possess a human soul. We hear so much of demonic possession through which the entire being of a man becomes so controlled by evil spirits that they are able to add tenfold intensity and force to his existence.

Why then cannot one be just as much Holy Spirit possessed as they can be Satan possessed; so that every faculty and power of their being shall be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and their energy and capability be multiplied?

.... *"Do not be conformed to this world [this age], [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed [changed] by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you]".... Romans 12:2 The Amplified Translation*

May 31st

* The Holy Spirit is ready to come into the life of every child of God in His fullness that we might walk in His statutes and that we might keep His judgements and do them. He is longing to so fill us with the water that He shall give us that in us should be a well of His everlasting strength and power and love springing up continually into absolute life. In drinking of His fullness we shall not be able to contain the blessing and out of our innermost beings shall flow continual torrents of living water which will flood out on all those whose paths we cross.

.... *"Now on the last day, the great [day] of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water'".... John 7:37-38 NASB*

June 1st

* Surely we can trust the Father with our future when we think of His eternal past. His is the Wisdom that has inspired every high and mighty thought of men. His is the fire that has kindled every touch of so-called human genius. He is the foundation of all life and truth and wisdom and power and all-sufficiency and He offers to be at once our wisdom and our guide, our power and all-sufficiency.

.... "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. "From everlasting I was established, From the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth. "When there were no depths I was brought forth, When there were no springs abounding with water. "Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills I was brought forth; While He had not yet made the earth and the fields, Nor the first dust of the world. "When He established the heavens, I was there, When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep, When He made firm the skies above, When the springs of the deep became fixed, When He set for the sea its boundary So that the water would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth; Then I was beside Him, [as] a master workman; And I was daily [His] delight, Rejoicing always before Him, Rejoicing in the world, His earth, And [having] my delight in the sons of men".... Proverbs 8:22-31 NASB

June 2nd

* A voice is more than a message, more than a printed page, more than an inspired book. A voice means the presence of the person who speaks and His personal and living Words to us and so God speaks to us not only in His written Word but by the voice of His Spirit. The Word of God is a personal message of His love to each one of His children and it is our privilege to know His voice.

.... "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out..... My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me".... John 10:3, 27 NASB

June 3rd

* The Holy Spirit will not force an entrance into our heart. He will not in any way violate our free will, He will not compel us to do what we do not choose, nor to surrender what we want to keep. He simply appeals to the truest motives of our heart, that desire which springs from our deepest heart of hearts to be obedient to His Will because of our love for God.

...."But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthenener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall [will remind you of, bring to your remembrance] everything I have told you".... John 14:26 The Amplified Translation

June 4th

* We must always set apart quiet hours for seeking and waiting upon the Lord in which we shall continually renew our strength.

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

June 5th

* When the Holy Spirit is truly upon the throne of our lives God's rest will become a reality to us and we will not speak our own word or seek our own pleasure or do our own things.

...."If because of the sabbath [rest], you turn your foot from doing your OWN pleasure on My holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and honor it, desisting from your OWN ways, from seeking your OWN pleasure and speaking your OWN word, THEN you will take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth [Ephesians 2:6]".... Isaiah 58:13-14a NASB

June 6th

* God loves the hard places, and faith is born in such extreme circumstances, because it is then we surely seek fully His Word and Counsel.

...."Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight".... Proverbs 3:5-6 NASB

June 7th

* We should not be discouraged by difficulties, nor always regard them as misfortunes, but rather we should receive them as challenges to our faith and therefore an opportunity given to us to show others that there is nothing too hard for our God.

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

June 8th

* Our tongues must be in subjection to the Holy Spirit for we cannot profess faith out one side of our mouths and fear [*unbelief*] out the other side and still consider ourselves true servants of the Most High.

...."But no one can tame the tongue; [it is] a restless evil [and] full of deadly poison. With it we bless [our] Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come [both] blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way. Does a fountain send out from the same opening [both] fresh and bitter [water?] Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor [can] salt water produce fresh".... James 3:8-12 NASB

June 9th

* We cannot live the life of the true believer unless we have the revelation that we are "dead" in Christ.

.... "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly".... Galatians 2:20-21 NASB

June 10th

* Faith puts us in possession of everything that the death of Christ and His resurrection obtained for us.

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

June 11th

* When one allows themselves to come under the influence of the spirit of the world they will have an incessant devotion to the things which are seen. When one allows *[positions]* themselves to come under the influence of the Holy Spirit they will have an incessant devotion to the things which are not seen *[with the natural senses]*.

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

June 12th

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June 13th

* The perfect Will of God may still lead us into trial and tribulation. It takes sacrifice [*a constant self-denial unto obedience*] to walk by faith in God's perfect Will.

...."Through Him [Jesus], therefore, let us constantly and at all times offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, which is the fruit of lips that thankfully acknowledge and confess and glorify His name".... Hebrews 13:15 The Amplified Translation

June 14th

* Light has to humble us before it enables us to see.

...."As he was travelling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him".... Acts 9:3 NASB

June 15th

* The empowerment of a holy life for victory over the world and the flesh is only found in an immediate and unceasing exercise of faith in the exceeding greatness of God's power working in us.

...."Now to Him Who, by [in consequence of] the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams] - to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen [so be it]".... Ephesians 3:20-21 The Amplified Translation

June 16th

* The darkness found in men's hearts needs a supernatural intervention. For the power that can enlighten is not the force of reason or argument, or persuasion, but the divine enlightening and quickening of the Holy Spirit.

...."For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ".... 2 Corinthians 4:6 NASB

June 17th

* Not for one moment should the child of God think that they can secure God's help in "their" efforts and by attempting to do so find the path to holiness and spiritual growth. The believer must understand that the role of the Holy Spirit must be one of absolute and entire control and that their own place that of direct and unceasing trust and dependence.

...."humble yourselves [demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation] under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you, Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully [Ps. 55:22]".... 1 Peter 5:6-7 The Amplified Translation

June 18th

* The one who wields true authority will not be high-minded, grasping to preserve their position, but meek and humble before God, a model to all those who cross their path.

...."And David was dancing before the LORD with all [his] might, and David was wearing a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouting and the sound of the trumpet. Then it happened [as] the ark of the LORD came into the city of David that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. So they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent which David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offering, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

Further, he distributed to all the people, to all the multitude of Israel, both to men and women, a cake of bread and one of dates and one of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed each to his house. But when David returned to bless his household, Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, "How the king of Israel distinguished himself today! He uncovered himself today in the eyes of his servants' maids as one of the foolish ones shamelessly uncovers himself!" So David said to Michal, "[It was] before the LORD, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel; therefore I will celebrate before the LORD. "I will be more lightly esteemed than this and will be humble in my own eyes, but with the maids of whom you have spoken, with them I will be distinguished." Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death".... 2 Samuel 6:14-23 NASB

June 19th

* The "Cross" is the wisdom of God in a mystery which can only be revealed by the Holy Spirit

...."For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, and my message and my preaching

were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God. Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden [wisdom] which God predestined before the ages to our glory; [the wisdom] which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND [which] HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM." For to us God revealed [them] through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God".... 1 Corinthians 2:2-10 NASB

June 20th

- * It is a far more serious thing than most people think to be a true Christian!

...."For it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy'".... The Amplified Translation

June 21st

- * There is nothing which reveals more the true character of one's faith than their joy and praise in the midst of apparent adversity.

...."In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, [being] more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ".... 1 Peter 1:6-7 NASB

June 22nd

- * In each struggle with sin, in each exercise of faith or prayer, the believer must enter into the death of Jesus and in quiet faith expect the Holy Spirit to do His deepest work.

...."May He [the Father] grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your

innermost being and personality]. May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell [settle down, abide, make His permanent home] in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love, That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it]; [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!".... Ephesians 3:16-19 The Amplified Translation

June 23rd

* Satan does all he can to keep believers in ignorance of their absolute freedom which has ALREADY BEEN bought and paid for at Calvary and, because many believers are content to limit themselves to their own "mental ascensions" *[to the Word of God concerning redemption]*, and so little desire to see and possess the fullness of their inheritance in Christ Jesus, they fail to experience ALL that God has for them, as His children.

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

...."For we are God's [own] handiwork [His workmanship], recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined [planned beforehand] for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]".... Ephesians 2:10 The Amplified Translation

June 24th

* He who does not know the Cross "experientially" is not fit to preach the Word of God.

...."And when I [Paul] came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or

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

June 25th

* God's promise to His children is not that we will be continually surrounded by joyous circumstances; but that the Holy Spirit will give us the supernatural gift of joy in whatever circumstances we are in.

...."the joy of the Lord is your strength and stronghold" Nehemiah 8:10 The Amplified Translation

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

June 26th

* The more our hearts are in tune with God, the less idle words we shall utter. Every time one gossips or murmurs against another they betray some irregularity in their own heart.

...."How can you speak good things when you are evil [wicked]? For out of the fullness [the overflow, the superabundance] of the heart the mouth speaks. The good [righteously motivated] man from his inner good treasure flings forth good things, and the evil [unrighteously motivated] man out of his inner evil storehouse flings forth evil things. But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for every idle [inoperative, nonworking] word they speak. For by your words you will be justified and acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned and sentenced".... Matthew 12:34-37 The Amplified Translation

....*"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such [a word] as is good for edification according to the need [of the moment,] so that it will give [impart] grace to those who hear".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB*

June 27th

* After a truth is pointed out [*revealed*] to a believer God will work in the "environment" of the believer so as to bring them into various situations where they cannot overcome other than by a deep and absolute dependence on that very truth.

....*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil".... Proverbs 3:5-7 NASB*

June 28th

* The dividing of the soul and spirit is the foundation for a Christian to have clear discernment. The power to discern all things through the eyes of God depends on the illumination of His Word [*in and by the power of the Holy Spirit*] and not the "instruction" of flesh and blood.

....*"For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, **penetrating to the dividing line** of the breath of life [soul] and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], **exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart**".... Hebrews 4:12 The Amplified Translation*

June 29th

* The Lord does not ask if we have done well; He only examines if we have trusted in Him. whatever is done of oneself apart from the Spirit of God will be burned up at the judgement seat of Christ - and only what is of God shall remain.

....*"According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid*

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

June 30th

* No matter how excellent a thing may appear to others, whatever is done by the believer without seeking God's Will, waiting for His time, or depending on His power, is sin in the sight of God.

...."For whatever does not originate and proceed from faith is sin [whatever is done without a conviction of its approval by God is sinful]" Romans 14:23b The Amplified Translation

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

July 1st

* The continual manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit is determined by one action alone: the total denial of one's self-life.

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

July 2nd

* The sole principle of the life of the Cross is to deny our self-life and exercise continually an absolute dependence upon *[trust in]* our Heavenly Father and His Word.

...*"For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified".... 1 Corinthians 2:2 NASB*

July 3rd

* A person who does not know the Cross is not able to discern God's Will accurately. As one's natural life is dealt with by God they will begin to understand the thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart.

...*"But the natural, nonspiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned and estimated and appreciated. But the spiritual man tries all things [he examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern or appraise or get an insight into him]. For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart. [Isa. 40:13.]"....1 Corinthians 2:14-16The Amplified Translation*

July 4th

* God cannot lie! What He says is true and if we will only believe His Word we shall obtain it and that Word shall become a living reality in our hearts and lives.

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

July 5th

* Our talent, wisdom, power and worldly knowledge all tend to strengthen our self-confidence at the expense of our gaining a position of absolute trust in our Heavenly Father. Unless we set ourselves to persistently deny our self-life we will never fully rely on God the way

He desires of His children to do.

...."Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil".... Proverbs 3:5-7 NASB

July 6th

* In the same way that when we were unbelievers we were not saved by our independent works so we as born-again children of God will not gain the approval of God by any action which is independent of the anointing of the Holy Spirit abiding within us.

The principle of true Christian living is for one to rely on the Word of God and not one's own wisdom. To live the true Christian life is really quite simple; we must ask continually in every circumstance, "Father, what is it that You would have me to do?"

*...."I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for **apart from Me you can do nothing**".... John 15:5 NASB*

...."Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless [it is] something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner".... John 5:19 NASB

July 7th

* The "mind of the flesh" can be defined as believing in oneself as all knowing and all-capable, while the mind of the Spirit can be defined as not believing in oneself, but rather a total and absolute trusting in the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit.

...."So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you

*have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in [the likeness of] God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth"....
Ephesians 4:17-24 NASB*

July 8th

* True prayer is the union of the believer's heart, thought and words with the Will of God.

The true prayer which a believer utters on earth is but the voicing of the Lord's Will in Heaven. Prayer is not the expressing of our wish for God to yield to our petition and fill our own selfish desire. It is not forcing the Lord to change His Will and perform what is not in accordance with His Word, prayer is simply the speaking out of God's Will through the mouth of the believer.

The true meaning of prayer is for the one who prays to seek for the fulfilment of the Will of God in the earth. Prayer is the occasion wherein we express our desire for God's Will to be done and to show that our Will is standing in accordance with the Will of God. Aside from this, there is no such thing as prayer.

...."Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven".... Matthew 6:9-10 NASB

...."If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish [desire], and it will be done for you. "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and [so] prove to be My disciples".... John 15:7-8 NASB

...."pray without ceasing".... 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NASB

July 9th

* The Father's purpose for His children is for them to be so filled with the revealed knowledge of His Will [*Word*] that they forget their own self-interests. He wants His children to learn what His Will is in ALL things so that they might pray in accordance with that Will thus causing it to be done in the earth.

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

July 10th

* All things are possible with God; but things become impossible if we do not open the door to the earth for Him by accurate prayer. Whatever "prayer" is not in perfect accordance with the will and Word of God is completely void.

The highest motive of prayer is not to have that prayer answered. It is to join our wills with God so that He may be able to work.

All prayers which come forth from the Holy Spirit through our spirits weigh heavily on the powers of darkness. It is for this reason that Satan will surely attempt to separate a believer from the Word of God and disrupt any close communion with God.

...."Looking at them, Jesus said, "With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God".... Mark 10:27 NASB

July 11th

* Faith in its purest form depends entirely upon the state of the spiritual life of the believer. To continually exercise absolute faith [*trust*] in the Word of God the believer must continually live in very close fellowship with God and in very clear separation from the world - in prayer and fasting.

In the spiritual realm failure has only one cause and that is lack of faith. Faith is the one condition in which the power and life of God can enter into a man and work through him.

....*"Love [faith and obedience] never fails".... 1 Corinthians 13:8a NASB*

July 12th

* Prayer is the one hand by which we grasp the things which are not seen. The fasted life unto God is the other hand with which we let loose and cast away the things which are seen.

....*"Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal".... 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NASB*

July 13th

* The carnal believer believes that all that is not positively forbidden and sinful is lawful to them and, because of this, they seek to retain as much as possible of the "world" in their walk.

The truly consecrated believer envisions themselves as a soldier who carries only what they need for their warfare - not being in any way desirous of entangling themselves with the affairs of this world and its system.

Without such voluntary separation from the world, even from what on the surface may still "appear" proper no one will be a pure channel of God's Love, Truth and Power.

....*"do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God".... James 4:4 NASB*

....*"Suffer hardship with [me,] as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier".... 2 Timothy 2:3-4 NASB*

July 14th

* Blessed is the child of God who is not staggered by God's delay or silence or apparent refusal, but who is strong in faith giving glory to God in all things. Such faith as this perseveres and cannot fail to inherit the blessing.

...."No unbelief or distrust made him waver [doubtingly question] concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God, Fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised".... Romans 4:20-21 The Amplified Translation

July 15th

* Every child of God must truly believe in their heart that the Heavenly Father indeed sent Jesus to die for us that we might live and His Holy Spirit to call us and prepare us to live an earthly life lived with divine power far beyond anything that man could dare to imagine or hope for.

...."Do you not know that you are a temple of God and [that] the Spirit of God dwells in you?".... 1 Corinthians 3:16 NASB

July 16th

* From the very outset of their Christian life every believer should seek diligently to avoid the fatal mistake of calling Jesus Lord and Master and, then, NOT do what He says.

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

July 17th

* "Lasciviousness" is a lack of restraint [*beginning with one's thought-life*]. The way to victory over lasciviousness in the life of the believer is for them to bring EVERY thought captive to the Word of God.

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

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

July 18th

* One often hears the expression that one is "so heavenly-minded that they are of no earthly good." A more accurate statement amongst believers today would be that some are so earthly-minded that they are of no heavenly good.

....*"Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, [which is] your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect".... Romans 12:1-2 NASB*

....*"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God".... Colossians 3:1-3 NASB*

July 19th

* "Lasciviousness" working in the life of a believer causes no restraint in the thought life of that believer. Our thoughts must be restrained in obedience to the *[revealed]* Word *[Will]* of God and the voice of the Holy Spirit. We must be determined to fulfil God's Word at any cost to ourselves. Every child of God should search their deepest heart of hearts and ask the question, "What price am I truly willing to pay in order for the glory and power of God to be manifested through me?"

...." we refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ [the Messiah, the Anointed One]".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 The Amplified Translation

July 20th

* The anointing which abides within us is precious. It is the one thing that can do all things.

...."I can do all things through Christ [the Anointed One and His Anointing] which [Who] strengtheneth me".... Philippians 4:13 KJV

Beware of compromise because you are afraid of strife. What you view as potential strife may be simply speaking the truth in love. Be led by the Holy Spirit.

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

July 21st

* When a believer prays and asks for something which already belongs to them under their covenant with God without believing they have ALREADY RECEIVED what they have asked for *[and without realizing that the fulness of God's redemption was finished at Calvary]*, then they are praying in unbelief.

.... *"Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be [granted] him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe [based on the finished work of the Cross, the Word of God and the Blood Covenant] that you have [already] received them, and they will be [granted] you".... Mark 11:23-24 NASB*

July 22nd

* In "knowing" *[both gaining and maintaining a revelation of the spiritual reality]* that Satan is an "object" *[complete]* failure, let *[allow]* him to fail - through the holding to a perfect love and obedience.

.... *"[God] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it [the cross]".... Colossians 2:15 The Amplified Translation*

July 23rd

* The weapons of our warfare are not for our own self-preservation but to overthrow and destroy the strongholds of Satan. As we bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ then surely are our weapons mighty before God in the pulling down of Satanic strongholds.

.... *"We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience [Love] of Christ".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB*

July 24th

* The only way a child of God can suffer defeat is to stop exercising faith in the Word of God. Should the believer remain steadfast by persevering on in the Word *[Will of God]* they will never fail to accomplish the fullness of the Father's purpose - for He, is indeed, watching over His Word to perform it.

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

July 25th

* To the degree we fellowship with, and abide in, the Word of God it is to that degree that the Power and Love of God will be manifest in our lives.

...."and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us".... Romans 5:5 NASB

July 26th

* The Body of Christ [*the true remnant Church*] is built up entirely on the "revealed knowledge" of God's Word [*Will*]. There can be nothing apart from that true or exact knowledge [revelation] found in any one of her parts.

...."I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much [abundant] fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing".... John 15:5 The Amplified Translation

July 27th

* The "knowledge" of Jesus Christ which is produced by men's own cleverness and mental ascent is but mere lifeless doctrine devoid of the light of God. It is not these dead theological doctrines and traditions which set the captives free, but rather the living and active Word of God which reaches into the innermost being of the hearer and there releases the life and love of God which will drive out any darkness thus setting them free from the bondage of fear.

...."For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart".... Hebrews 4:12 The Amplified Translation

.... *"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love".... 1 John 4:18 NASB*

July 28th

* Those who live solely on the authority of their five physical senses will not believe something until it is seen, therefore they are blinded to "spiritual reality" - which is in no way perceived by the five physical senses, but rather, through revelation.

.... *"Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal".... 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NASB*

July 29th

* We, as Christians, have NO justification or excuse to walk outside the law [*principle*] of love.

.... *"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son [to be] the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another".... 1 John 4:7-11 NASB*

Every child of God needs a deep "revelation" of the love of God in their heart as well as a deep and holy fear of violating the law [*principle*] of love - which we are called to live by. The very reason we are still in this earth is to be vessels of divine Love to a world filled with hate. As we constantly maintain this walk of love fear will depart from us.

.... *"We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected*

with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love".... 1 John 4:16-18 NASB

July 30th

* The Church is built on God's revelation, that is, men's and women's declaration of that revelation which they have received from the Holy Spirit.

The declaration [*proclamation*] of revealed knowledge shakes the very foundations [*strongholds*] of Hell. There is nothing Satan can throw in our path that can stop those who walk by faith. We shall overcome all that Satan attacks us with by our "inward revelation" and our "outward confession" of Jesus Christ - and death shall be swallowed up by the light and life which abides within us.

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

July 31st

* When one speaks through the anointing of the Holy Spirit those who will "hear" will have the deepest needs of their heart ministered to and met.

...."The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised".... Luke 4:18 KJV

People may hear the Wisdom of God from a distance and continually deny it, but when one truly encounters the Wisdom of God with an open heart they will be changed forever.

...."The beginning of wisdom [is:] Acquire wisdom; And with all your acquiring, get understanding".... Proverbs 4:7 NASB

August 1st

* Fear produces the exact opposite of what faith produces in this earth. Fear, the furthering of Satan's world system, faith the establishment of the Kingdom of God in the earth.

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

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

August 2nd

* The people of God need a revelation of the "reward system" of Eternity - for what each of us does in this life [*in obedience to God*] will determine what we will do for Eternity.

....*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad".... 2 Corinthians 5:10 NASB*

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

August 3rd

* Every child of God must receive their deliverance from the concept of time. Time is a bondage to those who do not have the revelation of their deliverance from it. God's time frame is now. He has no past or future; time as the world knows it cannot apply to him.

...."But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day".... 2 Peter 3:8 NASB

August 4th

* The only way to true security is to bring every thought captive to the Word of God and the obedience of Christ.

...."We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ [by continually speaking words and carrying out actions that correspond with a "revelation" of God's Word - Will and the unction of the Holy Spirit]"....2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB

August 5th

* Those in the five-fold ministry, ministering the Word of God, must know, by faith, that every word they speak is from God. Unbelief cannot stand in the face of the anointing of God. People who have in some way set their heart on doing things their own way will always be offended when the uncompromised truth is put forth.

...."How can you speak good things when you are evil [wicked]? For out of the fullness [the overflow, the superabundance] of the heart the mouth speaks. The good [righteously motivated] man from his inner good treasure flings forth good things, and the evil [unrighteously motivated] man out of his inner evil storehouse flings forth evil things. But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for every idle [inoperative, nonworking] word they speak. For by your words you will be justified and acquitted, and/or by your words you will be condemned and sentenced".... Matthew 12:34-37 The Amplified Translation

.... "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give [impart] grace to those who hear" Ephesians 4:29 NASB

.... "Then the disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?" But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant shall be uprooted. "Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit" Matthew 15:12-15 NASB

August 6th

* Doctrines and traditions of men always lock things into the category of the past or the future, but never the now.

.... 'And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: *'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'* "Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men. He was also saying to them, You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition. "For Moses said, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER'; and, 'HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH'; but you say, 'If a man says to [his] father or [his] mother, whatever I have that would help you is Corban (that is to say, given [to God]),' you no longer permit him to do anything for [his] father or [his] mother; [thus] invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that" Mark 7:6-13 NASB

August 7th

* When the child of God retains the idea that God will inflict punishment on them for doing wrong then they will have a strong tendency to shy away from close fellowship with Him. When they receive a revelation of the love of God for them they will understand that God's reproof and instruction is only and ALWAYS for their greatest benefit - both now and throughout Eternity.

.... "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom [his] father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He [disciplines us] for [our] good, so that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness".... Hebrews 12:1-11 NASB

August 8th

* Many pray amiss because they have limited God to a time. Instead of believing they have received and continuing on in praise and thanksgiving they sit around and wait for God to do something they can attach their five physical senses to.

.... "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be [granted] him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe [based on the finished work of the Cross, the Word of God and the Blood Covenant] that you have [already] received them, and they will be [granted] you".... Mark 11:23-24 NASB

August 9th

* To be a clear and effectual vessel of the anointing the child of God must empty themselves and stay in the Word of God day and night in order that any darkness or sin might be exposed and dealt with. To be that clear channel of God's love and truth one cannot fear nor take a care of what flesh and blood think but rather only what God thinks in ALL things.

....*"For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, **penetrating to the dividing line** of the breath of life [soul] and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], **exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart**".... Hebrews 4:12 The Amplified Translation*

....*"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.... Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness." Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these [things,] he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work".... 2 Timothy 2:15, 19-21 NASB*

August 10th

* To operate [*abide*] in [*divine*] wisdom is to apply [*in the power and unction of the Holy Spirit*] the perfect application of the "revealed" knowledge of God in every circumstance.

....*"The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice".... Psalms 37:30 NASB*

....*"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever".... Psalms 111:10 NASB*

August 11th

* To speak the truth in love at all times we have to love the people enough not to care how they "feel" or "care" lest we put any emphasis on outward appearances rather than on inward realities.

...."Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give [impart] grace to those who hear".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB

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

August 12th

* The true Christian life is an ever continuing process in which we learn to depend upon [trust in] God for ALL things.

...."Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil".... Proverbs 3:5-7 NASB

August 13th

* The "renewing of our minds" by the Word of God is dependent on an "act" of our will to be obedient to God in all things; by meditating in His Word day and night - thus bringing every thought captive to that Word [Will].

...."Do not be conformed to this world [this age], [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed [changed] by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you]".... Romans 12:2 The Amplified Translation

August 14th

* If one is worried about what others will think then they will not be able to speak the Words of God in every circumstance due to that fear.

...."Fear not, for you will not be put to shame; And do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced; But you will forget the shame of your youth".... Isaiah 54:4 NASB

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

August 15th

* Every Christian needs to have a deep revelation of the fact that in their service to the Lord they will in no way be disgraced or humiliated. For in placing God's interests first and foremost in their thinking the world will in no way be able to reach their innermost heart and they will not be ashamed in any way because they are walking in truth and light and above the darkness of this world.

...."according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but [that] with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death".... Philippians 1:20 NASB

August 16th

* A fool has no delight in the Wisdom of God, but only in the revealing and acceptance of their own personal opinions and judgements.

...."A fool does not delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own mind".... Proverbs 18:2 NASB

August 17th

* God's light not only enlightens, it will also put to death and eliminate all that is of darkness. It will uncover the true nature of everything and eradicate all that is incompatible with the revealed knowledge of God's Word.

....*"Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life" John 8:12 NASB*

August 18th

* A "feeling" is an impression on one's soul. It is the spirit of the man which God seeks to impress, through the Holy Spirit.

....*"For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, **penetrating to the dividing line** of the breath of life [soul] and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], **exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart**".... Hebrews 4:12 The Amplified Translation*

August 19th

* All slander or persecution which is directed from one believer towards another has its root in that offending brother or sister walking somewhere outside the covenants of promise [*the revealed knowledge of God's Word*]. This is due to their unwillingness to obey God and His Word in their own lives.

....*"Therefore you have no excuse or defense or justification, O man, whoever you are who judges and condemns another. For in posing as judge and passing sentence on another, you condemn yourself, because you who judge are habitually practicing the very same things [that you censure and denounce]".... Romans 2:1 The Amplified Translation*

August 20th

* When the child of God is called on to "suffer" for righteousness' sake they need to exercise faith in the fact that the Holy Spirit will minister to them - perfectly meeting all their needs and satisfying their desires in the scorched places and, in bringing every thought captive, their "feelings" and emotions will be brought into accord with God's perfect Will in every way.

...."Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you".... 1 Peter 4:12-14 NASB

...."And the LORD will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places, and give strength to your bones; And you will be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail".... Isaiah 58:11 NASB

August 21st

* We need not worry about what people will think of God - or fear that people misunderstand what we are doing in His service. God is more than able to look after His own name. Our first responsibility is to be obedient to God in all things and know in our hearts that we will be shown to be in the right by Him - according to His purpose.

*...."No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn [both convict and show to be in the wrong through your continued love and obedience]. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and **their vindication is from Me,**" declares the LORD".... Isaiah 54:17 NASB*

August 22nd

* People need to have a revelation of the power of the Word of God to bring itself to pass in the life of the one who will believe it.

.... "And He was saying to them, "Take care what you listen to. By your standard of measure it will be measured to you; and more will be given you besides. "For whoever has, to him [more] shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him." And He was saying, "The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil; and he goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts and grows--how, he himself does not know. "The soil produces crops by itself; first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head. "But when the crop permits, he immediately puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." And He said, "How shall we picture the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we present it? "[It is] like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the soil, though it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the soil, yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that THE BIRDS OF THE AIR can NEST UNDER ITS SHADE".... Mark 4:24-32 NASB

August 23rd

* It is not our responsibility to travel to and fro placing the blame on Satan for all the evil we find. It is our responsibility to take the authority over Satan we have in Christ Jesus and bring his works to naught by the power of God.

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

.... "The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil".... 1 John 3:8 NASB

August 24th

* All those things we are called to do in this earth have one certain characteristic and that is that they will have an "eternal value" which will NEVER fade.

.... "Love [and all that proceeds from Love] never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end {but, rather, is Eternal in nature}]".... 1 Corinthians 13:8a The Amplified Translation

August 25th

* Believers must "allow" the Blood of Christ to cleanse them of those things which they give power to because of fear. For in the continual exercising of faith in the power of the Blood they will have no consciousness of past sins - or of their old nature.

*...."If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises] and will forgive our sins [dismiss our lawlessness] and [continuously] cleanse us from **all** unrighteousness [everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action] ".... 1 John 1:9 The Amplified Translation*

August 26th

* The "A[a]nointing" is the administration of the life of God - and HIS prime purpose in us is to destroy the strongholds of Satan and set the captives free.

...."But as for you, the anointing (the sacred appointment, the unction) which you received from Him abides [permanently] in you; [so] then you have no need that anyone should instruct you. But just as His anointing teaches you concerning everything and is true and is no falsehood, so you must abide in (live in, never depart from) Him [being rooted in Him, knit to Him]".... 1 John 2:27 The Amplified Translation

...."The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil".... 1 John 3:8 NASB

August 27th

* The true Christian worker is the one who does only those things which God has appointed them to do. Their first and foremost heart desire is to please the heart of God. Every child of God needs to keep their eyes on Jesus and not their fellow workers and make sure that all they do and say is what God wants them to do and say.

...."without faith it is impossible to please [Him,] for he who comes to God must believe that He is [Who He says He is] and [that] He is a rewarder of those who seek Him".... Hebrews

11:6 NASB

August 28th

* Nothing of ourselves ever gains entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven. Only that which is "in Christ" gains entrance into the Kingdom.

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

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

August 29th

* The number one hindrance of the anointing of God flowing through His children is the fear of what other people will think.

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

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

August 30th

* Every Christian needs to be willing to swing the sword of the Spirit at Satan each time he attempts to make an appearance in their lives.

...."Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual [forces] of wickedness in the heavenly [places.] Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil [one.] And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints".... Ephesians 6:10-18 NASB

August 31st

* Whenever you discern demonic influence in operation in the life of a person do not jump to conclusions and use your five physical senses in an attempt to minister to that person. Wait on the Holy Spirit for instruction and, THEN, act immediately on what He says.

...."These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues".... Mark 16:17 NASB

September 1st

* There are too many believers whose main concern is to prove that they are right in all that they do and say. Such a heart motivation [*self-righteousness*] will most assuredly lead that believer into error [*darkness*] and keep them there until they place God's interests ahead of their own self-interest [*self-agenda*].

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

September 2nd

* God does not look upon the outward justification. He looks at the inward motive of a man's heart.

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

September 3rd

* Our every thought must be brought captive to the Word of God not only to stand firm against the attacks of the Evil One; but also that we might be in a continual position of receiving light [revelation] from God - thus allowing us to be partakers of His Holiness and Wisdom.

....*"Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He [disciplines us] for [our] good, so that we may share His holiness".... Hebrews 12:9-10 NASB*

September 4th

* Every believer must continually examine themselves in the light of God's Word. They must be certain that they are truly relying on the crucified and resurrected life of the Lord Jesus Christ for if they are not in any area, they will surely fail.

....*"Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain".... Psalm 127:1 NASB*

September 5th

* Separation of soul and spirit is the most important thing when confronted by persecution because of the Word of God. Therefore, every child of God should seek to lean even more heavily on the Word in the time of persecution rather than back away in order to relieve any pressure put on them by Satan. Satan's pressure tactics are for one reason only and that is to in some way move the believer away from fellowship with, and dependence upon, the Word of God.

...."For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart".... Hebrews 4:12 The Amplified Translation

September 6th

* Do we truly believe God for the meeting of all our needs or just for the needs we don't desire to meet [*or we are "capable" of meeting*] ourselves? God is willing and able to receive all of our care and He desires each one of His children to cast the element of care once and for all upon Him.

...."humble yourselves [demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation] under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you, Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully [Ps. 55:22]".... 1 Peter 5:6-7 The Amplified Translation

September 7th

* God is teaching us all to walk in love. There cannot be any impure motive in our hearts for any such ground will surely "allow" Satan to cause us to come against our brothers and sisters in some way - perhaps without our even realizing it.

.... *"And this is His order [His command, His injunction]: that we should believe in [put our faith and trust in and adhere to and rely on] the name of His Son Jesus Christ [the Messiah], and that we should love one another, just as He has commanded us ".... 1 John 3:23 The Amplified Translation*

September 8th

* Every believer must realize that in every situation that arises in their walk they must make a choice. Either they must believe that what the Word of God says is true and exercise faith, or exercise fear and, thus, rely upon their own understanding.

.... *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil".... Proverbs 3:5-7 NASB*

September 9th

* The incorruptible seed of the Word of God when sown and believed in one's heart will produce the image and likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ in the one who has believed.

.... *"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, [see that ye] love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever".... 1 Peter 1:22-23 KJV*

.... *"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty [emancipation from bondage, freedom] [Isa. 61:1, 2]. And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit".... 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 The Amplified Translation*

September 10th

* Error in the ministry is the deliberate and wilful departure from the "revealed" knowledge of God's Word by an individual and will only serve to lead those being ministered to away from God and into the bondage of fear.

...."For when they speak great swelling [words] of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, [through much] wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning".... 2 Peter 2:18-20 NASB

...."You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness".... 2 Peter 3:17 NASB

September 11th

* One thing that we, as true believers, must keep in the forefront of our thinking at all times is that even though we are still physically in this earth we are citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven and, therefore, we must be found operating in the principles of the Kingdom - regardless of what anyone says!

...."For He [the Father] rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins".... Colossians 1:13-14 NASB

September 12th

* Criticism is false [*unrighteous*] judgement and causes fear of God's reproof and discipline. The Father's reproof seeks only to lead His children into repentance and right-standing with Him. Criticism does not lead to godly repentance but, rather, always into an area of condemnation.

.... *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death".... Romans 8:1-2 KJV*

September 13th

* All fear has its root in selfishness - and all selfishness has its base in fear. Fear is a constant manifestation of the self-life. Love is a constant manifestation of the life of faith and obedience.

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

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

September 14th

* "True testimony" is living our entire life at all times in the revealed Will of God. It is not our story but the revelation of Jesus Christ in us to all those around us.

.... *"So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus".... Revelation 12:17 NASB*

September 15th

* One cannot be in the Kingdom of God and the world at the same time. It is a spiritual impossibility. Believers can only be in one of two places spiritually speaking: they are either in the Kingdom of God walking by faith or in the world walking by fear [*pride and selfishness*].

.... *"For He [the Father] rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins".... Colossians*

September 16th

* The true motivation of every believer's heart should be to not place the blame on others and to criticize and condemn, but rather to believe God and bring Him glory in all things, never seeking to exalt oneself as being right and condemning others as being wrong.

...."Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited [arrogant and inflated with pride]; it is not rude [unmannerly] and does not act unbecomingly. Love [God's love in us] does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]".... 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a The Amplified Translation

September 17th

* When we believe God's Word and act on it in faith that what He said is true, we testify to all that observe us that indeed God is the only authority in this universe and we are a testimony that His Word is truth. When we believe the Word of God and act on it He will always confirm that Word with signs and wonders to testify that it is so, to His glory.

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

September 18th

* We are called to establish the Kingdom of Heaven in this earth. Every time we step out into the world and exercise our faith we will be walking cross-grain against the world and its ways and there will be resistance and pressure. Even though this pressure is temporary many

Christians allow themselves to succumb to it; therefore each one who desires to walk in faith must have made the quality decision to do God's Will and rely on His power to make it through any attempted hindrance by Satan.

...."This I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before [it hated] you. "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me".... John 15:17-21 NASB

September 19th

* As each believer engages in spiritual warfare having been led to the stronghold or strongholds of Satan they have been called to bring down, they must always pursue the enemy until he is consumed. For if we do not fulfil all of the instruction of the Holy Spirit and stop before the task is completed we will allow Satan to begin rebuilding his strongholds. This calls for perseverance and discipline in the life of the believer; with perfect obedience to this command, total and absolute victory is assured.

...."He trains my hands for battle, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You have also given me the shield of Your salvation, And Your help makes me great. "You enlarge my steps under me, And my feet have not slipped. I pursued my enemies and destroyed them, And I did not turn back until they were consumed. And I have devoured them and shattered them, so that they did not rise; And they fell under my feet".... 2 Samuel 22:35-39 NASB

September 20th

* Every believer must lay aside everything which stands in the way of faith. If irregular, superficial use of the Word of God and by slothfulness in the giving of the first hours of our day to the Lord are the cause for devotion to the "world" then we must make a steadfast determination to change these points.

.... *"let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us, Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]".... Hebrews 12:1-2 The Amplified Translation*

September 21st

* Satan continually attempts to challenge the faith-giving promises of God with fear-filled lies. Acting in fear produces failure. Acting in faith produces victory.

.... *"Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the [child] born of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?".... 1 John 5:1-5 NASB*

September 22nd

* The call to the Church is going forth in all the earth and those who are faithful are coming out of the world system into a life of obedience and separation unto God and His Word.

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

September 23rd

* God's calling of us as individuals is for the purpose of forming a "spotless and unblemished Church". A body of people called to repentance, to love Him; to be justified and glorified in Christ; to be holy as He is holy; to be saints conformed to the image of His dear Son. It is a Heavenly calling - a high calling to fulfil God's eternal purpose.

It is a calling to defeat the spirit of anti-Christ and be partakers in the fulfilment of the absolute victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over Satan. It is a calling and invitation to the wedding feast of the Lamb. It is a calling to rule with Jesus eternally as His joint-heirs.

...."that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless".... Ephesians 5:27 NASB

...."These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful".... Revelation 17:14 NASB

...."Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the Marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready. And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. And He said to me, "write, blessed are those who are invited to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb" and He said to Me "these are true Words of God" Revelation 19: 6-9 NASB

September 24th

* Satan's prime goal is to move the Christian off of their position of authority in Christ by attempting to induce fear- filled thoughts and intimidation through outward circumstances. If he is successful in his initial attempt, thus moving the child of God into an area of unbelief, he is then enabled to step up his attack.

It is at the point of the initial attack that every believer must stand firm on and hold fast to the Word of God. The stronger the believer becomes in their faith, the weaker Satan's attempts become and will increasingly fall far short of their intended mark.

...."Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual [forces] of wickedness in the heavenly [places.] Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done

everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil [one.] And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints".... Ephesians 6:10-18 NASB

...."And I saw Heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war. And His eyes are a flame of fire and upon His head are many diadems (crowns), and He has a name written upon Him which no one knows except Himself. And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called the Word of God. And the armies which are in Heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords".... Revelation 19: 11-16 NASB

September 25th

* Jesus was not always physically present in ministering deliverance and, in the same way, we must deal with Satan even though we may not be physically present. We need to act as soon as we discern any demonic influence or Satanic action and exercise our faith in the Word of God against him - regardless of the situation.

...."Jesus got up and went away from there to the region of Tyre. And when He had entered a house, He wanted no one to know [of it;] yet He could not escape notice. But after hearing of Him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately came and fell at His feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of the Syrophenician race. And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And He was saying to her, "Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, [but] even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs." And He said to her, "Because of this answer go; the demon has gone out of your daughter." And going back to her home, she found the child lying on the bed, the demon having left".... Mark 7:24-30 NASB

September 26th

- * The Word of God is the only true way, and is the power which upholds the universe.

...."And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high".... Hebrews 1:3 NASB

September 27th

- * If we base "anything" on our five physical senses it will cause us to take our faith off those things which we are believing God for regardless of whether the circumstances appear good or bad.

...."For we walk by faith [we regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, with trust and holy fervor; thus we walk] not by sight or appearance [but by revelation]".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 The Amplified Translation

September 28th

- * When one's soul [*mind, will, emotions*] is anchored in the hope [*a revelation*] of the Gospel there will be no desire in them to escape the discipline of the Holy Spirit.

...."This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a [hope] both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil".... Hebrews 6:19 NASB

September 29th

- * The fullness of the Christian life depends not on ourselves but, rather, on the faith we have in God to work that life out in us and for us by the Holy Spirit.

...."For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came [to us] in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of

life; indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; who delivered us from so great a [peril of] death, and will deliver [us,] He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us".... 2 Corinthians 1:8-10 NASB

September 30th

* In the world there is an "ordered" system which is governed from behind the scenes by Satan. Unless we direct our warfare against these unseen [*in the natural realm*] principalities and powers behind the material circumstances we will be readily deceived.

.... "[God] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it [the cross]".... Colossians 2:15 The Amplified Translation

.... "do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God".... James 4:4 NASB

October 1st

* The believer who does not lay up in the morning the Word of God, should not be surprised if the world assumes first place in their heart. For the Word of God put first in one's heart is the only means one has to stay above the pull of the world on their thoughts and actions.

.... "Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn [the "inner chamber"]".... Psalms 110:3 NASB

October 2nd

* Faith [*Love*] produces healing and a sound mind. Fear produces sickness and mental distress; for faith is a product of life and fear is a product of death [*darkness*].

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

October 3rd

* All failure in spiritual work is caused by one thing and that is our failure to wait on *[minister to]* God in prayer. Continued attempts to do the work of God without the full and entire dependence upon God will lead to continual failure.

....*"Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it".... Psalms 127:1 NASB*

....*"I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much [abundant] fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing".... John 15:5 The Amplified Translation*

October 4th

* Any sense of fear, any trace of uncertainty in the faithfulness of God and His Word will leave Satan in a position where he has some ground from which to mount his attack against you. Any unconfessed sin, doubt or unbelief will give Satan the grounds to refuse your command. Get the sin out! Stand firm and hold fast to the Word of God and he will flee!

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

....*"Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you".... James 4:7 The Amplified Translation*

....*"pray without ceasing".... 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NASB*

October 5th

* When the early believers in the Church after Pentecost came upon the scene in the Name of Jesus, Hell shuddered, sickness fled and demons obeyed as the Holy name of Jesus was uttered in faith. These early Christians partook of God's nature through the Word; they were saved by the Word and they saw God through His Word. They simply believed that the Word was true and

acted upon it.

None of these believers had special characters nor were they highly "educated". We must awake and realize that Jesus did not give the early Church more authority than He has given to the Church today. We must awake from our slumber and fulfil the tasks which we have been chosen to do and focus our aim on the strongholds of the Devil, and by the power of the Holy Spirit they will be brought to ruin.

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

.... "The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil".... 1 John 3:8 NASB

October 6th

* The one who seeks the Father with their "whole" heart will find that He will reveal Himself with an ever growing clarity and power.

.... "For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with [Him] so that we may also be glorified with [Him.]".... Romans 8:14-17 NASB

October 7th

* The principle of the Cross is to deny our self-life and depend on God and His Word for all things.

.... "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot [is not fit - has not "allowed" themselves to be fitted to] be My disciple".... Luke 14:27 NASB

October 8th

* The Holy Spirit brings us face to face with the "law of faith" and shows us that to doubt God is a crime, to treasure an anxious thought for the future is wickedness and in short brings us to the point where we indeed realize that whatever is not from faith is sin!

...."Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith".... Romans 3:27 NASB

...."For whatever does not originate and proceed from faith is sin [whatever is done without a conviction of its approval by God is sinful]".... Romans 14:23b The Amplified Translation

October 9th

* God is able to be to us both a mouth and wisdom, which all of our adversaries shall not be able to resist. But if we look to our own strength or weakness or lean upon the strength and wisdom of men, we will surely find that our worldly reliance will become a snare and we will be taught, through painful experience, that our only true safety and happiness is derived only from dependence upon God and His Word for all our resources of wisdom and strength to accomplish the ministry we have been called to in this earth.

...."Thus says the LORD, "Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and makes flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the LORD. For he will be like a bush in the desert and will not see when prosperity comes, but will live in stony wastes in the wilderness, a land of salt without inhabitant. Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD And whose trust is the LORD. For he will be like a tree planted by the water, that extends its roots by a stream and will not fear when the heat comes; But its leaves will be green, and it will not be anxious in a year of drought nor cease to yield fruit".... Jeremiah 17:5-8 NASB

October 10th

* If the Christian will walk in the revealed knowledge of God's Word at all times they will have favour, good understanding and the esteem of both God and man. The key is for the believer to walk and continue to walk in all of the light *[revelation]* they have already received from God.

...."My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; For length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and man"..... Proverbs 3:1-4 NASB

October 11th

* We must realize as children of God that the Holy Spirit empowers us to do all things in our work for the Lord. It has been a lack of revelation of who we truly are IN Christ Jesus *[both individually and corporately]* that has hindered the mighty working of God in the earth and caused the captives to remain in bondage - long after their freedom has been purchased.

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

...."[For I {Paul} always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints [His set-apart ones], And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places], Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and in this world, but

also in the age and the world which are to come. And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church], [Ps. 8:6.] Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all [for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself] ".... Ephesians 1:17-23 The Amplified Translation

October 12th

* Many try to fill their time and thoughts with other things other than the revelations of God's Word - because deep in their heart they do not believe that the Word will see them through.

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

October 13th

* Lack of intimate and personal communion with God and His Word will cause men and women to place their reliance on the doctrines and traditions of men. This lack of revealed knowledge causes them to put their faith in "traditionalized religion" which can be readily discerned and grasped by the five physical senses. Fear of anything different which might overthrow their already "false knowledge" of God leaves them in a position to be used by Satan to persecute those who are desiring only to live godly lives in Christ Jesus.

...."Then some Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, "Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." And He answered and said to them, "Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? "For God said, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,' and, 'HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH.' "But you say, 'Whoever says to [his] father or mother, "Whatever I have that would help you has been given [to God,]" he is not to honor his father or his mother.' And [by this] you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition. "You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah

prophecy of you: 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN'.... Matthew 15:1-9 NASB

October 14th

* In those who truly know God, neither the faith of the whole world would help them to believe nor can the unbelief of the entire world shake loose their faith and dependence upon God and His Word. For revealed knowledge is deeper than the thought life or feelings and indeed they are two different things altogether. When one inwardly understands then nothing from the outside can sway them. It is certain that if one is swayed by outward circumstances then they have an element of fear working in their lives.

...."For we walk by faith [we regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, with trust and holy fervor; thus we walk] not by sight or appearance [but by revelation]".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 The Amplified Translation

October 15th

* Failure to bridle the tongue will allow Satan to in some way manifest his plan in your walk. Let us remember that if the Evil One cannot get you to speak words which are in agreement with his lies he will have no power to work in your life.

...."If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect [mature] man/woman, able to bridle the whole body as well".... James 3:2 NASB

October 16th

* If a child of God steadfastly continues to battle against "flesh and blood" they will surely suffer great defeat in their lives and ministries!

...."For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are]

the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly [supernatural] sphere".... Ephesians 6:12 The Amplified Translation

October 17th

* There is a "waterfall" of the precious Blood of Jesus that "flows continually" in the secret place of God's Presence - continually effecting supernatural deliverance from ALL unrighteousness - and the sin that is its spontaneous fruit. When the children of God are faithful to "plead" [*be found "abiding" {dwelling} under the protection of*] the Blood they are declaring [*proclaiming*] before all Heaven, earth and the powers of darkness ALL that the Blood has accomplished [*the finished work of Christ*] - and, thus, great power is released [*regardless of how one may "feel" in any given moment*] causing devils to tremble and strongholds to be greatly shaken [*devastated*]!

"plead" - a formal statement of justification [*in this case, a proclamation made from the place of the spiritual reality of ALL that one is IN Christ*];

...."But if we [really] are living and walking in the Light, as He [Himself] is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses [removes] us from all sin and guilt [keeps us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations]".... 1 John 1:7 The Amplified Translation

...."For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature]. And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power]. In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, but in a [spiritual] circumcision [performed by] Christ by stripping off the body of the flesh (the whole corrupt, carnal nature with its passions and lusts). [Thus you were circumcised when] you were buried with Him in [your] baptism, in which you were also raised with Him [to a new life] through [your] faith in the working of God [as displayed] when He raised Him up from the dead. And you who were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh (your sensuality, your sinful carnal nature), [God] brought to life together with [Christ], having [freely] forgiven us all our transgressions, Having cancelled and blotted out

and wiped away the handwriting of the note (bond) with its legal decrees and demands which was in force and stood against us (hostile to us). This [note with its regulations, decrees, and demands] He set aside and cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to [His] cross. [God] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it [the cross]" Colossians 2:9-15 The Amplified Translation

October 18th

* Faith must go forward and act out its confidence. When the believer is willing to lean on the Word of God heavily THEN the Lord will surely provide the opportunity for the believer to exercise that faith. Walking in faith is not a thing to be feared for the Father is perfect in His faithfulness.

.... "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass" 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NASB

October 19th

* It is easier to maintain the "flesh" in this world than it is to walk cross-grain against the law of sin and death. It indeed is a full time job to walk in faith as a child of God in this earth. Less diligence in the things of God will always produce a greater resistance against us.

.... "[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" Romans 8:1-2 KJV

October 20th

* If our true motivation is to do God's Will the best way for us to put it [God's Will] into effect is to speak it.

.... "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good

for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give [impart] grace to those who hear".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB

October 21st

* The unrenewed *[old]* nature of man seeks "routines". These routines always lead to preconceived thoughts and notions to the Will of God when they are initiated by self-seeking desire. God is spontaneous. He is a Creator and He desires His children to be led by the Holy Spirit moment to moment in order that His Life be continually manifested through them.

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

October 22nd

* Sowing financial "seeds" in obedience to the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit is the process which enables us, by the power of God, to draw funds out of the world system and back into the Body of Christ for God's work in the earth.

...."the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous"..... Proverbs 13:22 NASB

October 23rd

* Every believer must have a revelation of the fact that all of the tasks they are given, regardless of how small, are part of the overall plan and purpose of God. Any work which is not inspired and empowered by the Spirit of God cannot be viewed as God's work.

...."Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord [words and acts of Love], knowing that your toil [obedience] is not in vain in the Lord".... 1 Corinthians 15:58 NASB'

October 24th

* People may reject life but they cannot reject death apart from partaking of the salvation provided by Jesus Christ at Calvary.

...."I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants".... Deuteronomy 30:19 NASB

October 25th

* "Stillness" allows us to fill ourselves with the Presence of God. This stillness and silence enables us to continually walk in love and stops us from taking offence at what is spoken to us or against us.

"still" - remaining in place or at rest; motionless; free from sound or noise; free from turbulence or commotion;

...."Be still, and know that I [am] God".... Psalms 46:10 NASB

October 26th

* "Allowing" oneself to be separated from the Word of God is the prerequisite to allowing spiritual darkness to enter in.

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

October 27th

* It is important for every Christian to realize that in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit God has made every provision for those called to the five-fold ministry to walk in the anointing of God at all times and thereby maintain accuracy in every word which proceeds from their mouths. It is only rebellion in the heart against God which will cause a manifestation of error in the ministry of God's Word.

....*"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give [impart] grace to those who hear".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB*

October 28th

* Our "confession" [*proclamation*] is a combination of our thoughts, words and actions.

....*"We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ [by continually speaking words that correspond with a "revelation" of God's Word - Will]"....2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB*

October 29th

* When the spirit of rebellion is driven out of the church then will the Spirit of obedience be quickly restored and the glorious Church shall be ushered in. As all the local churches come together as one in the Spirit through obedience to the revealed knowledge of God' Word/Will the glorious manifestation of the "unity of faith" will appear before us.

....*"And His gifts were [varied; He Himself appointed and gave men to us] some to be apostles (special messengers), some prophets (inspired preachers and expounders), some evangelists (preachers of the Gospel, traveling missionaries), some pastors (shepherds of His flock) and teachers. His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), [that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church), [That it might develop] until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at*

really mature manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection), the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him. So then, we may no longer be children, tossed [like ships] to and fro between chance gusts of teaching and wavering with every changing wind of doctrine, [the prey of] the cunning and cleverness of unscrupulous men, [gamblers engaged] in every shifting form of trickery in inventing errors to mislead. Rather, let our lives lovingly express truth [in all things, speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly]. Enfolded in love, let us grow up in every way and in all things into Him Who is the Head, [even] Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). For because of Him the whole body (the church, in all its various parts), closely joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, when each part [with power adapted to its need] is working properly [in all its functions], grows to full maturity, building itself up in love".... Ephesians 4:11-16 The Amplified Translation

...."Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, that He might present the church to Himself in glorious splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such things [that she might be holy and faultless]".... Ephesians 5:25-27 The Amplified Translation

October 30th

* The nature [*essence*] of believing the Word of God is obeying it.

"perfect obedience" - the seeking after and gaining a "revelation" of God's Will and, THEN, carrying it out to fulfilment from beginning to end [*regardless of how long that may take*] in the unction and power of the Holy Spirit [*Who is the Spirit of Love, the Spirit of Christ etc.*], alone.

...."But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS: to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation".... Romans 2:5-8 NASB

October 31st

* When the love and light of God are shed abroad in the heart of a believer, it will bring the one receiving that love and light into a true state of humility [*absolute dependence*] before God, for they will fully recognize what their actual state would be without Him.

A Christian should not proceed with anything if they don't have the revealed knowledge of God's Will in that situation. It is far better to wait on God in prayer and put oneself in position to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit than to proceed in the flesh "hoping" you are in the Will of God. If the believer is truly willing to do God's Will they will continually be given the revealed knowledge of God's plan [*they need in any given moment*] - and their part in it.

...."Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD".... Psalms 27:14 NASB

November 1st

* The child of God should be receiving light and the progressive revelation of God's Word daily. If one is not then something stands between them and their relationship with God and that something must be removed for them to grow up into Christ.

...."But seek [aim at and strive after] first of all His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right], and then all these things taken together will be given you besides".... Matthew 6:33 The Amplified Translation

November 2nd

* It is only fear [*pride*] that motivates one to compromise the Word of God.

...."Fear not, for you will not be put to shame; And do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced".... Isaiah 54:4A NASB

November 3rd

* True authority is sometimes misunderstood as being oppressive, but the only ones who are suppressed by the authority of Jesus Christ are those who retain rebellion against God in their hearts. For true delegated authority will bring a wealth of revealed knowledge to those who will humble themselves under the mighty hand of God.

...."God is opposed to the proud [self-reliant], but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.... 1 Peter 5:5b-7 NASB

November 4th

* One symptom of those who despise authority will be a speaking against or reviling their brothers and sisters in Christ. For it is the lust of the "unbridled" tongue to speak reviling things. Most difficulties within the church at large are due primarily to slanderous words and accusations. All words of reviling must be thoroughly exterminated for the life of Christ to be fully manifested in the Church.

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

...."Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word nor unwholesome or worthless talk [ever] come out of your mouth, but only such [speech] as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need and the occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace [God's favor] to those who hear it".... Ephesians 4:29 The Amplified Translation

November 5th

* As "born again" children of God we are to live under the authority of God's Word and not "reason". Reason is a product of the unrenewed mind of man. Our true spiritual reckoning consists of our continually asking ourselves in every situation or circumstance, "What does the Word of God have to say about it?"

When one meets the "holiness" of the Lord they will abhor the old nature. Too many believers harbour secret pride within as well as display open pride without, because of their lack of revealed knowledge of the Word of God.

...."Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, [which is] your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect".... Romans 12:1-2 NASB

November 6th

* Praying that is entirely based on the "revealed" knowledge of God's Will shall surely bring the manifestation - and one can stand assured, patiently, in faith, without any doubt or fear for whatever length of time is necessary for the fulness of God's purpose to be accomplished.

...."And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises".... Hebrews 6:11-12 NASB

November 7th

* The only way that one can be "held captive" by Satan to do his will is to put themselves in "agreement" with his lies.

...."The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses [and escape] from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will".... 2 Timothy 2:24-26 NASB

November 8th

* The authority of God flows from a ministry that is based solely on the "revealed" Word of God - and that authority will flow into people's hearts and give them a deeper consciousness of God and His true Nature.

...."But when the crowds saw [this,] they were awestruck, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men".... Matthew 9:8 NASB

November 9th

* Sensitivity of heart towards God must be "maintained" continually for the flow of God's life and authority to be manifested in the life of a believer.

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

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

November 10th

* It is not "alright" for Christians to be in disagreement with one another over the affairs of God. There is only one Truth and one Way. The seed of disagreement [*division*] is sown by Satan in an attempt to reap strife in the Body of Christ. We must put aside all differences in this last hour and heed the voice of the Holy Spirit - for, as we do, we will attain to the unity of the faith by the power of God.

...."Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, [Even] Aaron's beard, coming down upon the edge of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing - life forever".... Psalms 133:1-3 NASB

.... *"that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless".... Ephesians 5:27 NASB*

November 11th

* The Word of God will NOT fail. We need a progressively deeper revelation of this truth, and the way to get it is to constantly exert pressure on the Word through an absolute dependence on *[faith and trust in]* that Word in every situation.

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

.... *"Love [faith and obedience] never fails".... 1 Corinthians 13:8a NASB*

November 12th

* Why do we "walk in the light as He is in the light?" It is because we "abide" in the Word of God and are being transformed by the Holy Spirit to the image of Jesus. As we "measure" everything by the Word of God and we see ourselves as our Heavenly Father sees us, we will be lifted from one degree of glory to another - continually manifesting the holiness of God in our lives.

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

.... *"For in Him [Christ] we live and move and have our being [entire existence]".... Acts
17:28a The Amplified Translation*

November 13th

* It is no small thing to come to the revelation that at the Cross Jesus delivered us from every manifestation of evil in this world - both now and forevermore.

...."There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death".... Romans 8:1-2 KJV

November 14th

* Many Christians still have a tendency to expect God to intervene for them against Satan when, in reality, He [*in Christ*] has already done all to accomplish our perfect deliverance from the law of sin and death - and every manifestation thereof.

...."There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death".... Romans 8:1-2 KJV

November 15th

* Much difficulty in the Church today is caused by an attitude of will God work, rather than the revealed knowledge that God has ALREADY done all things, in Christ.

...."For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]".... Ephesians 2:10 The Amplified Translation

November 16th

* The child of God should never come before the Father pleading for that which they feel they are lacking, but rather they should come before God with the attitude of coming to see what they ALREADY possess in Christ Jesus - and, in doing this, raise their voice in thanksgiving and praise for all that they have been given.

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

November 17th

* The "anointed ones" conveys the idea of receiving God's trust, accepting His commission by an act of our wills, doing His work and fulfilling His plan by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

...."Do not touch My anointed ones, and do My prophets no harm".... Psalms 105:15 NASB

November 18th

* Some people profess to have received the infilling of the Holy Spirit yet they have not entered into the actual work which God has called them to, nor do they have a revelation of His purpose of bestowing His anointing upon them.

...."And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit".... Ephesians 5:18 NASB

November 19th

* "Real" faith gives us the eyes to see that in the spirit realm things are ALREADY DONE as soon as we apply our faith and exercise it *[through corresponding words and actions to the revelation of the Father's Will abiding in one's heart]*.

.... "faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead)".... James 2:17 *The Amplified Translation*

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

.... "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be [granted] him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe [based on the finished work of the Cross, the Word of God and the Blood Covenant] that you have [already] received them, and they will be [granted] you".... Mark 11:23-24 *NASB*

November 20th

* "Doctrines of men" are those things which are taught by "flesh and blood" without any light from God or direct communication with Him - and which lead the hearer away from God instead of nearer to Him.

.... 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN'.... Mark 7:7 *NASB*

November 21st

* To truly preach the Gospel of the Kingdom is to testify in all that we say and do that Jesus is Lord - and that Satan is a vanquished foe.

.... "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come".... Matthew 24:14 *NASB*

November 22nd

* Only by "suffering" for righteousness' sake can we overcome all things and complete *[perfectly and fully]* our part in the eternal purpose and plan of God.

"suffering" - The "suffering" that we are called to in this earth is to stand continually against all the things which we have been redeemed from. It is in no way associated with physical sickness or any other manifestation of the law of sin and death, but rather it is to continually release faith in the Word of God - regardless of the pressure of the circumstances which surround us. As our minds become transformed and renewed to the Word of God, "suffering" *[for righteousness' sake]* shall become the joyful opportunity to further establish God's Kingdom in the earth it was intended to be rather than the sorrowful, painful, concept "religion" has made it to be - through unbelief!

The time frame we are now entering into is like no other and we must all find our "proper position" within the framework of the "heavenly blueprint" through an "abiding" consecration unto the Father and His Word. Again, our "suffering" *[for righteousness' sake]* is the absolute and continual stand against ALL that we have been redeemed from in Christ – through an "abiding" faith, love and obedience.

...."Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when [people] insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you".... Matthew 5:10-12 NASB

...."Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you".... 1 Peter 4:12-14 NASB

November 23rd

* Many attempt to differentiate between the "Gospel of grace" and the "Gospel of the Kingdom". Although this is not necessary we may say that the Gospel of grace deals with the blessings [*empowerments*] of God while the Gospel of the Kingdom deals mainly with the battle against the demonic oppression of Satan.

The "worldly" church today in its carnal work, speech and thought has "allowed" itself to be deceived into forgetting about Satan and because of this the sword of the Spirit is not even raised against him - thus allowing him to infiltrate places where he does not belong namely the minds of many believers. The preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom is nothing less than to declare that God Who rules in Heaven today shall soon rule on earth by casting out completely the Evil One and his forces so that the "new man" [*Christ and His Body*] shall reign instead.

....*"The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil".... 1 John 3:8 NASB*

November 24th

* Whenever a believer bears the testimony of the Kingdom of God it is the surest sign that they are in perfect accord with the Will of God. It indicates that they truly desire in their heart what the Heavenly Father desires and that they despise and abhor what He despises and abhors, having been brought into that oneness by the renewing of their minds to His Word [*Will*].

....*"Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, [which is] your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect".... Romans 12:1-2 NASB*

November 25th

- * Spiritual truth [*divine revelation*] is "more real" than physical fact!

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

....*"Therefore we do not become discouraged (utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear). Though our outer man is [progressively] decaying and wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day after day. For our light, momentary affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour) is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!], Since we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting".... 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 The Amplified Translation*

November 26th

- * If the children of God are not entirely separated from idols then how will they be able to resist the greatest idol "the Anti-Christ system", which is born through the spirit of anti-Christ?

"idolatry" - the deifying [*worship*] of self and other created things instead of God;

....*"For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry".... Colossians 3:3-5 NASB*

....*"Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry".... 1 Corinthians 10:14 NASB*

....*"Little children, keep yourselves from idols [false gods] - [from anything and everything that would occupy the place in your heart due to God, from any sort of substitute for*

Him that would take first place in your life]".... 1 John 5:21 The Amplified Translation

.... "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God".... 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 KJV

.... "Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour".... 1 John 2:18 NASB

.... "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the [spirit] of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world. You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak [as] from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error".... 1 John 4:1-6 NASB

November 27th

* To follow Jesus demands our whole being. It must be all or not at all.

.... "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind".... Luke 10:27 NASB

.... "and He [Christ] died for all, so that they who live might NO longer live for themselves,

but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf".... 2 Corinthians 5:15 NASB

November 28th

* Man's failure is not due to his weakness, but to his not accepting [*appropriating*] God's Provision and strength.

"appropriate" - to take to or for oneself; take possession of;

...."My grace is sufficient for you, for [My] power is perfected in weakness".... 2 Corinthians 12:9 NASB

...."Love [a true and steadfast faith and trust in God] NEVER fails".... 1 Corinthians 13:8a NASB

November 29th

* The true heart attitude towards the consecrated life is to allow oneself to be constrained by the Love of God and knowing that they have been purchased by the Blood of the Lamb they then set themselves apart from the world and its ways in order to be wholly the Lord's possession.

Love is the basis of true consecration. No one can truly consecrate themselves without a living revelation of God's Love. Once having seen the living God and His Love, consecration will be the inevitable consequence.

...."Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body".... 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NASB

November 30th

- * The fruit of consecration is holiness.

....'For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy'.... Leviticus 11:44 NASB

December 1st

- * Answered prayer is one of the basic privileges or rights of a believer and the aim of their prayer should ALWAYS be its "perfect fulfilment".

...."You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend [it] on your pleasures".... James 4:2-3 NASB

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

December 2nd

- * The point of faith in prayer is when one has been brought to the place where they know in their hearts that God has already heard their prayer. True faith knows that it is "already done".

...."Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be [granted] him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe [based on the finished work of the Cross, the Word of God and the Blood Covenant] that you have [already] received them, and they will be [granted] you".... Mark 11:23-24 NASB

December 3rd

- * The unhealthy Christian life which prevails among God's children today is due mainly to their refusal to rise up early in the morning to fellowship with the Lord *[in the inner chamber]*. Rising early has much to do with our spiritual life and whoever makes and acts on the quality

decision to rise up early to spend time in prayer and the Word of God will surely experience an abundance of God's prosperity.

.... "In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left [the house,] and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there".... Mark 1:35 NASB

.... "Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn [the "inner chamber"]".... Psalms 110:3 NASB

December 4th

* Regardless of how good one's "conduct" is, if they will not confess the Lord Jesus in word, thought and action in every circumstance of their walk, sooner or later they will be lured into conforming to the world and its ways. To insist on good conduct without "confession" *[corresponding words and actions that are aligned with a revelation of the Father's Will]* serves only to provide ground for the believer to seek and do their own will and to fulfil their own selfish desires.

.... "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven".... Matthew 10:32-33 NASB

.... "Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience [righteousness] of Christ [the Messiah, the Anointed One] - [through the "continual affixing" of your thought-life to a revelation of God's Word {Will}] through "proclamation" [speaking out loud the necessary words that perfectly correspond with the Will of the Father]".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 The Amplified Translation

December 5th

* The first effect of our redemption is separation. God never redeemed us with the intention of leaving us in the world to live on as before.

The plot of Satan is to somehow prevent or hinder greatly a thorough and total separation from the world by the children of God. Therefore it is imperative for every Christian to forsake all "natural" attachment and affection for the world and those in it for if we leave but one thing behind in our hearts that one thing will serve only to draw us back from where we came and prevent us from fulfilling God's perfect Will in our lives.

We, as Christians, must come out of the world as a system. To be "separated from the world" means to put aside all dependence upon its systems of operation and replace them with God's system of Kingdom principles which cover every facet of life.

...."Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord, and do not touch what is unclean; And I will welcome you. And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me', says the Lord Almighty. Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God".... 2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1 NASB

...."A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough".... Galatians 5:9 NASB

...."Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever".... 1 John 2:15-17 NASB

December 6th

* It is useless for the Gospel to be preached only from the pulpit. If the whole Church is preaching the uncompromised Gospel [*of the Kingdom*] who can stand against her?

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

December 7th

* What the world has to offer may seem to satisfy for a time but sooner or later thirst will always return. Only the fountain of life which springs up from deep within us can satisfy eternally. It is this deep inner satisfaction which delivers us from the pull of the world and keeps our feet firmly planted in the Kingdom of God.

...."Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life".... John 4:13-14 NASB

December 8th

* Every believer should develop the habit of not saying too much. Never talk out beyond the amount of revealed knowledge that dwells in your heart but rather set yourself as living testimonies among men of what you have experienced in Christ. Against this no one can argue.

...."Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give [impart] grace to those who hear".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB

December 9th

- * A foundation needs to be laid only once, but it must be firmly laid.

...."According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ".... 1 Corinthians 3:10-11 NASB

...."Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment"..... Hebrews 6:1-2 NASB

December 10th

- * Many fail to receive blessings from God because they seek the anointing of the Holy Spirit on an individual basis with no thought or concern for the Body of Christ. Such selfishness in a believer will never bring forth the power of God in their ministry for only those who have humbled themselves before God will be trusted with a continually greater flow of His Power.

The key to operating in God's power is for each one to take their position IN Christ, thus allowing the anointing we have to fulfil our individual ministries to flow forth spontaneously in all that we are called to do.

...."I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much [abundant] fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing [that is profitable for the Church or the Kingdom]".... John 15:5 The Amplified Translation

December 11th

* The aim of prayer is to accomplish the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven in the earth. The motive of many corporate prayers is not that God may hear, but that man may approve. True prayer comes from the desire of the heart, not from the reasoning and imaginations of one's own mind.

...."When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees [what is done] in secret will reward you. "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. "So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. 'Give us this day our daily bread. 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.; For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.'; "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. "But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions".... Matthew 6:5-15 NASB

December 12th

* The fulfilment of the meaning of the Sabbath comes by entering into God's rest. One must first enter God's rest before he can do God's work. For one must first have revealed knowledge of God's plan and the Divine empowerment necessary to accomplish their part in that work before it can be termed a work of God. Many children of God still feel quite capable of handling the affairs of God in the strength of their own unrenewed mind and darkened wisdom and there must be a great repentance in their hearts if they are to fulfil the very purpose that they were created for.

...."So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest], because of their unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God [unbelief had shut them out]".... [Num. 14:1-35]".... Hebrews 3:19 The Amplified Translation

"If because of the sabbath [rest], you turn your foot from doing your OWN pleasure on My holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and honor it, desisting from your OWN ways, from seeking your OWN pleasure and speaking your OWN word, THEN you will take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth [Ephesians 2:6]".... Isaiah 58:13-14a NASB

...."According to the grace (the special endowment for my task) of God bestowed on me, like a skillful architect and master builder I laid [the] foundation, and now another [man] is building upon it. But let each [man] be careful how he builds upon it, For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is [already] laid, which is Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). But if anyone builds upon the Foundation, whether it be with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, The work of each [one] will become [plainly, openly] known (shown for what it is); for the day [of Christ] will disclose and declare it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test and critically appraise the character and worth of the work each person has done. If the work which any person has built on this Foundation [any product of his efforts whatever] survives [this test], he will get his reward. But if any person's work is burned up [under the test], he will suffer the loss [of it all, losing his reward], though he himself will be saved, but only as [one who has passed] through fire [Job 23:10]".... 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 The Amplified Translation

December 13th

* The longer a Christian pursues the things of God diligently and the more they have learned before God the more tender and sensitive their heart and their affections become to both their Lord and those with whom they have to do.

"diligence" - constant and earnest effort to accomplish what is undertaken;

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

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

December 14th

* The "true" Christian life is a series of decisions, a chain of reactions based upon the revealed knowledge of God's Word dwelling in our hearts - which, then, flows forth spontaneously manifesting the life of God in all that is said and done.

...."For in Him [Christ] we live and move and have our being [entire existence]".... Acts 17:28a The Amplified Translation

December 15th

* The highest manifestation of spiritual life is seen in men and women praising God. Praise in its nature is a sacrifice. If our suffering for righteousness' sake was meaningless then it would not be part of the nature of praise. Praise derives its character from suffering - and even in the darkest places light will shine forth as we lift the sacrifice of praise in the face of the Evil One and his schemes.

...."Through Him [Jesus], therefore, let us constantly and at all times offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, which is the fruit of lips that thankfully acknowledge and confess and glorify His name".... Hebrews 13:15 The Amplified Translation

December 16th

* One does not praise based on their feelings or circumstances for they do not praise on their own behalf in any way; they praise solely because God is worthy to be praised, thus they are able to praise God at all times regardless of any outside influences which serve only to diminish their faith. We may change, our environment may alter, our feelings may waver, but God never changes. He is still the God that is worthy to be praised.

In offering the sacrifice of praise, one puts themselves into a triumphant position in Christ. Then it will be that nothing, neither the world nor circumstances nor flesh and blood will cause them to be separated from God, for praise causes one to ascend and join themselves to the One Whom they praise.

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

December 17th

* If anyone truly has a heart to know the Will of God they shall not be deceived but, rather, they shall know it.

....*"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened".... Matthew 7:7-8 NASB*

December 18th

* Our victory in spiritual warfare against Satan and his forces is not due to fighting "flesh and blood" in the natural realm but rather to shout the praises of our God - always assured of our victory in Christ Jesus. For indeed our weapons are not carnal but mighty before God for the pulling down of Satan's strongholds, and praise is the ultimate expression of our faith in the Word of God.

....*"For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons [soulish intellect and reasoning]. For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds, Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience [righteousness] of Christ [the Messiah, the Anointed One] - [through the "continual affixing" of your thought-life to a revelation of God's Word {Will}] through "proclamation" [speaking out loud the necessary words that perfectly correspond with the Will of the Father]".... 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 The Amplified Translation*

December 19th

* When one is used as a vessel of persecution against you it is easy to discern that they are not acting as a Christian should. Let us not stop there, but let us realize that we have been given a perfect opportunity to act as a child of God, and we should turn the other cheek. We must realize that Christians are not to reason. If others are "unreasonably" bad then we must be unreasonably good.

....*"You have heard that it was said, 'AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.'* "But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. "If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. "Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. "Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you. "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.' "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on [the] evil and [the] good, and sends rain on [the] righteous and [the] unrighteous. "For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? "If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing [than others?] Do not even the Gentiles do the same? "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect".... Matthew 5:38-48 NASB

December 20th

* If one cannot say, "not I but Christ" they have no revealed knowledge of what the true Christian life is. It is neither a life of imitating Christ nor a life of having power added to our old nature, rather it is a substitutionary life. It is no longer us, for God will not allow us, in ourselves, to live before Him, but rather it is Christ who lives in us. So it is not a matter of imitating Christ nor receiving the power of Christ, but letting Christ live in us.

....*"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me".... Galatians 2:20 NASB*

December 21st

* The Christian should never for a moment think that following their own will, will make them happy. For the only way to true happiness for the born-again child of God is not in following their own will, but in following the Will of God. Happiness is found only in obedience - NOT self-will.

No matter how difficult the circumstance or trial we are to learn obedience to our Heavenly Father by saying in our heart at every juncture "Lord, not my will, but Your Will be done". As this is done we will clearly see time after time that God's way is perfect and always for our greatest good as His children.

...."Father.... not My will, but Yours be done".... Luke 22:42 NASB

December 22nd

* The Church must learn to walk only in the light *[revelation]* of God's Word. This is an awesome responsibility for if we, as the Body of Christ, act carelessly in the flesh instead of serving and worshipping God in the Spirit and in truth our judgement *[discernment]* will not in any way be dependable. Every child of God must first have subjected *[submitted]* themselves to God's authority, delegated or otherwise *[the Word of God]*, before the manifestation of the "sons and daughters" shall appear in the earth.

...."For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons/daughters of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons/daughters by which we cry out, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with [Him] so that we may also be glorified with [Him.]".... Romans 8:14-17 NASB

"suffering" - The "suffering" that we are called to in this earth is to stand continually against all the things which we have been redeemed from. It is in no way associated with physical sickness or any other manifestation of the law of sin and death, but rather it is to continually release faith

in the Word of God - regardless of the pressure of the circumstances which surround us. As our minds become transformed and renewed to the Word of God, "suffering" [*for righteousness' sake*] shall become the joyful opportunity to further establish God's Kingdom in the earth it was intended to be rather than the sorrowful, painful, concept "religion" has made it to be through unbelief!

December 23rd

* There are many who outwardly seek to know God's Will but inwardly they have no heart to carry that Will to its completion. They seek to look upon the Will of God as a type of knowledge to be stored away unused. They consult with God to know His Will but have only the intention to rely upon their own understanding in carrying it out. They desire to know the proper "method" which will bring the blessing of God apart from them living the life of the Cross - and this is an impossibility.

If the heart of the believer and the so called "method" is in accordance with the revealed Word/Will of God then it is useful, but if the heart of the believer is not right before God then there is no method which will be effective in any way. For the blessing of God can never rest upon the work of those who remain rebellious before Him in their hearts.

...."So everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts upon them [obeying them] will be like a sensible (prudent, practical, wise) man who built his house upon the rock. And the rain fell and the floods came and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock [of revealed knowledge]. And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a stupid [foolish] man who built his house upon the sand. And the rain fell and the floods came and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell - and great and complete was the fall of it".... Matthew 7:24-27 The Amplified Translation

...."So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest], because of their unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God [unbelief had shut them out]".... [Num. 14:1-35]".... Hebrews 3:19 The Amplified Translation

...."If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given

him. Only it must be in faith [trust] that he asks with no wavering [no hesitating, no doubting]. For the one who wavers [hesitates, doubts] is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither and thither and tossed by the wind. For truly, let not such a person imagine that he will receive anything [he asks for] from the Lord, [For being as he is] a man of two minds [hesitating, dubious, irresolute], [he is] unstable and unreliable and uncertain about everything [he thinks, feels, decides]"... James 1:5-8 The Amplified Translation

December 24th

* The child of God should never seek counsel from unbelieving and ungodly men under any circumstance. For who better than Christians should know that there are no solutions for them apart from the Word of God. It is an abomination to God and an affront to Jesus Christ for a believer to seek their answers in the world.

...."How blessed is the man/woman who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his/her delight is in the law [Word] of the LORD, and in His law [Word] he/she meditates day and night. He/She will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he/she does, he/she prospers".... Psalms 1:1-3 NASB

December 25th

* To a consecrated Christian, recreation or relaxation is not a problem. Those who have trouble in this area of "spare time" are those who still retain some desire to gratify their own desires apart from God. For they will always seek those things which take them away from God and towards the world - regardless of whether they realize it or not.

Renewal and refreshing which cause one to more diligently serve God are the principles of godly recreation. One basic rule governing our recreation as Christians is that we must be able to lay it down or put it aside at any time lest it interfere with or hinder the work of God. Many things are permissible for believers but we must never be controlled by any of them.

...."All things are legitimate, but not all things are helpful [expedient, profitable, and wholesome]. All things are legitimate, but not all things are constructive [to character] and

edifying [to spiritual life]. Let no one then seek his own good and advantage and profit, but [rather] each one of the other [let him seek the welfare of his neighbor]".... 1 Corinthians 10:23-24 The Amplified Translation

December 26th

* The words of a man/woman represent their heart and reveal what is there. The actions of a man/woman do not always declare the deepest motivation of their heart but given time their words ALWAYS will.

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

December 27th

* Believers need to know that it is the words they speak which will determine the fruit they bear. One whose heart is holy will speak words of purity and life and they will not utter words of hate. By its fruit the tree is known.

...."Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit".... Matthew 12:33 NASB

December 28th

* The way Christians should handle their finances is totally different from the way of unbelievers. The Christian way is to give [*sow in obedience*], the unbelievers way is to hoard. A believer needs to learn continuously before God to give their money as God directs.

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

December 29th

* To enjoy uninterrupted fellowship with the Heavenly Father we must maintain a clear conscience free of sin. The children of God will not lose their position as His children because of sin, but they will most certainly lose their fellowship with Him and their ability to discern and hear His voice will be greatly impaired.

...."If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness".... 1 John 1:9 NASB

December 30th

* One thing of special importance is that we should never judge others. For that which we speak against and criticize in others will soon be seen by others in us unless repentance on our part is forthcoming.

...."Therefore you have no excuse or defense or justification, O man, whoever you are who judges and condemns another. For in posing as judge and passing sentence on another, you condemn yourself, because you who judge are habitually practicing the very same things [that you censure and denounce]".... Romans 2:1 The Amplified Translation

December 31st

* We should never despise the discipline and reproof of the Lord. If we are chastened by the Lord we need to be very serious about it, for whenever the Lord permits "special circumstances" He has His purpose behind it. He desires to use them to edify us and perfect us in His holiness.

...."You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom [his] father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate

children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He [disciplines us] for [our] good, so that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that [the limb] which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed".... Hebrews 12:4-13 NASB