

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

VOLUME 3

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

* Crisis reveals and absolute crisis reveals absolutely!

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

JANUARY 2ND

* We are in an hour of revelation and of light, things which have all along been concealed, cloaked and gilded over are now being revealed in all their stark proportions. In this age of revelation, as the turmoil, consternation and dismay of the world break forth all these foolish things will slip away. The collisions between light and darkness, between the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of this present world are going to be nakedly revealed.

There is not going to be any "neutral ground" to stand on, but only two positions: those who are in God, walking in His way and reflecting His holiness, and those who have taken the lesser path. We shall not be able to conceal things with "labels" in that day. We shall be conspicuous as the children of God. Believing is not going to be a matter of dropping a dollar in the collection plate or attending a function, it is going to be a commitment unto death.

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

...."Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it".... Matthew 7:13-14 NASB

*...."Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard [it,] and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name. 'They will be Mine,' says the LORD of hosts, 'on the day that I prepare [My] own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.' **So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who***

serves God and one who does not serve Him. For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze,' says the LORD of hosts, 'so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.' But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. You will tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing, says the LORD of hosts".... Malachi 3:16-4:3 NASB

JANUARY 3RD

- * "Idolatry" makes people vulnerable to forces which do not come from God.

"idolatry" - excessive or blind adoration - rooted in the worship of people and things *[ideals]* above God;

...."Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry".... 1 Corinthians 10:14 NASB

JANUARY 4TH

- * The fear *[reverence]* of God is superior to all profane *[worldly]* wisdom.

...."The fear [reverence] of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments".... Psalms 111:10 NASB

...."But [only] with [God] are [perfect] wisdom and might; He [alone] has [true] counsel and understanding".... Job 12:13 The Amplified Translation

JANUARY 5TH

- * If there is any conspicuous absence within the community of believers, it is an absence of the awesome fear of God. We do not live in the continual conscious affirmation of being in His Holy Presence. Our mouths are too glib, our amens and hallelujahs are too easy and we walk too shallowly and cavalierly because we have not the sense of His pervading holiness.

"prepare" - to put in proper condition, order or readiness;

...."prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of 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 1:13-16 NASB

JANUARY 6TH

* The more the soul has received of the vision and the fellowship and the power of the Holy One, the deeper the sense of utter nothingness and absolute dependence. But then, also, the deeper the confidence in the truth and the power of Him who is seen, the greater the courage for His work. True faith and deep humility are inseparable because faith is becoming nothing to let God be all in all.

...."[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

JANUARY 7TH

* The "Body" means that ministry is not the privilege of the few but is the responsibility of every part. All local churches should be devoted to the ideal of "every-member" ministry. The "Body" owes its life and direction to the Head, which governs every movement and shows Himself in every gesture.

....*"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*

JANUARY 8TH

* The "spiritual man" is the one distinguished above their fellow man as one in whom the Spirit rules. And the filling of the spirit does not only mean the Spirit of God ruling the carnal, or the soulish man, but the regenerate spirit made stronger than soul and body, so that it rules over both as it is indwelt and strengthened by the Spirit of God [*strengthened with might in the inner man*].

....*"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*

JANUARY 9TH

* The "spiritual" man/woman is one who "walks after the Spirit and "minds" the spirit - the

spirit being thus so in co-working with the Holy Spirit, that the life-giving spirit of the "second" Adam is able freely and fully to animate the faculties of the soul; ie. mind, imagination, reason, judgement - quicken the members of the body and manifest through them His fullest and highest Will.

...."But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you".... Romans 8:11 KJV

JANUARY 10TH

* The joining or union with Christ in the Spirit is the purpose and outcome of the work of the Cross. This union with the risen and ascended Lord can be only in spirit, and experientially realized as the spirit of the believer is separated from the "enwrapping" of the soul. The "spiritual" man therefore, is one in whom, through the dividing of soul and spirit by the Word of God, has been freed from the "entanglement" of the soul, raised out of its embrace, and joined to the Lord in union of essence - spirit with Spirit- one spirit - so that the soul and body may serve as vehicles for the expression of the will, and life, and love of the Lord Himself through the believer.

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

JANUARY 11TH

* The "Fatherhood" of God is not just a credo or a pious sounding doctrine and we cannot know it by merely living a well-meaning moderate "religious" Christian life in which mindless habitual rituals usurp the place of true worship. There is no "easy" human method which can bring us to this knowledge which comes only by the presence of the Holy One of Israel. It is only His presence, His reality that can break your heart and bring you in tears on your face before Him.

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

JANUARY 12TH

* A Christian is to live entirely by faith.

....*"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".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 The Amplified Translation*

....*"the righteous will live by his faith".... Habakkuk 2:4 NASB*

JANUARY 13TH

* Spiritual character is not built by taking the "easy" road.

....*"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 14TH

* The angels take man's word as being man's will!

....*"Are not the angels all ministering spirits [servants] sent out in the service [of God for the assistance] of those who are to inherit salvation?".... Hebrews 1:14 The Amplified Translation*

JANUARY 15TH

* True liberty and harmony come when we are doing what we were created for...freedom does not depend on circumstance, but on an attitude...love needs to be renewed and it is the love of God Himself that drives the believer, whose heart is willing, to carry out the will of God to its conclusion.

...."Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord [Who is the Spirit of Love] 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

JANUARY 16TH

* Giving is the thermometer of love. Giving purges the soul from the constricting grip of materialism...faith and giving are inter-locked, one cannot exist without the other.

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

JANUARY 17TH

* "The law of Light" *[revelation]*: The measure of "openness" determines the amount of illumination. This openness must come from a consecration which is unconditional and without reservation. If one's consecration to God is perfect and absolute, their attitude towards God will naturally be unreserved and nowhere in them are they closed to God. All darkness comes from "closure" *[the closing of ones' heart]* and all closure comes from a lack of consecration *[separation from the world and sin unto the Father and His Word]*.

...."let us cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates and defiles body and spirit, and bring [our] consecration to completeness in the [reverential] fear of God".... 2 Corinthians 7:1 The Amplified Translation

JANUARY 18TH

* "Willing to do the Will of "God" is the result of the persistent working of the Holy Spirit in us... all God's dealings are purposeful...whenever and wherever we fail to "see", it is due to some defect in our consecration, irrespective of how much we believe ourselves to be consecrated and obedient... The failure to understand God's Word is not a small matter, it reveals a defect in one's consecration.

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

....*"If any man desires to do His will [God's pleasure], he will know [understand] [have the needed illumination to recognize, and can tell for himself]"....* John 7:17a *The Amplified Translation*

JANUARY 19TH

* Satan's desire is to isolate individuals unto themselves with the intent being to destroy them. God's desire is for us to be separated from the world unto Him that He might give us His life in abundance.

....*"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*

JANUARY 20TH

* The full meaning of living by faith is to count the unseen things of God's Word surer and clearer than the things which are "seen". The life of trust in God needs a life of undivided simple childlike surrender. Be wholly His and He will prove Himself wholly yours.

....*"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*

JANUARY 21ST

* True Christian leaders will warn against any "theology" of resurrection power which does not embrace an equal measure of the way of the Cross.

...."Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, 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".... Romans 6:8-14 NASB

JANUARY 22ND

* Were Christians to have "mammon" fully dealt with, the number of those obeying God would be greatly increased.

...."No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stand by and be devoted to the one and despise and be against the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [deceitful riches, money, possessions, or whatever is trusted in {above God;}]".... Matthew 6:24 The Amplified Translation

JANUARY 23RD

* It is in the places of greatest "extremity" that we truly discover that our own power, knowledge and ability are not enough.

....."I have learned how to be content [satisfied to the point where I am not disturbed or disquieted] in whatever state I am. I know how to be abased and live humbly in straitened circumstances, and I know also how to enjoy plenty and live in abundance. I have learned in any

*and all circumstances the secret of facing every situation, whether well-fed or going hungry, having a sufficiency and enough to spare or going without and being in want. 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 4:11-13 The Amplified Translation*

JANUARY 24TH

* By grumbling and complaining [*constantly*], you call your angel from his assignment. You have provoked him and you will have what you say!

"complain" - to express "feelings" of dissatisfaction; resentment; grumble; to describe one's pains or ills; to make a formal accusation [*against God through unbelief*];

...."Do all things without grumbling and faultfinding and complaining [against God] and questioning and doubting [among yourselves]".... Philippians 2:14 The Amplified Translation

...."Are not the angels all ministering spirits [servants] sent out in the service [of God for the assistance] of those who are to inherit salvation?".... Hebrews 1:14 The Amplified Translation

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

JANUARY 25TH

* The measure of our obedience before God determines the amount of light we are able to receive. If we obey God persistently, we shall "see" continuously that with "right" attitude [*willing to do God's Will at all times*] comes revelation; with obedience to that revelation comes more right attitude and further revelation.

"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];

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

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

JANUARY 26TH

* The dividing of soul and spirit in the believer is the condition of reaching the stage called "spiritual", or of "full growth", and it is the spiritual man who is bidden to restore a brother overtaken in any trespass, for they alone can exercise the heavenly wisdom required for faithfulness in dealing with sin from the standpoint of God, while loving tenderly the erring brother.

*...."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*

...."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

JANUARY 27TH

* The "spiritual" man/woman is one whose affections of the soul are fully possessed by the love of God, that is, the vessel of the soul is perfectly filled with Divine love, so that up to its measure and capacity it is complete with the love of God, and so filled that fear has NO place.

.... "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

.... "For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, **combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words**. But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ [and do hold the **thoughts** {feelings and purposes} of His heart {Amplified}]".... 1 Corinthians 2:11-16 NASB

JANUARY 28TH

* The "spirit of the world" will come to us more and more during these end times and continually seek to offer to us whatever might have the greatest potential to shift our eyes from God's purpose to soulish desires. The result of our saying yes is the same in every case: the forfeiture of our usefulness as an instrument for His revelation at the end of the age. Joseph's loving obedience to the Lord and his resistance to temptation resulted in God having a man through whom He could minister life to all nations in a time of great want. God is calling His people to simple obedience and a trusting walk with Him by the Holy Spirit. We need not receive any immediate explanations or forecasts of consequences at the moment God points our direction, and in His great faithfulness says to us, "this is the way, walk in it".

.... "Your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left".... Isaiah 30:21 NASB

JANUARY 29TH

* At the "Cross" human flesh [*nature*] meets with the utter defeat of every one of its selfish goals.

....*"For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh".... Romans 7:18a
The Amplified Translation*

....*"It is the Spirit Who gives life [He is the Life-giver]; the flesh conveys no benefit
whatever [there is no profit in it]".... John 6:63 The Amplified Translation*

JANUARY 30TH

**"As the Lord, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither
dew nor rain these years, except by my word".... 1 Kings 17:1*

This verse is like the blowing of a trumpet. It is the presentation of an unheard of man into the stage of history in a perfect moment in the timing of God. Let it be clearly understood that the spiritual mountain peak on which this prophet stood could have been only preceded by the "pit" of God's dealing. For men like Joseph and Elijah, submitted in their heart to the will of God. Each "pit", is a school of the Spirit, where, progressively and gradually, every confidence in the "flesh" is exposed and cut away. Before the Lord brings His "chosen" ones before the Pharaohs and the Ahabs of the world there must always be a period of crucial preparation in obscurity.

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

JANUARY 31ST

* God is looking for people who are "dreamers" and "visionaries", who have eyes to see the world being increasingly steeped in darkness; whose eyes cry out for the Shechinah glory of God to break forth upon the earth and who are willing to be the vessels of that light at any cost. "Sober-minded", these ones will be rich in their understanding of God by the Spirit, strongly walking in the fulness of that Spirit and willing to submit to the dealing of His hand, thus

attaining to that level of maturity through which God can speak and act.

...."Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 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. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising".... Isaiah 60:1-3 NASB

FEBRUARY 1ST

* There is no such thing as spiritual neutrality. We receive our "resources" from either God or Satan. If we, as the people of God, shall choose Him freshly each day, even the "Pharaohs" of this world will say, "Can we find such one as this in whom the Spirit of God is?" Such a one is far more than religious; this is one who has separated themselves from the spirit of this world and they offer themselves continually and fully to the Spirit of God. We who have made this choice will be sneered at and called fanatical, and accusations will be levelled against us. This choice will bring us to places that we never expected to find ourselves in, but when it shall please God at the end of the ages, He shall bring us forth as One Man, a corporate Joseph [*Jesus*] to give answers to a world that has none.

...."And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?".... Genesis 41:38 NASB

FEBRUARY 2ND

* The true servant of God has the power dwelling in them to "influence" those they come in contact with.

Personal holiness [*consecration*] is the indispensable condition for educating a holy child. Nothing but a life in the holiness of God, a life entirely under the leading of the Spirit of holiness, can fit us for watching over and training the children God has given us.

...."For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. Therefore I exhort you, be

imitators of me".... 1 Corinthians 4:15-16 NASB

FEBRUARY 3RD

* The "walking in light" [1 John 1:7] can only be by one living in the sphere of the God-consciousness; where God dwells in their spirit. Any descent into the realm of the soul may be likened to the "spirit" sinking into an "opaque" vessel, which brings a cloud or a film over it and obscures the light. The believer abiding in God, who is light, abides and walks in light, and in that light finds "fellowship" with God and with others who dwell in the light [in Christ], while the Blood of Jesus goes on cleansing continuously from all unknown sin, which may "unconsciously" touch the abiding one by any intrusion of the "soul-life" or from contact with sin in the world around them.

....*"This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and [yet] walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; 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 1:5-7 NASB*

FEBRUARY 4TH

* The value of a word rests not on the word itself, but on the thought [motivation] which it expresses.

....*"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness [to be found righteously motivated in all things as He is righteously motivated in all things]".... Matthew 6:33 NASB*

FEBRUARY 5TH

* God's ordained ways of provision for His people shall never be confined to the world's idea of "how it is done". Our provision does not come from God's people; it comes through them, from above. God is preparing us now for total dependence on Him, and is "weaning" us from every kind of thing in which we have a "false" security.

.... *"Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever".... 1 John 2:15-17 NASB*

FEBRUARY 6TH

* The words of your mouth are the seeds that determine whether or not what you have is from Heaven or Hell.

.... *"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*

FEBRUARY 7TH

* How did Elijah know that he was hearing the voice of the Lord? He knew in the only way that any of us can; He was familiar with the accents, the tone, the character of his God. That familiarity and knowledge is not born in a day, but is the result of repeated hearings and repeated acts of obedience. There is nothing more necessary for the people of God in this generation than the appropriation of that "familiarity" with God and His voice which comes as a consequence of walking with Him moment by moment, day by day, year after year.

.... *"The word of the LORD came to him, saying, "Go away from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. "It shall be that you will drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there." So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and lived by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan".... 1 Kings 17:2-5 NASB*

FEBRUARY 8TH

* The "spiritual" man, who lives under the rule of the Holy Spirit, day by day, will have an increasing revelation and experience of the coming redemption of the body for as they walk in

the Spirit, their body shares in the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit. The power of the reality of this "quickenning of the mortal body" by the Holy Spirit, can be known only as far as the "old" nature is continuously "lost" by the power of the Cross [*Matthew 16:24-26*], for the mortal body can only be quickened by the Holy Spirit when the life-giving Spirit is "free" to energize soul and body.

...."But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you".... Romans 8:11 KJV

FEBRUARY 9TH

* Without spiritual heart surgery by the hand of God, there can be no life of sustained "yieldedness" to the Lord's bidding. Cutting away is never painless but when the Lord holds the scalpel the motive is clear, and the victory is sure.

...."The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. "Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live".... Deuteronomy 30:5-6 NASB

FEBRUARY 10TH

* Order is Heaven's first law [*principle*].....Submission to "law" and true authority is the secret of happiness.

...."Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you".... Hebrews 13:17 NASB

FEBRUARY 11TH

* It is only "total" submission to the Word of God which will enable one to speak the truth in love at all times.

....*"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*

FEBRUARY 12TH

* The more delicate and sensitive we are within, the more and clearer the impressions we receive; if a person's heart and spirit are open to God their "sensitivity" will be developed to such a high degree, that whenever the Holy Spirit lays an impression upon their heart that impression will be sharp and clear and deep, moment to moment. For God's Word to leave within us an indelible impression, we must be inwardly "meek" [*yielding, submissive*] and exceedingly sensitive.

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

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

FEBRUARY 13TH

* "Fervent effectual prayer" transcends all time and space.

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

FEBRUARY 14TH

* The essence of true obedience is to be "watchful", holding fast to God's Word at all times.

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

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

FEBRUARY 15TH

* No one with eyes "fixed" on the world can see the Truth.

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

FEBRUARY 16TH

* Refusal to believe, becomes, in a short time, "active" opposition *[to the Will/Word of God]*.

...."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

FEBRUARY 17TH

* We shall not be applauded for our faithfulness to God but shall receive from the "world" the same reward given Joseph, Elijah and our Lord Himself: reproach and false accusation.

...."I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world".... John 17:14 NASB

FEBRUARY 18TH

* There is no habit a parent *[spiritual or otherwise]* can cultivate in a child of deeper importance than that of a trustful acceptance of "all" that God has said.

....*"Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it".... Proverbs 22:6 NASB*

FEBRUARY 19TH

* What is faith? Believing [*trusting*] in what the Lord has said.

....*"So faith [comes] from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ [the Anointed One and His Anointing]".... Romans 10:17 NASB*

FEBRUARY 20TH

* To call upon the Name of the Lord is more than saying "in the Name of Jesus" as some kind of magical incantation, more than mimicking the right words, we must be those who know our God. We cannot rely on an "easy formula". Meaningfully calling upon God's Name is an intimately personal expression of a relationship that is longstanding and deep, in an act occasioned by God, in keeping with His character and way.

....*"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father".... Philippians 2:5-11 NASB*

FEBRUARY 21ST

* The same Spirit who enabled Elijah to stand with boldness before Ahab shall sustain men and women in the face of fierce reproach and persecution at the end of the age. We need never be on the defensive. God shall sometimes require us to be silent, and He shall at times, bid us to speak but always He will keep us firmly planted in the safety of His unconquerable truth.

.... *"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*

FEBRUARY 22ND

* The spontaneous, creative workings of the Holy Spirit are free of the preconceived notions we have developed in the light of our past experience. God is doing a "new" thing in the earth and will not be bound by human conventions.

.... *"Do not [earnestly] remember the former things; neither consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive and know it and will you not give heed to it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert".... Isaiah 43:18-19 The Amplified Translation*

FEBRUARY 23RD

* Our prayer for the "mighty" working of the Holy Spirit, through us and around us, can only be powerfully answered as His indwelling in every believer is more clearly acknowledged and lived out. For only the one who is faithful in the "lesser" will receive the "greater".

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

FEBRUARY 24TH

* The concentrating of the "mind" in prayer on something that one wants is fraught with evil. Let us remember that true spirit-born prayer has its origin in the Spirit and that it is not the mind concentrating upon something the person desires under the cover of "prayer".

.... *"[I, Paul] do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of*

wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come".... Ephesians 1:16-21 NASB

FEBRUARY 25TH

* One of the first functions of the prophet is to restore the altar that is fallen, to re-establish the purity and the holiness of God's house. The emphasis to the Holy Spirit on this particular ministry shall increase as we approach this world's final hour. God's "altars" need to be restored and this work needs to start with the invisible altars in our hearts. People must be brought back to the knowledge that God is Holy!

...."Believe [trust]in the Lord your God and you shall be established; believe [trust in]and remain steadfast to [the words of] His prophets and you shall prosper".... 2 Chronicles 20:20b The Amplified Translation

...."prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of 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 1:13-16 NASB

FEBRUARY 26TH

* The "fulness" of the indwelling Holy Spirit of God is received and possessed only as far as the faith of the believer reaches.

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

FEBRUARY 27TH

- * The "problem" lies in whether we believe [*trust*], not in whether God is "able".

....*"And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief".... Mark 9:21-24 NASB*

FEBRUARY 28TH

- * It is within we must look for the fulfilment of the New Covenant, a covenant not of ordinances, but of Life. In the power of that endless life the law and fear of God are to be given in our heart; the "Spirit of Christ" Himself is to be within us as the power of our life.

....*"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them".... Hebrews 10:16 NASB*

FEBRUARY 29TH

- * Are you willing to be dead, and hid with God in Christ until His "glory" shall be revealed? There is no "itch" stronger than the one that many have: they long to do, to be seen, to perform, to be rewarded, to be "acknowledged". To each one who is impatient to be recognized God would counsel:

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

....*"I [Jesus] am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power [revelation] from on high".... Luke 24:49 NASB*

MARCH 1ST

* All who desire to "attract" human attention are anxious to set "their" works before men.

.... *"He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him".... John 7:18 NASB*

MARCH 2ND

* The "baptism" of the Holy Spirit is the crown and glory of Jesus' work; we need it and must know that we have it if we are to live the true Christian life. It is something more than the working of the Holy Spirit in "regeneration". It is the personal Spirit of Christ making Himself present within us, always abiding in the heart, in the power of His glorified nature, as He is exalted above every enemy. It is the endowment with power to fill us with boldness in the presence of every danger and give the victory over the world and every enemy. It is only the fellowship of Jesus in faithful attachment and obedience to Him that the fulness of the indwelling Spirit of God can be received, maintained and renewed.

.... *"Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now".... Acts 1:4-5 NASB*

MARCH 3RD

* God's answer is always worth waiting for. Whenever we impatiently attempt to fulfil the intentions of God by fleshly means we always wind up with an "unblessed" end. Our "fleshly enthusiasm" shall never be enough to bring a world to "contrition" before God. If we wait upon the Lord He shall prepare us to be men and women who can invoke His holy fire. Our premature, "nervous" activity will never be of any avail and will only wear us down.

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

.... *"It is the Spirit who gives life; **the flesh profits nothing**; the words that I have spoken*

to you are spirit and are life"..... John 6:63 NASB

MARCH 4TH

* True worship is man's highest destiny, because in it God is all. There is a fleshly wisdom and a spiritual wisdom. There is a service to God, trusting in the flesh and glorying in the flesh, and a service to God, by the Spirit. There is a fleshly mind and a spiritual mind. There is a will of the flesh and a will which is of God working by His Spirit. There is a worship which is a satisfying of the flesh, because it is in the power of what flesh can do and a worship of God which is in the Spirit. It is this worship Jesus came to make possible and to realize in us, by giving us a new spirit in our "inmost" part and then within that, God's Holy Spirit.

....*"But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth".... John 4:23-24 NASB*

MARCH 5TH

* What is the discipline of the Holy Spirit? It is God's Spirit arranging "all" our environments, by which He works until our entire being comes to the place of one accord with the will and purpose of God at any given time.

....*"Now may the God Who gives the power of patient endurance [steadfastness] and Who supplies encouragement, grant you to live in such mutual harmony and such full sympathy with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, That together you may [unanimously] with united hearts and one voice, praise and glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ [the Messiah] ".... Romans 15:5-6 The Amplified Translation*

MARCH 6TH

* In "studying" the Bible we are not merely reading its words or simply understanding their meanings; we are engaged in an activity which requires that we be brought by the Lord to where our spirit is wholly merged with the "Spirit" of the Word.

.... "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you".... John 14:26 NASB

.... "But when He, the Spirit of Truth [the Truth-giving Spirit] comes, He will guide you into all the Truth [the whole, full Truth]. For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future]".... John 16:13 The Amplified Translation

MARCH 7TH

* Before we can hope to invoke the kind of fire from heaven that shall turn the hearts of men and women back to the Lord, a "preliminary" blade must occur within our individual lives. Every "fleshly" quality of God's people must be cut and laid bare at the "altar": our pride, fear, ambition, selfishness, lust, all of it must be offered as a sacrifice wet with tears and ready for the burning.

.... "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

MARCH 8TH

* There is a great difference between the appropriation of a blessing by faith and the actual experience [*physical manifestation*] of it. It is because many children of God do not understand this that they often become discouraged, when they do not at once experience the "feeling" and the enjoyment of what is promised them.

.... "And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God [lit. "have the God-kind of 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 that you have received them, and they will be [granted] you".... Mark 11:22-24 NASB

...."for we walk by faith [revelation], not by sight [feelings - or lack thereof]".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB

MARCH 9TH

* True worshippers worship the Father in spirit and in truth. All worshippers are not true worshippers. The mind may be intensely occupied, the feelings may be deeply moved, the will may be strongly aroused while yet there is but little of the spiritual worship which stands in the truth of God. There may be a great attachment to Bible truth and yet through the predominating activity of that which comes not from God's working but from man's effort, it is not the Christ-given, Spirit-breathed worship which God seeks. There must be accordance, harmony and unity between God, who is a spirit, and the worshippers drawing near in the Spirit. The Father seeks such as these to worship Him.

...."But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth".... John 4:23-24 NASB

MARCH 10TH

* Faith acts as possessing that which it does not feel; it knows how, in the Spirit, to take possession of that which only later on will be fully realized in the soul and in the body.

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

MARCH 11TH

* It is the inner nature of "self-sacrifice", the bearing of the Cross willingly, which bestowed on the "Cross" its power. The power to remove guilt and deliver from the curse did not merely lie in the fact that Jesus Christ endured so much pain and suffering of death, but that He endured it all in willing obedience to the Father for the maintenance and glorification of His righteousness.

...."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 2:5-9 NASB

MARCH 12TH

* Just as the Blood of Christ could not have been shed apart from the sacrifice of "self" on the cross, so it [*the Blood*] cannot be received or experienced fully apart from a similar sacrifice of self. There is no entrance into the full life of God, except through "self-denial".

...."Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it'..... Matthew 16:24-25 NASB

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

MARCH 13TH

* There can be no thought of a true repentance or much spiritual growth without an "entire" turning back to a life of decided dependence, humility and submission to God.

...."repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord".... Acts 3:19 NASB

MARCH 14TH

* The Word of God is to be preached at all times in the power of "resurrection" and the authority of "ascension".

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

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

MARCH 15TH

* To stand before the living God means being closed in with Him while being separated from the "world". Yet, this is only part of the implication, the easier part; the more fearful and demanding aspect entails separation not only from the world, but sometimes even our own brethren in the faith. Many have graduated from "worrying" what the world says about them; have they however come to a place of such maturity in the faith that they can live with the scorn of their brothers?

This is not an easy place to come to! The one who can stand before the "King Ahabs" of this world must be one who stands before God continually. They must ultimately be indifferent to the "opinions" of both the world and those who call themselves by the Lord's Name. There is required of every child of God a "singleness" of spirit and a "tenacious" cleaving and fidelity to the Lord, even when a situation might arise where it is seemingly impossible to give those closest to you an acceptable explanation.

...."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

MARCH 16TH

* What parents are, avails more than what they say....When parents give way to impulse and temper [*the flesh*] the effect of the "good advice" they mean to give is more than neutralized by the evil influence of the spirit displayed...If parents honestly "watch" themselves they will discover the causes to their children's failings, in themselves...The parent who in all things seeks to do the will of God, will find in the witness of such a life, a mighty power to form obedience in the child. When, on the contrary, the seeking of our own will marks our relationship with our children, we need not wonder why our "education" is a failure.

....*"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord".... Ephesians 6:4 NASB*

MARCH 17TH

* Everything is of the Father, everything is in the Son, everything is through the Holy Spirit.

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

....*"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever.... In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.... John 14:16, 20 NASB*

MARCH 18TH

* Jesus fills us with a "kingly" nature; He enables us to rule over sin, over the world, over men. In the midst of all circumstances and difficulties, of all opposition of cruelty, the Christian who yields himself to be made king by Christ lives in the joyous certainty that he is one with Him who has won the victory, and that in Him he is more than a conqueror.

....*"But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory [making us conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be firm (steadfast), immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord [always being superior, excelling, doing more than enough in the service of the Lord], knowing and being continually aware that your labor in the Lord is not futile [it is never wasted or to no purpose]".... 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 The Amplified Translation*

MARCH 19TH

* Both the wrath of God which punishes sin and the love of God that redeems the sinner, spring from the same source - His holiness...Holiness in man is a disposition in entire agreement with that of God; which chooses in "all" things to will as God wills. Holiness in us is nothing else than oneness with God.

"prepare" - to put in proper condition, order or readiness;

....*"prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of 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 1:13-16 NASB*

MARCH 20TH

* Those who belong to God "must" live in nearness to Him.

...*"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you".... James 4:8 NASB*

MARCH 21ST

* The precious Blood of Christ has opened the way for the believer into God's presence and intimate fellowship with Him is a deep spiritual reality. The one who knows the full power of the Blood is brought so near that they can always live in the immediate presence of God, and in the enjoyment of unspeakable blessings attached to it.

There, the child of God has the assurance of God's love; they experience and enjoy it. God Himself imparts it. They live daily in the friendship and fellowship of God. As God's child they make known to the Father with perfect freedom, their thoughts and wishes. In this constant communion with God they possess all that they need; they lack no "good thing". Their soul is kept in perfect rest and peace, because God is with them. They receive all required direction and teaching. God's eye is ever upon them, guiding them.

In close fellowship with God, they are able to hear the softest whispers of the Holy Spirit. They learn to understand the slightest sign of their Father's Will and to follow it. Their strength continually increases, for God is their strength and is ever with them. Fellowship with God exercises a wonderful influence on their life and character. The presence of God fills them with humility and fear, and a holy circumspection. They live as in the presence of a king. Fellowship with God produces in them God-like dispositions. Beholding the image of God, they are changed into the same image. Dwelling with the Holy One makes them holy.

...."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

MARCH 22ND

* The life of a believer who truly enjoys drawing near to God through the Blood, is a life of unceasing prayer. In a deep sense of dependence for each moment, for each step, grace is sought for and expected. In the blessed conviction of God's nearness and unchanging goodness, the soul pours itself out in the confident assurance of faith that every promise will be fulfilled. In the midst of the joy which the light of God's face bestows, there arises at the same time, along with prayer, thanksgiving and adoration.

...."Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in

hope of the glory of God".... Romans 5:1-2 KJV

MARCH 23RD

* The believer who desires to share in the victory over Satan through the Blood of the Lamb must be a fighter. They must take pains to understand the "nature" of their enemy. They must allow themselves to be taught by the Spirit through the Word what the secret cunning of Satan is, that which is called in scripture "the depths [*deep things*] of Satan" [*Revelation 2:24*], by which, he so often blinds and deceives men. They must know that this strife is not against flesh and blood, but "against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places". They must devote themselves, in every way, and at all costs, to carry on the war until the task is completed and the enemy routed. Then only will they be able to join in the song of victory!

....*"For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere. Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place]. Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity and of moral rectitude and right standing with God, And having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace. [Isa. 52:7.] Lift up over all the [covering] shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one]. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit wields, which is the Word of God. Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).".... Ephesians 6:12-18 The Amplified Translation*

MARCH 24TH

* The Blood makes possible the practice of fellowship with God. The full blessing of the

power of the Blood, in its highest effect, is full abiding union with Jesus.

...."This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; 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 1:5-7 NASB

MARCH 25TH

* Those who, by faith, give themselves up to experience, to the full, what the "Blood" is able to do, will soon find an entrance into a life of happy singing of praise and love, that heaven itself alone can surpass.

...."we have full freedom and confidence to enter into the [Holy of] Holies [by the power and virtue] in the blood of Jesus".... Hebrews 10:19 The Amplified Translation

...."And, beloved, if our consciences (our hearts) do not accuse us [if they do not make us feel guilty and condemn us], we have confidence (complete assurance and boldness) before God, And we receive from Him whatever we ask, because we [watchfully] obey His orders [observe His suggestions and injunctions, follow His plan for us] and [habitually] practice what is pleasing to Him".... 1 John 3:21-22 The Amplified Translation

MARCH 26TH

* The one thing needful for the Church, and the thing which above all others men ought everywhere to seek for with one accord, and with their whole heart, is to be filled with the Spirit of God. It is the Will of God that everyone of His children should live entirely and unceasingly under the control of the Holy Spirit.

...."Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts".... Zechariah 4:6 NASB

MARCH 27TH

* The supreme need of the Christian life is to receive the Holy Spirit, and when we have it, to be conscious of that fact and live in harmony with Him through a perfect obedience.

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

...."If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?".... Luke 11:13 NASB

MARCH 28TH

* The two worlds betwixt which we stand are in such direct conflict with one another, and the "world" in which we "physically" live attempts to exercise such a mighty influence over us, that it is often necessary for us, even by external and visible sacrifice, to withdraw from it.

The Lord has left us no "outward" directions as to how much of the world we are to abandon or in what manner. But by His whole Word He teaches us that without sacrifice, without a deliberate separation from the world and forsaking of it, we shall never make much spiritual progress. The "spirit of this world" has been able to penetrate so deeply into the many that they do not observe it and thus are deceived, seeking only to share in its desire for comfort and enjoyment, for self-pleasing and self-exaltation, without knowing how impossible these things make it for them to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

We must be entirely separate from the children of this world or from "worldly" Christians. We must be ready and eager to live as entirely different men and women, who literally represent heaven upon earth.

...."Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is

passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever".... 1 John 2:15-17 NASB

MARCH 29TH

* When the preaching of the Cross is given only in the words of human wisdom, then the "faith" of the hearers will be in the wisdom of men. When the preaching of the Cross is in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, the faith of the people will be in the power 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 2:2-5 NASB

MARCH 30TH

* The spirit of this world, which attempts to nourish a "devotion" to the visible, is in irreconcilable antagonism with the "Spirit of Jesus" in heaven, where God and His Will are everything... The "world" has rejected the Lord Jesus; and, regardless to what extent it may now "use" the Name of Christ, the world at heart is still the same foe.

...."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

...."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

MARCH 31ST

* As long as people have the benefit of "anointed" preaching, and receive it, they shall continue to stand; whenever they do not, for whatever reason, they shall begin to "backslide" [*fall back*].

.... "So faith [comes] from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ [the Anointed One and His Anointing]" Romans 10:17 NASB

.... "blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it"..... Luke 11:28 NASB

APRIL 1ST

* Why should a Christian be called upon always to deny themselves, their own feelings and will and pleasure? Why should one both hate and lose their life? The answer is very simple. It is because that life [*psuche*] is so completely under the power of sin and death that it has to be utterly denied and sacrificed. The "self-life" must be wholly taken away to make room for the life [*Zoe*] of God. All those who would have the full and overflowing life of God, must utterly deny and lose their "own" life.

.... "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it'..... Matthew 16:24-25 NASB

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

APRIL 2ND

* So long as the Christian imagines that in some things [*for example, in their eating and drinking, in the spending of their time or money, in their thinking and speaking about others*] - they have still the right and liberty to follow their "own" desires, to please themselves, to maintain their own life, they cannot possibly attain to the full blessing of Pentecost.

The humility that is prepared to be nothing, the patience that will wait for God and His time, the submission that will yield itself wholly that God may do what seems good to Him, is all that one can do to show that they are ready to lose their life.

....*"for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit".... Romans 14:17 NASB*

APRIL 3RD

* All the members of a body, even to the very least, must be healthy before the body as a whole can be healthy. The indwelling fulness of the Holy Spirit in individual believers is what will cause the entire "healthfulness" of the Body of Christ.

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

APRIL 4TH

* To get possession of the "pearl of great price" the merchant had to sell all that he had. The full blessing of the Holy Spirit is to be obtained and experienced at no smaller price. He that

would have it must sell all, must forsake all: sin to its smallest item the love of the world in its most innocent forms, self-will in its simplest and most natural expressions, every faculty of our nature, every moment of our life ever pleasure that feeds our self-complacency every exercise of our body, soul and spirit - all must be surrendered to the power of the Spirit of God.

....*"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it".... Matthew 13:44-46 NASB*

....*"You must 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 yourself".... Luke 10:27 The Amplified Translation*

APRIL 5TH

* Our right place and our proper attitude must always be that of the deepest dependence upon God and His Word, a sinking down in our own nothingness and impotence to let God be God in us and through us.

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

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

APRIL 6TH

* Just as the Lord Jesus after He was baptized with the Holy Spirit had to be "perfected" by obedience and submission to the leading of the Spirit, so the Christian who has received the Holy Spirit in His fulness has to see to it that they guard safely the "deposit" that has been entrusted to them.

....*"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*

APRIL 7TH

* Apart from "perfect" obedience the full blessing of Pentecost can neither come nor abide. It is the exercise of this obedience that gives to the soul a wonderful firmness and confidence and power to trust God and expect all from Him. A strong will is necessary for a strong faith and it is in obedience that the will is strengthened to trust God to the uttermost.

....*"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 8TH

* Every child of God must lay to heart the unhappy condition of the "enfeebled" church in our days, yet not in the spirit of "false" judgment or bitterness, but rather in the Spirit of humility and prayer of gentleness and willingness to serve.

....*"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*

APRIL 9TH

* The "all" of God: that is what we must seek! No movement of our time, no word of our lips, no movement of our heart, no satisfying of the needs of our physical life, should there be that, is not the expression of the will, the glory, the power of God. Only the one who discerns this and consents to it, who desires and seeks after it, who believes and appropriates it, can rightly understand what the fulness of the Holy Spirit must effect, and why it is necessary that we should forsake everything if we desire to obtain it. God must be not merely something, not merely much, but literally, "all".

....*"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]; And I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken" Isaiah 58:13-14 NASB*

APRIL 10TH

* The chief hindrance of the Christian life is that, because men do not believe that Christ is all, they consequently never think of the necessity of giving Him all.

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

APRIL 11TH

* Show me an individual or a congregation committed to spiritual progress with the Lord, interested in what the Bible teaches about spiritual perfection and victory, and I will show you where there is strong and immediate defiance by the Devil!

...."Indeed, all who desire to live godly [lives] in Christ Jesus will be persecuted".... 2 Timothy 3:12 NASB

...."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

*...."Jesus said, 'Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake, but that he **will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age**, houses and brothers and*

sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last, first".... Mark 10:29-31 NASB

APRIL 12TH

* Jesus Christ ascended as Victor over all the forces of death and hell and sat down amid the acclamations of the heavenly hosts! There He sits at God's right hand - a living man, our representative and advocate and great High Priest. Truly believing this, we ought to be the most fearless, the most calm, the happiest and most God-assured people in the whole world!

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

APRIL 13TH

* The highest that can be said of any creature is that it fulfilled the purpose for which God made it.

...."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

APRIL 14TH

* There are those who use the expression, "Let us not get fanatical about this!" In reference

to an "absolute" surrender and the yearning of the faithful for the spiritual perfection which God requires of each of His children. I can only ask: Is it fanaticism to want to go on until you can perfectly love God and perfectly praise Him? Is it fanatical to find Divine joy leaping up within your heart? Is it fanatical to find the willingness within your being to say "Yes, Lord!" and thus daily live in the Will of God so that you are living in heaven while you are living on earth? This yearning for perfection was the "temper" of all the great men and women of God who ever lived!

....*"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 15TH

* In many churches the Gospel has been watered down until the solution is so weak that if it were poison, it would not hurt anyone and if it were medicine it would not cure anyone.

....*"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*

APRIL 16TH

* Dare we face the fact that faith in the Word of God more often than not puts us in a place of "peril" rather than settling us down easily in a place of "security"? But most Christians in our day want to dictate to God; they will not accept a place of testing and trial. They do not desire to trust anything or anyone other than themselves.

....*"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*

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

APRIL 17TH

* If it does not inconvenience us at all, there is nothing of the "Spirit of the Cross in it". For was there ever a "convenient" way to die?

...."Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it'..... Matthew 16:24-25 NASB

APRIL 18TH

* The assumption that because we can quote chapter and verse we possess the content and experience is a grave hindrance to spiritual progress.

...."This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to DO according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB

...."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

APRIL 19TH

* Our Lord is not going to compromise with anyone over the issue of disobedience to truth which He "reveals". As a result those who "knowingly" refuse to obey will be brought to a distinct halt in their spiritual life. If there is something that they will not do for Him, some confession they will not make, something they refuse to straighten out, some act of obedience they will not perform - they will come to a stop and just sit. It is a dead halt - like the breaking of an axle on a truck or car.

...."you will seek Me, inquire for, and require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. [Deut. 4:29-30.] I will be found by you, says the Lord"....

APRIL 20TH

- * All discouragement is the result of a sustained unbelief [*mistrust*].

.... "So we see that they were not able to enter [*into His rest - an absolute faith and trust in Him*], 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

APRIL 21ST

- * When one has "seen" the house or the city that hath foundations and whose builder and maker is God, they cannot really ever get excited again about any house ever built by any man in this world.

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

.... "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. By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God".... Hebrews 11:8-10 NASB

APRIL 22ND

- * The human heart [*the flesh*] is idolatrous and will worship anything it can possess. Whatever we refuse to surrender and count but loss we will ultimately worship. It may be something good, but it gets between you and God - whether it be property or family or reputation or security or your life itself. Any of our external treasures which really bind us at heart will become a curse. Paul said that he found Jesus Christ so infinitely attractive that he was forced to throw out every set of values established on earth.

....*"But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead".... Philippians 3:7-11 NASB*

APRIL 23RD

* Until we give up our own interests, there will never be enough stirring within our beings to find His highest Will. There ought not to be anything in our earthly lives that we would knowingly *[wilfully]* hold back from God.

....*"You must 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 yourself [Lev. 19:18; Deut. 6:5]".... Luke 10:27 The Amplified Translation*

....*"How is it possible for you to believe [how can you learn to believe], you who [are content to seek and] receive praise and honor and glory from one another, and yet do not seek the praise and honor and glory which come from Him Who alone is God?".... John 5:44 The Amplified Translation*

APRIL 24TH

* We urgently need a new kind of reformation throughout our Christian churches - a reformation that will cause us not only to accept the Will of God but to actively seek it and adore it!

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

APRIL 25TH

* One who is truly seeking the "fullness" of the Father's Will for their life and ministry need have no fear for the future! For it is certain that everything will work out perfectly as they continue to seek His highest purpose for their life on a daily basis.

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

APRIL 26TH

* If you would have peace of heart, do not inquire too earnestly into other men's matters but, rather, keep your focus on the Word of God - and all that HE is.

...."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

APRIL 27TH

* Are you hidden away in Christ Himself and so occupied in spirit that you take little heed of what men do or say about you?

...."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

APRIL 28TH

* As the Holy Spirit dwells and rules in us we are in the Spirit and can worship in the

Spirit....The Holy Spirit fits us for worship: worship fits us for the Holy Spirit....The secret of spiritual worship is the death of the flesh. A life in obedience to God's will and in His presence fits us for true worship.

...."But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth".... John 4:23-24 NASB

APRIL 29TH

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

...."It is he who will go [as a forerunner] before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord".... Luke 1:17 NASB

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MAY 1ST

* The great danger today is the "counterfeit" in the soul realm of everything in the spiritual realm. Only that which comes from the Holy Spirit through the human spirit has its origins in God. The "true" gifts of the Spirit must come from God who is Spirit via the spirit, and not the soul. Every child of God is governed in all service - preaching, teaching, working - either by the Holy Spirit or by the "fallen" nature. The spirit is the shrine where the Spirit of God dwells. When He comes in and "regenerates" the spirit and dwells there, He then renews the mind, and gains control over "all" the faculties of the soul [*mind, will, and emotions*].

As we walk in the Spirit, and fulfil the conditions of His working [*denial of self*], we become "spiritual;" in all of our actions. Everything touched will have a spiritual stamp, every faculty will be changed, quickened, uplifted. The believer becomes a "new man", and not only a new man, but one who has the life of God in their spirit. Through the renewal of the mind, in due season, confused thinking passes away and the mind becomes clear.

...."But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do".... Galatians 5:16-17 The Amplified Translation

MAY 2ND

* If you would be full of the Spirit, be full of the Word. If you would have the divine life of the Holy Spirit within you grow strong and thus acquire "power" in every part of your nature, let the Word of Christ dwell richly in you. If you would have the Holy spirit fulfil His office of "remembrancer", calling to mind at the right moment, and applying with divine accuracy what Jesus has spoken to your need, have the words of Christ abiding in you. If you would have the Holy Spirit reveal to you the will of God in each circumstance of life, choosing what you must do from apparently conflicting commands or principles, with unerring precision; suggesting His will

as you need it, have the Word living in you, ready for His use....It is through the abiding Word of God that the Holy Spirit manifests His quickening power.

...."But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future]".... John 16:13 The Amplified Translation

MAY 3RD

* Before the life of resurrection can be known, there must be the death that ends the dominion of self.

...."But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead".... Philippians 3:7-11 NASB

MAY 4TH

* The Word of God makes it very plain that the Church of Jesus Christ will never operate and minister and prosper by the stock of knowledge in the "heads" of Christian believers, but by the warmth and urgency [*a revelation*] of God's love and compassion flowing through their beings.

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

MAY 5TH

* All Christians living in full obedience will experience the Cross and find themselves exercised in spirit very frequently. The true saints of God have always borne witness that whole-hearted obedience brings the "Cross" into the light quicker than anything else.

...."Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it'..... Matthew 16:24-25 NASB

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

MAY 6TH

* A refusal to deny one's self will stop the flow of God's life and love and truth whether we realize it or not, and this is precisely why many Christians are still out doing their "own" thing, still thinking that they are serving God where in essence there is no power to accomplish God's task; because only the life of God has the power within it to change the heart.

God is after the hearts of men, He is not after their "physical activities " regardless of what they might be. He is after their heart because He knows that when He apprehends their heart, their physical activities will conform to His Will. This is why the Church must be a "body" which does not run on "rules and regulations", but rather the "keeping" power of God in ALL things.

...."Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his [self] life will lose it; but whoever loses [denies] his [self] life for My sake will find it ["zoe"- divine life]"..... Matthew 16:24-25 NASB

...."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

MAY 7TH

* Should we not renounce everything that would keep us from the conscious experience of knowing and receiving the Kingdom of God within us?

...."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

MAY 8TH

* To be fully surrendered to God and His will means that first we must come to an entire and radical distrust of ourselves. To become effective men and women of God, then we must know and acknowledge that every grace and every virtue proceeds from God alone, and that not even a good thought can come from us except it be of God.

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

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

MAY 9TH

* I think it was plain that Martha loved Jesus but her concept of devotion was activity. Our craze for activity brings few enriching benefits into our Christian circles. If you look into our churches, you will find groups of half-saved, half- sanctified, carnal people who know more about "social niceties" than they do about the New Testament.

The extroverted Christian lives largely for the externals of Christianity, and therefore sadly neglects their inner life and growth. I believe that our Lord wants us to learn more of Him in worship before we become "busy" for Him. He wants us to have the experience of the

indwelling Holy Spirit an inner experience of the heart, as our first service, and out of that will grow the profound and deep and divine activities which are necessary.

.... *"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

MAY 10TH

* God's attitude toward the proud is unchanged. In the Bible record the proud men who came to Jesus got uniform treatment. Somehow, they were never able to discover that side of Jesus which is gentle and loving, kind and merciful. The proud always came up on the wrong side of Jesus, and they got that which the proud will always get from Jesus - justice, and judgement, rebuke, warning and woe! It was the same with the self-righteous, the insincere, the hypocrites, they all came up on the wrong side of Jesus.

.... *"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

.... *"For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven"....* Matthew 5:20 NASB

MAY 11TH

* "The flesh profits nothing" - how true it is in "spiritual" work; if it is animated by the flesh life of the soul there is no fruit. There should be in our measure, a continuous waiting upon the Lord for every step taken, until we can see what is from Him, and what originates in

ourselves, and then we may know the co-working of God in all our words and work.

....*"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*

....*"So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him. For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze," says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch".... Malachi 3:18-4:1 NASB*

MAY 12TH

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

....*"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work".... 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NASB*

....*"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you **all** things, and bring to your remembrance **all** that I said to you ".... John 14:26 NASB*

....*"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into **all** the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come ".... John 16:13 NASB*

MAY 13TH

* There must be a complete and absolute denial of "self" in order for God's Will to be done.

.... "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me'.... Matthew 16:24 NASB

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

.... "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

MAY 14TH

* We must never get bogged down through physical circumstances concerning our loved ones or anybody else because as the power of God flows freely through us it will "effect" change which is impossible to effect any other way.

.... "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 15TH

* Anytime God is talking of the "remnant" of His people, He is speaking of those people in the earth, at any given moment, who are seeking to walk in faith and obedience - with a heart "wholly given" to Him.

.... "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

MAY 16TH

* As each man's work becomes evident it is coming down to the place wherein, at any given moment, every child of God will be "found" to be in agreement with God and His Word or

in agreement with a lie of Satan. The very thought and word which states in any way that "man" is somehow independent of the Spirit of God or the "spirit" of this world in their thoughts and actions, is a thought which exalts itself above the creative power of God and the fact that He created the earth and that He created man. If "iniquity" is found in us then it came through believing a lie of the "one" in whom iniquity was first found!

...."Do you not know that if you continually surrender yourselves to anyone to do his will, you are the slaves of him whom you obey, whether that be to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience which leads to righteousness (right doing and right standing with God)?".... Romans 6:16 The Amplified Translation

...."But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do".... Galatians 5:16-17 The Amplified Translation

MAY 17TH

* Those who put themselves in a position to know the deep things of God will know the "deep things" of Satan and therefore never be ignorant of his schemes. If one is ignorant of the "schemes" of Satan they shall soon find themselves in a very dangerous position because it is not just a matter of being ignorant, it is the fact that if one is ignorant then they shall freely act on the lies of Satan, fully believing that they are still in accord with God and thus they shall be found fighting against God and all those who truly serve Him.

"ignorance" - the condition of being uneducated, unaware, or uninformed;

...."My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge [a revelation of their Covenant]".... Hosea 4:6 NASB

MAY 18TH

* Unbelief is a "belief" [*dependence upon, trust*] in that which is apart from God [*a revelation of His Word/Will*].

....*"So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest - an absolute faith and trust in Him], 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*

MAY 19TH

* Every word which one speaks in the process of ministering God's Word is going to either make someone "mad" or glad, angry, or joyful in the instantaneous meeting of their "innermost" need.

For the "absolute" power of God to flow forth through us, at any given moment, our heart must be in total "agreement" with Him regardless of what that may cost us.

....*"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*

MAY 20TH

* The less we put ourselves in a position to receive the revelation of God's Word, the less we have a willingness to do "all" of His will and the more it opens the door to the flesh - and thus the more we lean upon our own understanding. If we are not willing to do God's Will then, in reality, we seek only to do our "own" will and whether we realize it or not, that is Satan's work and aim.

....*"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

....*"The intellectually arrogant seek for wisdom but they never seem to discover what they claim they are looking for. For revelation knowledge flows to the one who hungers for understanding".... Proverbs 14:6 The Passion Translation*

MAY 21ST

* God's best is for each one of us to fellowship with Him - and, through that fellowship in His Presence, to be empowered by Him in ALL things.

....*"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*

[MAY 22ND]

* The exercising of "hatred" is any word one speaks that has its origin in the fallen nature of man [*the "flesh"*]. The exercising of "love" on one's part is the speaking of any word and the doing of any action which is in complete agreement with the thoughts and intentions of God's heart.

....*"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*

MAY 23RD

* An "opinion" is a believed fact which will always be found coming up short of the "revealed" knowledge of God's Word [*Will*] and, therefore, is of no consequence or effect on the furthering of God's Kingdom in the earth.

....*"We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive [through proclamation] to the obedience of*

Christ [a revelation of the Father's Will] ".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB

...."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

MAY 24TH

* Our entire lives *[including our words]* must be ordered "according to the need of the moment".

...."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

...."But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do".... Galatians 5:16-17 The Amplified Translation

MAY 25TH

* The power of the Word and its truth in our lives depend upon "living" fellowship with Jesus. Why is there so often failure instead of victory in the Christian life? It is because the truth is held apart from the power of the Holy Spirit!

...."Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask

whatever you wish [desire], and it will be done for you".... John 15:4-7 NASB

...."But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth".... John 4:23-24 NASB

MAY 26TH

* The more we "know" God [*gain a revelation of His true Nature and Character*], the more we love Him.

...."All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and Your godly ones shall bless You. They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and talk of Your power; To make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts and the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations".... Psalms 145:10-13 NASB

MAY 27TH

* The "peril" of every believer is to confuse the spirit for the soul and the soul for the spirit, and so be deceived into accepting the "counterfeit of evil spirits to the unsettling of God's work.

...."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*

MAY 28TH

* What is the highest attainment in Christianity? That of complete union with God and total "loss" of self.

.... "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

.... "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

MAY 29TH

* "Denying self" means disregarding one's self or renouncing one's privileges. To deny oneself denotes a setting aside of the self in seeking the mind *[Heart]* of God, so that in all things they may not follow their own mind or be self-centred. Only such kind of people can follow the Lord, for how can anyone follow the Lord if they follow after themselves? Self-denying is only the disregarding of self whereas taking up the Cross is obeying God. To take up the Cross means to accept whatever God has decided and thus be willing to "suffer" for righteousness' sake according to the Will of God.

.... "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it'..... Matthew 16:24-25 NASB

MAY 30TH

* The door by which to believe in the Lord Jesus and to be saved *["born anew from above"]* is wide:, but the door by which to follow Him and to be glorified with Him is narrow.

.... "Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God".... John 3:3 NASB

.... "For many are called, but few are *[found fit enough to be]* chosen".... Matthew 22:14 NASB

.... "But Jesus said to him, 'No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is

fit for the kingdom of God".... Luke 9:62 NASB

*...."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*

MAY 31ST

* To be anxious is sin!

...."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

...."whatever does not originate and proceed from faith [which is activated and energized by love] is sin".... Romans 14:23b The Amplified Translation

JUNE 1ST

* If men consider anything "impossible", God is unable to perform it for them. Whereas, if men believe that God has said so and that He is watching over His Word to perform it, then He is able to do it for them.

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

...."All things are possible to [will SURELY come to pass for] him [the one] who believes".... Mark 9:23b NASB

JUNE 2ND

* A Christian may indeed attain to "full" salvation. They may have a clear conscience and a clean heart and may be without anxiety and possess a pure and "uncluttered" mind. They are able to overcome "all" physical defects through the life-giving power of God's Word and present the members their body to God as instruments of righteousness to sanctification. Every Christian may arrive at the place where they can honestly say - I am crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me.

...."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

JUNE 3RD

* To truly "surrender" is for us to take our hands off of our own lives so that God alone may work in us and through us.

...."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

JUNE 4TH

* What is of the utmost importance is to believe God's Word. If God says so, then that is enough; and nothing else matters!

...."The sum of Your word is truth [the total of the full meaning of all Your individual precepts]; and every one of Your righteous decrees endures forever".... Psalms 119:160 The Amplified Translation

JUNE 5TH

* Whoever cannot overcome "environment" has not overcome "emotion". Those who have conquered environment have first conquered their own "feelings".

*...."for we walk by faith [revelation], not by sight [feelings - or lack thereof]".... 2
Corinthians 5:7 NASB*

JUNE 6TH

* Many Christians nowadays incline too strongly towards a life of feeling. If they should lose their joyous "feelings" they would lose everything. Let it be plainly understood that we are not people without emotion. We do have feelings of joy as well as of dryness. But we ought not allow these "external" sensations to touch our inward man.

...."But without faith [love and obedience] it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]".... Hebrews 11:6 The Amplified Translation

JUNE 7TH

* The "joy" which the outward man feels is not that which the inward man enjoys in the Lord, because this latter joy is most deep and unshakable. Yet this deep and unshakable joy is not experienced fully until we are able to control completely this outward joy. May we "enable" the Lord to achieve His aims in us so that we may live by faith and not by feelings.

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

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

JUNE 8TH

* The matter of serving people with God's Word is called the ministry of the Word. Once the Word is removed the work of God ceases immediately, for God operates through His Word.

...."For, "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls off, but the Word [Will] of the Lord endures forever".... 1 Peter 1:24-25 NASB

[JUNE 9TH]

* In the instant that "human" feeling, thought or opinion is "mixed" with faith in God's Word, the latter turns imperfect, impure and unclean. Nothing of man's opinion, thought or feeling may be mingled in.

...."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 10TH

* A true minister of God's Word is not one who simply proclaims the Word, they are additionally one who themselves are rightly related to His Word. They have God's thought; they have God's idea. What they wish or desire always represents what God has already wished and desired.

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

JUNE 11TH

* When the Holy Spirit finds it possible to put the Word in a person's mouth because the emotion, thought, will, and spirit of that one are under His control, then there is revelation.

...."[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

JUNE 12TH

* The destitution of the church at large in these last days is caused by the "poverty" of the ministers....A true minister is one in whom there is Light, revelation, and the Anointing of the Holy Spirit. Unless one lives before God they cannot be a minister of the Word.

"counsel" - advice or instruction given in helping direct the judgement or conduct of another; interchange of ideas as to future procedure;

...."How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law [Word] of the LORD, and in His law [Word] he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers".... Psalms 1:1-3 NASB

JUNE 13TH

* "Physical" presence does not insure the hearing of the Word. Physical ears can hear only physical words, that which belongs to this world. It requires another kind of ear to hear the Words of the other realm. A minister of God must hear the "inner" Word of God.

...."If any man has ears to hear, let him be listening and let him perceive and comprehend. And He said to them, be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you - and more [besides] will be given to you who hear. For to him who has will more be given; and from him who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away [by force]".... Mark 4:23-25 The Amplified Translation

JUNE 14TH

* We must "pay the price" continually in order to minister God's Word to others. We must not let our hearts be dull, our ears heavy or our eyes closed.

....*"Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life"....*
Proverbs 4:23 NASB

JUNE 15TH

* Death and corruption come to all spiritual matters if separated from revelation.

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

JUNE 16TH

* By the outward man being broken *[soul and body]* we do not mean to say that our mind is so destroyed that we can no longer think. It only means that we will no longer think in and of "ourselves" nor will we be occupied with external matters.

....*"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

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

JUNE 17TH

* If one walks according to the Holy Spirit the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus will be manifested in them; but if one walks after the flesh instead, the law of sin and death will be manifested. Whoever walks after the Spirit overcomes 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

JUNE 18TH

* "Problems" are not solved by "thinking", but by believing.

...."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

JUNE 19TH

* Man's "eloquence" is futile in the affairs of God; no amount of it will impart life. The words of Life are found only in "revelation".

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

JUNE 20TH

* In the measure of one's yieldedness is the measure of their words.

....*"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 21ST

* God consistently uses the discipline of the Holy Spirit to make us realize a need which none but the Lord Himself can supply. Any lack in receiving the discipline of the Holy Spirit results in a deficiency in the knowledge of the Lord.

....*"But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do".... Galatians 5:16-17 The Amplified Translation*

JUNE 22ND

* For there to be "true" ministry of the Word, our words must be created in us by God. They are not what we ourselves conceive nor are they learned from others; they must be created in us by God.

Godly words are born in trial, suffering, "temporary" defeats and darkness. Let not a minister of the Word be fearful of being led by God into such an environment.

....*"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*

....*"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

JUNE 23RD

* He who forsakes most has most to give.

...."For nothing is hidden that will not become evident, nor [anything] secret that will not be known and come to light. So take care how you listen; for whoever has, to him [more] shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him".... Luke 8:17-18 NASB

JUNE 24TH

* The effect of the Word of God we speak to others is not determined by the words themselves but by the S[s]pirit with which they are delivered.

...."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 25TH

* The joy of a minister of the Word is not in the amount of words spoken nor in the nodding of people's heads, nor in the fact of people being helped, but in the "release" of the Spirit in speaking.

...."Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him"....

JUNE 26TH

* Consecration means presenting all of our being to the Lord for His use. It means the offering of all our thoughts to God.

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

JUNE 27TH

* The more people consider themselves to be wise the harder for them to be enlightened. The stronger they depend upon themselves the more tightly is God's Word closed to them.

...."But the greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted. But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from people; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in".... Matthew 23:11-13 NASB

JUNE 28TH

* As long as a person holds to their own inclination and prejudice, refusing to accept the light while attempting to find fault with the Truth, the light of God shall be closed to them.

...."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

JUNE 29TH

* "Believing" is that power of the renewed nature which, forsaking self and dying to it, makes room for the divine, for God, for the glorified Christ to come and take possession and do His work. Faith in Jesus Christ bows in lowly stillness and poverty of Spirit to realize that self has nothing and that another, the unseen Spirit, has now come in to be its leader, its strength, and its life. Let every believer who longs to partake with Christ in His glory, first faithfully follow Him in his denial of self; the Spirit of God will in due time reveal the glory within them.

...."But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead".... Philippians 3:7-11 NASB

JUNE 30TH

* Men always expect the Kingdom of God to come with "observation". They do not realize that it is a hidden "mystery" to be received only as, in His own self-revealing power, God makes Himself known in hearts surrendered and prepared for Him.

...."Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst".... Luke 17:20-21 NASB

JULY 1ST

* Christianity has been fettered by its own indecision, compromise and deceit; God is looking for hearts that long to respond to His call with no "ifs, ands or buts". The Lord does not

generally follow His simple commands with lengthy and complicated explanations, He knows the end from the beginning though we do not. It behooves us to seek the face of the Lord and ask Him to repeat anything that He may have previously spoken to us that we have "chosen" to ignore, that we might do the first thing and hear once again His clear call.

...."So also faith, if it does not have works [corresponding words and deeds and actions of obedience to back it up], by itself is destitute of power [inoperative, dead]".... James 2:17 The Amplified Translation

JULY 2ND

* Only after we are placed in a "hopeless" situation do we begin to learn to believe, to hope, and to trust in God's Word....When we enter into trial we are hard-pressed; but when we emerge we thrust the circumstances aside and transcend them. We enter in weakness, we come out in strength. We enter in death [*to self*] but we exit with resurrection life.

...."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

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JULY 3RD

* By obedience, and obedience alone, can a "perfect" relationship with God be maintained

and admission secured to a closer experience of His love and His life. Only in accepting and doing His Will, to the entire giving up of our will to be possessed and used as He pleases, are we fitted for abiding in the Divine presence.

"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]*;

....*"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*

JULY 4TH

* He who cannot stand "trial" is unusable; he who overcomes a trial adds one more victory to his life....Every test and trial which comes along causes the "outer" man to collapse afresh, yet it additionally gives the spirit within occasion to secure one more victory. In any given trial one will either murmur against God and go under or they will emerge in glorious victory. A minister of the Word should know that God is building up their ministry through each trial and difficulty. Do not be so foolish as to deem it best to flee from trial.

....*"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*

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

JULY 5TH

* Light turns into words in us, but they revert to light in others...If anyone listening should

close their eyes, they alone are "accountable" for not seeing; but if there is no light before the "open" hearts then this is the minister's responsibility. God's light is stored in God's Word. If by the Holy Spirit dwelling in our spirit, the Word is sent out it will invariably become light to men...Light is able to strike down the "exalted" thoughts of men.

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

JULY 6TH

* Many are those who find it "difficult" to secure help from the Lord. They resist the Word of God and its meaning; they challenge the Bible. Obviously they can hardly be helped since God's enlightenment must penetrate their many layers of criticism and resistance before it can reach their inward parts. The more "child-like" a person is the more inclined they are to be helped by the Lord. How many are yet ignorant of the damage "human wisdom" has brought to their lives.

*.... "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*

.... "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

.... "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

JULY 7TH

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"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]*;

...."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

*...."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*

JULY 8TH

* The moment a person becomes "heavenly-minded" and, thus, truly sets their heart and affections set on things above, THEN life becomes beautiful and the light of heaven shines across their path.

*...."And He *[the Father]* raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together *[giving us joint seating with Him]* in the heavenly sphere *[by virtue of our being]* in Christ Jesus *[the Messiah, the Anointed One]*".... Ephesians 2:6 The Amplified Translation*

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

Colossians 3:1-3 NASB

JULY 9TH

* The Church is not freed from the dangers of "money" by being poor. It is only handicapped from doing the Will of God.

....*"There is one who scatters [in their obedience to the Holy Spirit], and yet increases all the more, and there is one who withholds what is justly due [in their disobedience - which is rooted in the love of money], and yet it results only in want [lack]. The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered".... Proverbs 11:24-25 NASB*

JULY 10TH

* To the degree that the "delegated authority" entrusts their soul to their faithful Creator; it is to that same degree that they shall be enabled to diligently carry out their "service" to all those souls which have been entrusted to them.

....*"Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right"..... 1 Peter 4:19 NASB*

JULY 11TH

* For one who is "possessed" by the Holy Spirit, a "hunch" or an "impulse" can be everything.

....*"If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.]".... Galatians 5:25 The Amplified Translation*

JULY 12TH

* The main and essential element of guarding one's heart with all diligence is "quality fellowship" with God in the "inner chamber".

.... *"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*

.... *"My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them And health to all their body. Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it [flow] the springs of life".... Proverbs 4:20-23 NASB*

JULY 13TH

* Obedience to the Lord will not result in being cheered and applauded by men in this world's "marketplace". It will result in reproach, persecution and suffering. Be forewarned that it may not come only for the "world"; you may receive the same from those who call themselves "Christians".

.... *"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*

JULY 14TH

* As the mind of the child of God is renewed to the Father's Word they will surely love Him more and more. For one must build a capacity for the Spirit of God to dwell within the "temple" and indeed the love of God will be shed abroad in our hearts - and that love, through us, shall be poured out on all flesh.

.... *"And it shall come to pass in the last days, God declares, that I will pour out of My Spirit upon all mankind, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy [telling forth the divine counsels] and your young men shall see visions (divinely granted appearances), and your old men shall dream [divinely suggested] dreams. Yes, and on My menservants also and on My maidservants in those days I will pour out of My Spirit, and they shall prophesy [telling forth the*

divine counsels and predicting future events pertaining especially to God's kingdom]. And I will show wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth beneath, blood and fire and smoking vapor; The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the obvious day of the Lord comes - that great and notable and conspicuous and renowned [day]. And it shall be that whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord [invoking, adoring, and worshiping the Lord - Christ] shall be saved [experience the fullness of salvation]. [Joel 2:28-32]".... Acts 2:17-21 The Amplified Translation

JULY 15TH

* We must walk in the fullness of ascension life that both Jesus and the Father might make their "abode" in our heart. Therefore we must "go up" to meet them in the secret place of God's Presence for it is certain that the heart and mind of God are not to be found in the world.

...."And He [the Father] raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus [the Messiah, the Anointed One]".... Ephesians 2:6 The Amplified Translation

Wherever we shall touch this present world system by the power of the Holy Spirit, we shall be brought before the "rulers" and the "magistrates" in the "marketplace", where the action is. The world system, that is the entire network ruled over by the prince of darkness, that system which plays upon the lusts and ambitions of men; if you rock it, challenge it, and set its captives free by the power of the Holy Spirit, you will not fail to "elicit" strong reaction. Lives committed to standing in God's truth constitute a dangerous threat to the established order. There is a principle of God here: we shall "suffer" *[for righteousness' sake]* in the world in exact proportion to the degree of obedience we render to our Lord. He will call us from faith to faith or more pointedly, from "death to death" *[self-denial]*. That is why the love of many will grow cold in this last hour, for not many have a stomach for that kind of service.

"separate" - to keep apart or divide, as by an intervening barrier or space; to force apart; to disconnect;

...."Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, 'FOR YOUR SAKE

WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.' But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord".... Romans 8:35-39 NASB

JULY 16TH

* The greatest threat to the true Christian life is seeking to know the truth of God in His Word without the distinct waiting on the Spirit of Truth in the heart.

...."But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future]".... John 16:13 The Amplified Translation

JULY 17TH

* Saturating one's heart with God's Presence and His Word will cause one to be continually empowered to walk in the perfect Will of God - regardless of any circumstance around them.

...."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

...."God is able to make all grace abound to you".... 2 Corinthians 9:8 NASB

...."My Grace is sufficient for you".... 2 Corinthians 12:9 NASB

JULY 18TH

* Before we become vessels equipped to turn the world "upside down" we must first have our "own" world turned upside down.

....*"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*

JULY 19TH

* True faithfulness disregards all its circumstances and its "freedom of choice" to hear what God has to say and do what God wants done.

....*"My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with Me; He/she who walks in a blameless way is the one who will minister to Me".... Psalm 101:6 NASB*

JULY 20TH

* Faith must believe and praise for what it does not yet fully understand [*comprehend*].

....*"for we walk by faith [in a revelation of God's Word {Will}], not by sight".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB*

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

JULY 21ST

* What a wonderful thing true Christianity is! It takes money, the very embodiment of the "power" of sense of this world, with its self-interest, its covetousness, and its pride, and changes it into an instrument for God's service and glory.

....*"the humble will inherit the land and will delight themselves in abundant prosperity".... Psalms 37:11 NASB*

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

JULY 22ND

* Practicing obedience to the flesh equals a deepening darkness; practicing obedience to the Word and the Holy Spirit equals "increasing" revelation [*enlightenment*].

"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*];

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

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

JULY 23RD

* Acts 16:30 - "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" It is absolutely foolish to give people answers for questions that they have not yet "asked". By the eye of the Holy Spirit we can see the question burning in someone's heart, or, as in this case we may be directly asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" We have been cheapening the Name of Jesus Christ! He is not exalted by our attempts to "cram" that precious Name down the throats of those who do not even have the faintest concept of what salvation is, or of their desperate need for it. Our function is not to give "glib" answers for questions that have not been raised, but to be instruments through whom the Holy Spirit may raise the proper questions in the hearts of men.

There is no "methodology", no prescribed format of so-called "witnessing". As we learn to rest in the Lord, His very Presence shall bring men to a divine discontent with "their" prosperity, "their reputations", "their" culture, "their" neat ethical systems, their whole lives; the Spirit of God shall reveal to them that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. There is not a soul who can receive such a message by dry, verbal, proclamations; when they see God's

glory in your face and feel His presence on their hearts, they shall call for light and cry out, "what must I do to be saved?"

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

JULY 24TH

* To truly believe in Christ is to cast your "whole" life upon Him, to make Him the "life of your life". The Gospel of Jesus Christ is absolutely mind-boggling; it contradicts every kind of human wisdom and natural understanding. We cannot expect the "sophisticated", "convoluted" minds and the proud, self-assured hearts of this world to believe that God Himself laid aside His glory, took upon Himself the form of flesh, and became a Jew who was born in a stable; that He lived a life of obscurity and came forth in His thirtieth year, had a three year public ministry during which He suffered reproach, and had not a place to lay His head; that He was nailed to a cross, where he poured out His Blood unto death, out of love for those who betrayed Him; that His body was resurrected from the dead and He has risen to the right hand of the Father: that, if you believe this and take that Blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, and apply it to the "doorpost" and "lintel" of your heart and life, death shall pass over you; you shall be saved. Truly there is nothing more "foolish", nothing more beggarly, that we can ever present to a stiff-necked humanity.

....*"For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God".... 1 Corinthians 1:18 NASB*

JULY 25TH

* When the Holy Spirit came down at Pentecost to dwell in the hearts of men and women, He assumed the charge and control of their whole life. They were to be, or do nothing, that was not under His inspiration and leading. In everything they were to move and live and have their being "in the Holy Spirit"; to be holy, spiritual men and women. Hence it followed as a necessity that their possessions and property, their money and its appropriations, were to be subjected to His rule too; and that their income and expenditure were animated by new and hitherto unknown *[Kingdom]* principles.

....*"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit [Who is the Spirit of wisdom and revelation] of the Lord is, there is liberty (emancipation from bondage, freedom). [Isa. 61:1, 2.]".... 2 Corinthians 3:17 The Amplified Translation*

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

JULY 26TH

* Money is the great symbol of the power of happiness in this world, one of its chief idols, drawing men away from God. It is a never ceasing temptation to "worldliness " to which the Christian is daily exposed. It would not have been a "full" salvation that did not provide complete deliverance from the "power" of money. When we allow the Holy Spirit to come in, in His fullness, then earthly possessions lose their place in our hearts and money is only valued as a means of proving our Lord and doing service in the Church. The "fire" from Heaven that finds one upon the "altar" and consumes the sacrifice, finds their money too and makes their expenditure of it holy to the Lord.

....*"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stand by and be devoted to the one and despise and be against the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [deceitful riches, money, possessions, or whatever is trusted in {above God}]".... Matthew 6:24 The Amplified Translation*

JULY 27TH

* Many Christians often hide behind such statements as; I am only human "and" I am a sinner, saved by grace", which, true as it is in itself, is often used to imply that we are virtually required to sin day by day. If we stumble and fall shall we make stumbling and falling our goal? We who have been born again by the Spirit of God need not conduct our lives by "human standards" or resources, we must live by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. It is only "in Christ" that we can ever walk perfectly, for He alone is "perfect".

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

NASB

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

JULY 28TH

* The true secret of Christian giving and living is the joy of the Holy Spirit. How much of our giving has lacked this element! Habit, human argument and wrong motive, the thought of duty, or the feeling of the need around us have had more to do with our giving than the power and love of the Spirit. The secret of true giving is the joy of the Holy Spirit.

....*"the joy of the Lord is your strength".... Nehemiah 8:10 NASB*

....*"You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore. [Acts 2:25-28, 31.].... Psalms 16:11 The Amplified Translation*

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

JULY 29TH

* The adversary [*Satan*] has been conquered at Calvary and cast down from his throne of power, but is left at large whilst the proclamation of the Victory is sent throughout his dominion, for the purpose of giving the choice of "masters" to every human being. The adversary naturally, resists to the utmost the work of the Holy Spirit in men as their eyes are opened to the truth, but far more keenly does he resist the "full" enlightenment of the believer, and their knowledge of the

deepest meaning of Calvary which sets them free from the false claims of the Evil One and makes them so possessed by the Holy Spirit that they become an "equipped" and "aggressive" warrior in the Army of the Lord, enabled by divine power to snatch the prey from Satan in the Name of Jesus Christ.

.... "[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 30TH

* The hour of "need" always brings the corresponding measure of power from God to meet that need to those who are faithful.

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

JULY 31ST

* As long as one is willing and content to receive "second best", God will never press the perfect thing upon them; but if there is a cry in their heart, "Lord, I want to be "perfect" and walk before you", He shall bring them to that perfection day by day.

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

AUGUST 1ST

* If our hearts are intent upon seeing the Lord's perfect Will fulfilled, He shall provide the means for its fulfilment in our lives....can we really call ourselves followers of Christ if we do not choose to follow Him all the way?

.... "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

AUGUST 2ND

* God loves to speak to the man or woman who loves to listen.

... "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you".... James 4:8 NASB

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

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

AUGUST 3RD

* There is a terrible disproportion between what God's people spend on themselves and what they "devote" to their God and this is simply a "proof" of the limited measure in which the power of the Holy Spirit is known among believers! Let us pray most fervently that our whole life may be also lived in the joy of the Holy Spirit, a life so absolutely yielded to Him and His rule that all of our "giving" may be a "spiritual" sacrifice through Jesus Christ.

.... "Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. [Instruct them] to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed".... 1 Timothy 6:17-19 NASB

AUGUST 4TH

* There are many who say all their money is their Lord's and that they hold it as His stewards, to dispose of it as He directs and yet who, in the amount they spend on God's work, as compared with that on themselves, and in their accumulating for the future, prove that

"stewardship" is but another name for "ownership". How much the Church has done to foster the worldly spirit that values gifts by what they are in men's sight, in forgetfulness of what they are to God, who searches the heart. Only the surrender of all of our "opinions", and arguments about how much we may possess and how much we may give, to the testing and searching of the Holy Spirit, can save us from this danger. Our giving must be in the light if it is to be in the joy of the Holy Spirit.

"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

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

AUGUST 5TH

* We shall neither enjoy nor spread Christian blessing except as the fruit of an "Abrahamic" faith.

...."for we walk by faith [revelation], not by sight [feelings - or lack thereof]".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB

...."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. By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God".... Hebrews 11:8-10 NASB

AUGUST 6TH

* "Acts of God" come not in the form of natural disasters, but in the form of supernatural protection from them!

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

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

AUGUST 7TH

* Any succumbing to temptation is a result of a "distinct" lack of prayer.

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

AUGUST 8TH

* If we engage in an activity which is "humanly" good, we will disqualify ourselves from that which is divinely perfect. The world is troubled by the choice between what it calls "good" and what it calls "evil". For the believer, the choice will more often be between the ostensibly good thing of men and the perfect thing of God. Our tendency in the flesh, and our temptation is to do that "good thing"; we even want to do good "for" the Lord. Every clever product of our skulls and all our human intentions shall not only fall short of God's perfect plan in this last hour, but will, whether we know it or not, oppose it!

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

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

....*"For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven".... Matthew 5:20 NASB*

AUGUST 9TH

* God finds His life and delight in giving. And when His grace truly enters the heart of man, it cannot change its nature: whether in God or man. Grace rejoices to give and Grace teaches one to look upon this as the chief value of their money: the God-like power of doing "good", even at the cost of enriching others through the absolute denial of ourselves. If we desire truly to increase in the kingdom and to abide in the sphere where Grace abounds exceedingly then we must exercise what we have in giving, a giving deeply rooted in the joy of the Holy Spirit, who abides within us.

....*"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 10TH

* "Godly fear" [*reverence*] is a quality that can only exist as it is sustained from Heaven.

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

AUGUST 11TH

* One of the most serious misconceptions among the children of God is that "actions" are determined by right and wrong. They do what their eyes tell them is right; they do what their backgrounds tell them is right; they do what their years of experience [*preconceived notions*] tell them is right. For a Christian, every decision must be based on the "inner life" and that is something totally different from all else.

....*"By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible".... Hebrews 11:3 NASB*

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

AUGUST 12TH

* Giving money will have no value unless we first give ourselves, that all our giving must just be the renewal and carrying out of the first great act of "self-surrender"; that each new gift of money may be a renewal of the blessedness of entire consecration. It is only this thought that can lift our giving out of the ordinary level of Christian duty and make it truly the manifestation and the strengthening of the grace of God in us. We are not under the law but under grace and yet so much of our giving, whether in the Church plate, or on the subscription list, or on special occasions, is done as a matter of course, without any direct revelation from our Lord. A truly consecrated life is a life moment by moment in His love. It is this that will bring us to what "appears" so difficult, ever to give in the right spirit and as an act of worship.

....*"for we walk by faith [trust in God], not by sight".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB*

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

AUGUST 13TH

* The adversary holds his captives in his realm by keeping them under the bondage of a guilty conscience over the sins of their past, or the power of present sin. The Cross is the gate into a life of liberty from the power of sin.

....*"[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*

...."Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his [self] life will lose it; but whoever loses [denies] his [self] life for My sake will find it ["zoe"- divine life]".....
Matthew 16:24-25 NASB

...."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

AUGUST 14TH

* Through the Grace of God and the indwelling Holy Spirit, the Church possesses an inherent life-power capable, if she responds to it, of keeping her constantly moving God-ward or of recalling her God-ward if she strays.

...."Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God".... Romans 5:1-2 KJV

...."the one who sows to the Spirit [Who is the Spirit of Grace] will from the Spirit reap eternal life".... Galatians 6:8 NASB

AUGUST 15TH

* As we all know, Adam and Eve did eat from that tree, poisoning the entire human race, and mankind has been eating from it ever since. The greater tragedy is that most believers are still eating from it, trusting in their human judgments, reason, exercise, will, striving and exertion. They are living from the knowledge, not just of evil, but of "good and evil". It is a cursed tree, a tree of death. One might say, "If we are not going to make our judgements on the basis of what we think is right or wrong or what our eyes, background and experience tell us, then on what basis are we to live?" We live not from the principle of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but from the principle of the tree of life. We are to live solely on the life of God. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life [John 14:6a]. There is no "life" apart from God's

Son [1 John 5:10-12]. When we depend upon the strength of our own flesh in the governance of our daily lives, we deprive ourselves of the fullness of God's gift of love to us [1 John 4:9].

...."And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die".... Genesis 2:16-17

AUGUST 16TH

* Waiting is the expression of need, of emptiness. All through the Christian life these go together, the sense of poverty and weakness, and the joy of all-sufficient riches and strength. It is in waiting before God that the soul sinks down into its own nothingness, and is lifted up into the Divine assurance that God has accepted its surrender and will fulfil its desires.

...."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

AUGUST 17TH

* God "undoubtedly" has ways and means, by His supernatural power, to accomplish all His works, fully supply all needs of personnel and finances, and the power for all tasks - which are beyond our "human" devising and zeal - if we wait on Him for His ways.

...."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

AUGUST 18TH

* It is God's part to care for the money, and ours to put ourselves in a position to discover what the Will of the Lord is and what work we ought to perform for Him - and then in faith, to begin it.

....*"So also 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*

AUGUST 19TH

* "Holiness" or "perfection" as applied to the believer does not mean that we can no longer sin, but that we are "enabled" not to sin. Holiness is not an "option" for the children of God, it is both necessary and indispensable.

....*"prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of 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 1:13-16 NASB*

AUGUST 20TH

* Identification with Christ and His Cross is not a figment of imagination, but a real spiritual fact which is to become a reality in every one of the redeemed, by the working of the Holy Spirit. A true union in death with Christ must of necessity precede a true union with His life. There are no "theories" in God's dealing with the world. Every word used in the scriptures concerning Calvary and the believer's death with Christ, to sin, the flesh, to the world, and the devil, stands for a spiritual verity which is to be actually brought about in the surrendered believer by the Holy Spirit. The work of Christ on the Cross in all its aspects is to be wrought into the redeemed one for their actual deliverance, and translation into the sphere of the Spirit in Christ Jesus - the righteousness imputed to the pardoned sinner, is to be imparted by the inworking of the Divine Spirit.

It is when the believer is united to the crucified Lord on His Cross, by ceaselessly retiring into Him by faith - made actual fact by the corresponding action of the Spirit - that the "soulish" life is both hated and renounced, and the believer learns to live moment by moment, drawing upon the life of the Lord from Heaven; a life lived in continual dependence upon the risen living Christ, dwelling in them, drawing upon Him for "all" things and not from the source of

themselves. This is the deliverance of Calvary which the adversary most fears for the redeemed one to know, for it draws the believer right out of his reach, by merging them "out of sight" into the crucified Lord, thus making way for the Christ Himself to possess the earthen vessel and manifest His life and power. Then He draws His possessed one ever deeper and deeper into the fellowship of His sufferings, and conformity to His death, whilst He quickens the whole being by His life, and leads the believer into an ever fuller knowledge of the "ascension" power of God.

...."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

AUGUST 21ST

* By far the greatest and most distinct privilege we have as "mankind" is to know God as He truly "is".

...."And without faith [trust] 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

AUGUST 22ND

* Scripture links "power" and "weakness" in a wonderful way, not as succeeding each other, but as existing together. Spiritual power can be known only by the Spirit of faith. The more distinctly we feel and confess "our weakness" and believe in the power dwelling within us, ready to work as the need arises, the more confidently we may expect its Divine operation even when nothing is "felt".

...."But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves".... 2 Corinthians 4:7 NASB

...."For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you. But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I

SPOKE, " we also believe, therefore we also speak".... 2 Corinthians 4:11-13 NASB

...."for we walk by faith [revelation], not by sight [feelings - or lack thereof]".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB

AUGUST 23RD

* To keep God first in one's life they are going to have to place themselves last! First of all they must seek to please God in "all" things and secondly, in that obedience and faith, know that they have placed all others before themselves. It is only in this way that one can "continually" abide in God's love to bless "eternally" all those who cross their path.

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

AUGUST 24TH

* One must "take" and "hold" a thought which has proceeded forth through the "unrenewed" mind [*natural*] in order to "make provision for the flesh".

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

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

...."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 Will]".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB

AUGUST 25TH

* If one is going to wield the "sword of the Spirit", one is going to have to speak it!

....*"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*

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

AUGUST 26TH

* Deception has to do with the mind, and it means a wrong thought admitted to the mind, under the deception that it is the truth.

....*"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 Will]".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB*

AUGUST 27TH

* Each child of God has the right to choose the "reality" which they will occupy!

....*"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, by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them".... Deuteronomy 30:19-20 NASB*

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

AUGUST 28TH

* We must understand the word "liberty" aright. Too often Christian liberty is spoken of as our freedom from "too great" restraint in sacrificing our "own will", or the enjoyment of the world. Its real meaning is the very opposite! True love asks to be as free as possible from self and the world to bring its all to God. Instead of the question, how far am I as a Christian, free still to do this or the other? The truly free spirit asks, "How far am I free to follow Christ to the uttermost?"

.... "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

AUGUST 29TH

* The smile of the Father [*Lord*] is the "feast" of the soul.

.... "But without faith [love and obedience] it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]".... Hebrews 11:6 The Amplified Translation

AUGUST 30TH

* Faith puts no "pressure" on anyone - ever.

"pressure" - to force (someone) toward a particular end; influence through coercion;

"coercion" - use of force or intimidation to obtain compliance;

.... "for we walk by faith [revelation], not by sight [feelings - or lack thereof]".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB

AUGUST 31ST

* What one thing is calculated to make us foolish? It is to speak the words of eternal judgement. It is to suggest that God has appointed a day in which He will judge all men; that there shall be an eternal reckoning; the suggestion of this into the "temporal" world is so absurd, so contrary to the whole tenor and spirit of the age, that we shall be laughed off the "stage", if we speak it only as a "doctrinal" truth; but if we bring it in the awesome sense of the reality in which God would have us, to move and live and have our being, men will far from scoff, they will tremble and fear!

...."Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man. "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead".... Acts 17:29-31 NASB

SEPTEMBER 1ST

* If one is going to be "apostolically-minded" and see "all" things through God's eyes, then they must determine not to see those things which are "temporal". They must touch the world only "minimally" in the necessities that are upon them and they must in no way "luxuriate" in the excesses of the world.

...."Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever".... 1 John 2:15-17 NASB

SEPTEMBER 2ND

- * The true "spirit of the Cross" is an absolute self-denial to let God be all in all.

...."If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his 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 8:34-37 NASB

SEPTEMBER 3RD

- * The prophet always speaks of the distant thing as the present reality and it would behoove the people of God to receive the "prophetic spirit", that they might prepare for these realities to which they are surely called. As we see God as He is, we see ourselves as we are apart from Him.

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

SEPTEMBER 4TH

- * The absence of Pentecostal power is in exact proportion to the absence of the "Spirit of Truth" in the earth and among God's people.

...."If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you".... John 14:15-17 NASB

SEPTEMBER 5TH

- * It does not take long to tell where a man's treasure is. In fifteen minutes conversation with most men you can tell whether their treasures are on the earth or in Heaven.

...."For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the

*eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light".... Matthew 6:21-22
KJV*

SEPTEMBER 6TH

* Those who enter the Spirit-sphere by a deep apprehension of the meaning of the Cross as the gate to life, and as the continuous cause of abundance of life, have a depth and permanency of experience which others fail to know.

...."For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God".... 1 Corinthians 1:18 NASB

SEPTEMBER 7TH

* The Spirit of God cannot take possession of believers beyond their "capacity" of receiving Him. We must learn to wait on God; to put away our experiences, however blessed they have been; our conceptions of truth, however sound and "scriptural" we think they seem; our plans, however "needful" and suitable they appear; and give God time and place to show us what He can do and will do. Let us enlarge our hearts and not limit Him.

Let us cultivate a deeper sense of His presence, of more direct contact with Him, and of entire dependence upon Him. The great lack of our "religion" is we do not know God "as He is". We must cease from expecting the least "good" from ourselves, or the least help from anything there is in man and just yield ourselves unreservedly to allow God to work in us, for He will do all for us.

Let us pray that we might get some "right conception" of what the influence of God would be on a life spent, not in thought, or imagination, or "effort", but in the power of the Holy Spirit:, wholly waiting upon Him.

...."Trust in the LORD and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart".... Psalms 37:3-4 NASB

SEPTEMBER 8TH

* There is a fundamental principle involved in the freeing power of truth from the deceptions of the devil; deliverance from believing lies must be by believing truth. Nothing can remove a lie but truth.

.... "If you continue in My word, [then] you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know [gain a revelation of] the truth, and the truth [that abiding revelation] will make [and keep] you free".... John 8:31-32 NASB

SEPTEMBER 9TH

* All that the Church and its members need for the "manifestation" of the mighty power of God in the earth is the return to our true place, the place of absolute dependence upon God for "all" things.

.... "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God".... Ephesians 3:14-19 NASB

SEPTEMBER 10TH

* "Guidance" is simple to the childlike heart but difficult to the wise and "prudent" who lean to their own understanding, and make perplexities by their own reasonings, and the multiplicity of their thoughts.

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

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

SEPTEMBER 11TH

* Indeed there is much need for "physical labour" in the Church, but it shall be done well, and as a service well-pleasing to the Master, only in the measure in which it is done in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

SEPTEMBER 12TH

* If one has not believed, nor expected to receive the blessing which God has expressly promised, then they [*in light of spiritual reality*] have charged Him with lying through their unbelief.

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

....*"So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest - an absolute faith and trust in Him], 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

SEPTEMBER 13TH

* We measure our desire for the "salvation" of others by the "self-denial" we ourselves practice.

....*"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny*

himself, and take up his cross and follow Me".... Matthew 16:24 NASB

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

SEPTEMBER 14TH

* The one object for which God gave life to creatures, was that in them He might prove and show forth His wisdom, power and goodness, in His being each moment their life and happiness, and pouring forth unto them, according to their capacity, the riches of His goodness and power.

.... "The LORD gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly [before Him]".... Psalms 84:11 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

SEPTEMBER 15TH

* One thing that death can never do and that is rob us of the work that we do for God; that will live on forever! Anything that we do outside of ourselves, and not with a "selfish" motive shall live on forever.

.... "For, "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls off, but the Word [every aspect of the Will] of the Lord endures forever".... 1 Peter 1:24-25 NASB

[SEPTEMBER 16TH]

- * To seek to exalt oneself above a brother or sister in Christ is to exalt oneself above God!

...."But the greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted. But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from people; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in".... Matthew 23:11-13 NASB

SEPTEMBER 17TH

- * Failure to move forward in obedience means retreat into the past.

"obedience" - the seeking after and gaining a "revelation" of God's Will and, THEN, carrying it out to fulfillment 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.

...."So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest - an absolute faith and trust in Him], 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

....."Love [obedience] never fails".... 1 Corinthians 13:8 NASB

SEPTEMBER 18TH

- * The wicked are for throwing away the "threatenings" *[judgements]* of the Bible, and the Church the promises, and what is there left? Between them they leave the Bible a blank. I ask it in love: "What is our Bible good for if we do not lay hold of its precious promises and use them as the ground of our faith when we pray for the blessings of God? You had better send your Bibles to the heathen, where they will do some good, if you are not going to believe and use them!

...."This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your

mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB

SEPTEMBER 19TH

* If there is one lesson the believer needs to learn, who would enjoy the full indwelling of the Holy Spirit, it is that the law the flesh and "all" self-effort are utterly useless in enabling us to serve God. It is the Holy Spirit within, taking the place of the law without that leads us into the liberty whereby Christ has made us free.

...."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 20TH

* The judgement of God falls heaviest on those who are nearer to Him.

...."Let not many [of you] become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment".... James 3:1 NASB

SEPTEMBER 21ST

* Faith puts to the proof the statements of God by acting upon them, and in the acting finds their substance and reality. Faith tests the unseen things, and translates them into real experience. Faith is the key to all the "treasuries" of God. The Gospel is God's statement of what is in the spiritual realm. Faith is simply believing God's Word, however contrary it may appear to things of sense and sight.

Faith in God's statement to us is proved by action. We act accordingly to what is told us by God which we believe and must of necessity obey. Living faith involves action; without action it may be said to be dead, for a mental ascent to the truths of God will never give them "substance" in our lives.

If we do believe God's Word we shall act *[and speak]* according to that Word. We must not forget however, that the faith that is the proving of "things not seen" demands direct communication with God. Souls have often been shipwrecked here. They have rested their faith on the written Word spoken by others, rather than upon God, Himself, in His Word.

...."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

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

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

SEPTEMBER 22ND

* In God Himself there is a "peace", a profound undisturbedness of spirit, which keeps Him untroubled and undistressed in the face of unspeakable conflict and contradiction. It is this peace or God which, Paul tells us, is to "garrison" our hearts and thoughts in Christ Jesus. What does "garrison" really mean? It means that my foe has to fight through the armed guard at the gates before he can reach me. Before I can be touched, the garrison itself has first to be overcome. So I dare to be as peaceful as God, for the same peace that is keeping God is keeping me. How utterly men fail to understand Jesus! Whatever He did was wrong in their eyes, for the light that was in them was darkness. But He was unmoved, *[not provoked]* because in spirit He abode in the peace of God.

"phroureo" [froo-reh'-o] - to be a watcher in advance, i.e. to mount guard as a sentinel (post spies at gates); figuratively, to hem in, protect; keep (with a garrison);

....*"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 [understanding], will "guard" ["phroureo"] your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things".... Philippians 4:6-8 NASB*

SEPTEMBER 23RD

* All the love of God and of Christ, are inseparably linked with love to the brethren.

....*"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 24TH

* God does not give out His wisdom "freely" to those who have not first made the quality decision to hear that which He has to say and then act upon it accordingly.

....*"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*

SEPTEMBER 25TH

* God cannot deliver us from bondage unless we desire Him to; therefore He must "permit"

pressure to come upon us in one way or another, so as to bring us to the point of asking Him to do for us what He has been ready and able to do all the time.

....*"And have you [completely] forgotten the divine word of appeal and encouragement in which you are reasoned with and addressed as sons? 'My son, do not think lightly or scorn to submit to the correction and discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage and give up and faint when you are reprov'd or corrected by Him; For the Lord corrects and disciplines everyone whom He loves, and He punishes, even scourges, every son whom He accepts and welcomes to His heart and cherishes'. You must submit to and endure [correction] for discipline; God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his father does not [thus] train and correct and discipline? Now if you are exempt from correction and left without discipline in which all [of God's children] share, then you are illegitimate offspring and not true sons [at all]. [Prov. 3:11, 12.] Moreover, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we yielded [to them] and respected [them for training us]. Shall we not much more cheerfully submit to the Father of spirits and so [truly] live? For [our earthly fathers] disciplined us for only a short period of time and chastised us as seemed proper and good to them; but He disciplines us for our certain good, **that we may become sharers in His own holiness.** For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous and painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it [a harvest of fruit which consists in righteousness - in conformity to God's will in purpose, thought, and action, resulting in right living and right standing with God]".... Hebrews 12:5-11 The Amplified Translation*

SEPTEMBER 26TH

* I tell you what we want today is a few more "fanatics" like him [*Paul*]; men and women who fear nothing but sin and love no one [*for any thing*] before God!

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

SEPTEMBER 27TH

* There is faith and faith; there is worship and worship; and there is praise and praise, and

there must be a cry that goes up from us out of the earth for "authenticity" in all of these things! For when our praise swells up to Heaven, a praise that is more than the product of "charismatic manipulation", and where there is a spontaneous breaking forth of a celebration of God it is in this place that the "manifold wisdom of God" shall be demonstrated through the "Church" and the "principalities and powers " shall be constantly reminded of their eternal "vanquishment" and destiny.

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

....*"To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly [places.] [This was] in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord".... Ephesians 3:8-11 NASB*

SEPTEMBER 28TH

* If one were to sum up in one short sentence what God is: God is true to His Word!

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

....*"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*

SEPTEMBER 29TH

* Any fear of the "principalities and powers" points out a lack of fear of God [*reverence for*

His Word]. For it is to the degree that one trusts in and, therefore, truly acts upon the Word that ALL ground for fear shall be eliminated.

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

....*"I cried to God in my distress and He answered me! He freed me from all my fears! Gaze upon Him, join your life with His, and joy will come".... Psalm 34:4-5 The Passion Translation*

....*"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*

....*"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***

SEPTEMBER 30TH

* "What would you have me do now, Father?" - the "abiding" question of the heart for all those who truly love God.

....*"I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me".... John 8:28 NASB*

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

OCTOBER 1ST

* We shall never have the power and the authority to turn men and women from their idols so long as we ourselves are "moved" by a single thing apart from the revealed Word of God. We must be "impervious" to things.

"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*

OCTOBER 2ND

* The "apostolic" requirement [*Christ - all in all*] is beyond merely the outward conduct, it

requires the integrity of the total man - both inward and outward.

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

OCTOBER 3RD

* All the things that one does must be "measured" in relation to God's Kingdom being furthered. To the degree that it serves to further the Kingdom of God in the earth; it is to that degree, and that degree alone that it is "profitable".

....*"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*

OCTOBER 4TH

* Faith: holding on to a revelation of the Truth [*Word of God*] in the face of Hell and its master, beyond human endurance; beyond "emotional" endurance, beyond EVERY lie spoken by Satan, UNTIL the manifestation comes.

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

....*"For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you. But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak".... 2 Corinthians 4:11-13 NASB*

OCTOBER 5TH

* It is the appreciation and the anticipation of the "end" *[through faith]* that very directly affects our "present".

....*"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*

....*"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*

OCTOBER 6TH

* Nothing can "inhibit" the Kingdom of God, but the unwillingness of God's people to seek it and pursue it.

....*"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it".... Matthew 13:44-46 NASB*

....*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might".... Deuteronomy 6:5 NASB*

OCTOBER 7TH

* Jesus robbed the principalities and powers of their authority, but they were not entirely demolished *[as they are still able to attempt to influence men]*. So how do they continue then

without authority? By a false intimidation, by lies, and by threats: by trying to win the "loyalty" of mankind through their own values.

Satan is like a lion without teeth. He is still able to roar and make noise, and by that to threaten those that do not know that it is "toothless". This is the task of the Church, to unmask and reveal what is the true condition of things, and this happens every time the message of the Cross is preached. The reality of being free from the "powers" must be demonstrated by the Church itself.

...."To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly [places.] [This was] in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord" Ephesians 3:8-11 NASB

...."Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, 'FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.' But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord".... Romans 8:35-39 NASB

OCTOBER 8TH

* Is this not the "consummate" act of faith - to have no "evidence" on which to base one's words or action, besides that *[the revelation of the Word]* which fills the heart?

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

...."So also 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

...."But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak".... 2 Corinthians 4:11-13 NASB

OCTOBER 9TH

* What God appoints, God anoints!

...."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

OCTOBER 10TH

* The fulfilment of the command to love one another begins with our love of the Holy One we serve.

...."You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might".... Deuteronomy 6:5 NASB

...."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

OCTOBER 11TH

* We need never have any fear of the things to come, for as we look to each succeeding moment, the eye of faith and love sees only the opportunity to once again obey.

....*"Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may be well with you".... Jeremiah 7:23 NASB*

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

OCTOBER 12TH

* Nothing can hinder *[stop]* one from carrying out the Will of God, save their own unbelief.

....*"So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest - an absolute faith and trust in Him], 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*

OCTOBER 13TH

* There are so many "things", but there is only one thing needful: intimate and abiding fellowship with the Father and His Word!

....*"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*

....*"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 14TH

* Truth is everything as God sees it.

....*"If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. And you will know [gain a revelation of] the Truth, and [that revelation of] the Truth will set you free".... John 8:31-32 The Amplified Translation*

OCTOBER 15TH

* If one, having come to the knowledge of God's Will, does not walk moment to moment in Christ, thus allowing the Holy Spirit to work out the "fulness" of God's Will in them, then in seeking to bring about the Will of God themselves, that which they do shall be found to have been done in a spirit of "self-righteousness" [*self-glory*] rather than a spirit of faithfulness and love for God.

....*"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither [can] you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned".... John 15:4-6 NASB*

OCTOBER 16TH

* "Eternal" life stands primarily not for a greater length of life, but for a new and greater depth of it - forever.

....*"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent".... John 17:3 NASB*

OCTOBER 17TH

* The one who would have the leading of the Holy Spirit must yield themselves to have their life wholly possessed and filled by the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not only hindered by the flesh, as the power that commits sin, but still more by the "flesh", as the power that "seeks" to serve God. The will and wisdom of the flesh must be "feared", and crucified, and denied. The ear must be

closed to all that flesh and its wisdom, whether in self or in those around us, has to say.

In all our thoughts of God or our study of His Word, in all our efforts to worship, and in all our work for Him, there must be a continued distrust and "abnegation" of self, and a very definite waiting on God for the Holy Spirit to teach us and lead us. The soul that daily and hourly waits for a Divine leading, for the light of knowledge and of duty, will surely receive it.

.... "But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do".... Galatians 5:16-17 The Amplified Translation

OCTOBER 18TH

* The greater the privilege of knowing God "face to face" the greater the sin of the least unfaithfulness found in us.

.... "whatever does not originate and proceed from faith [which is activated and energized by love] is sin".... Romans 14:23b The Amplified Translation

OCTOBER 19TH

* We, as moral agents, have the power to obey God, and are perfectly bound to obey; and the "only" reason that we do not is that we are unwilling.

.... "Do you not know that if you continually surrender yourselves to anyone to do his will, you are the slaves of him whom you obey, whether that be to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience which leads to righteousness [right doing and right standing with God]?".... Romans 6:16 The Amplified Translation

OCTOBER 20TH

* To judge is not to come down with a "hammer-like" fist of some deserving victim; it is to mediate; it is to bring the wisdom of God into a situation.

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

OCTOBER 21ST

* Are we not in danger of being led away by the imaginings of our own hearts and counting as the leading of the Spirit what really is a delusion of the flesh? And if so where is our safeguard against such error? The answer ordinarily given to this last question is the Word of God and yet that answer is only half the truth.

Far too many have used the Word of God to oppose the danger of "fanaticism" but as interpreted by human reason erred no less than those they sought to oppose and judged "unrighteously", through their mental ascent, those who were righteous in their service to God. The answer is: the Word of God as "taught" by the Spirit of God. It is perfect harmony of the two that our "safety" is to be found.

...."But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, 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

OCTOBER 22ND

* When God commands us to do something, it is the highest possible evidence that we can do it. For God to command is equivalent to an oath that we can do it. God has no right to "command", unless He has provided the power for us to obey, and in Christ, He has!

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

OCTOBER 23RD

* Our jealousy [*reverence*] for the glory of God must exceed our fear of men!

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

OCTOBER 24TH

* There is a "religious posture" which prefers to keep the reality of God at a distance. It loves things that are "abstract". It likes the idea of an "impersonal" deity, a force ultimately somewhere in the universe, but it does not like the immediate presence of the living God before them; a God who speaks, a God who requires, a God who commands. I suppose there is "nothing" for which men will be more vicious than the destruction of their religious deceptions. Instead of their "image" being as they behold Him [*God*], God's image [*to them*] is formed as they behold themselves.

....*"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*

OCTOBER 25TH

* We have as little power to increase or strengthen our spiritual life, as we had to originate it. "Waiting" is to teach us our absolute dependence upon God's mighty working, and to make us, in

perfect patience, to place ourselves at His disposal.

.... "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

OCTOBER 26TH

* The only "sure" mark of our being true Christians, of our really loving Christ, is the deep longing and steady effort to know more of Him.

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

OCTOBER 27TH

* There is Satanic power behind every "worldly" thing. How vital therefore for every Christian to have a clear revelation of the "spirit of the world" in order to appreciate how real is the danger to which they are continually exposed.

.... "We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one".... 1 John 5:19 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

OCTOBER 28TH

* It is useless expecting success or victory in this "spiritual" battlefield unless we are prepared to take the Word of God as our one authority. We must be prepared for implicit, undeviating obedience to the Word of God. There must not be a turning from the Word in the slightest measure, to the right or to the left. We must make sure of what God's book says, and then stand on it without questioning, and God will be with us.

It is the one great condition of success - this implicit recognition of the "authority" of God's Word and obedience to it, honestly seeking to know the will of God. Not merely implicit obedience to one text, but seeking to know, and to do His will as revealed in the general principles laid down in His Word for life, and conduct, in all things.

The only way to be strong and very courageous, is to be filled with the Word of God, and to have the heart and mind full of it, not simply reading a little then putting the book down, but really "meditating" on God's Word until you know the "heart truth" of all that is written therein.

.... "This Book of the Law [the Word of God] shall not depart out of [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success".... Joshua 1:8 The Amplified Translation

OCTOBER 29TH

* If we do not keep God's way, our "waiting" on Him can bring no blessing. The surrender to a full obedience to "all" His will is the secret of full access to all the blessings of His fellowship.

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

OCTOBER 30TH

* One's relationship with God is always the "governing principle" in their behaviour toward their fellow man.

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

....*"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*

OCTOBER 31ST

* "Idolatry" is always the elevation of objects or persons over God.

....*"Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry".... 1 Corinthians 10:14 NASB*

NOVEMBER 1ST

* The axiom of "humanism" is that man is the measure of all things; the axiom of the Christian *[spiritual]* mind is that God and His Word are the center and measure of "all" things.

....*"And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS".... Revelation 19:11-16 NASB*

NOVEMBER 2ND

- * With God's commands there is always included the power [*Grace*] to obey.

....*"God is able to make all Grace abound to you".... 2 Corinthians 9:8 NASB*

....*"My Grace is sufficient for you, for [My] power is perfected in weakness [a true leaning of one's entire being upon God and His Word]".... 2 Corinthians 12:9 NASB*

NOVEMBER 3RD

- * "Feelings" do not matter [*with regard to spiritual reality*], it is the declaration of your "position" which counts!

....*"for we walk by faith [love, revelation], not by sight [feelings, outward discernment]".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB*

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

NOVEMBER 4TH

- * If we are to know the real power of Pentecost, it can only be upon these conditions - all "private" interests and "personal" considerations utterly merged in the interests of God and His Kingdom. How few have been willing for this utter surrender, this absolute abandonment!

....*"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*

NOVEMBER 5TH

- * The prospering of the soul is a matter of the heart's loyalty.

....*"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*

NOVEMBER 6TH

- * Love confuses the kingdom of darkness.

....*"Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil [through the continual exercising of faith and Love] and he will flee from you".... James 4:7 NASB*

NOVEMBER 7TH

- * The exercising of faith does not always create an instant change in the natural realm, but it ALWAYS creates an instant change in the spiritual realm.

....*"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*

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

NOVEMBER 8TH

- * Authority is the ability or strength with which one is endued. It is the "right" to exercise power.

....*"Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the*

*power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you".... Luke 10:19
NASB*

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

NOVEMBER 9TH

* "True" patience is foreign to a self-confident nature, yet it is indispensable in our waiting upon God - and is an "essential" element to "true" faith.

...."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 10TH

* The faith of God is this, that when He speaks the Word the thing is done. God does not doubt that it will be as He has said. In the spiritual sphere what you say creates; to put it more plainly, if you say I cannot, then you cannot; but if you say I can, through Christ who strengthens you, then you can.

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

...."let the weak say, I [am] strong".... Joel 3:10 KJV

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

NOVEMBER 11TH

* "Obedience" is our only opportunity to love not only our God, but also, our perfect

obedience before God, in "blamelessness", is the only way for us to fulfil the command of God to "love one another". It is only through our obedience to Him that God is enabled to effect His purposes in the lives of all those who "cross our path". For our obedience is our "intercession", and is the life we are called to live - a life which is no longer lived for ourselves but for others. Let us not be deceived!

If our one true desire is to love God with all of our heart then we shall live only to carry out God's will. If we retain a desire, to any degree, to live for ourselves, then in our disobedience and idolatry we shall be "judged" accordingly, regardless of how much we "pride" ourselves in "our" service to God. Our one aim and desire must be to "please" God, for it is only in seeking to please God that we can show our love and appreciation for Him.

...."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

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

...."But without faith [love and obedience] it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]".... Hebrews 11:6 The Amplified Translation

NOVEMBER 12TH

* Humility of spirit will place you where you cannot be hurt and your "feelings" wounded by anything said, because you love and only want the truth, and do not care what it costs if you only find the truth, as it is in the sight of God.

...."The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread?".... Psalms 27:1 NASB

....*"If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. And you will know [gain a revelation of] the Truth, and [that revelation of] the Truth will set you free".... John 8:31-32 The Amplified Translation*

NOVEMBER 13TH

* Every time you "confess" weakness you become weaker; every time you tell people about "your" sickness you grow worse; every time you tell people about your lack you have more lack.

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

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

NOVEMBER 14TH

* When selfishness is "eliminated" in us and Love gains the ascendancy, we will not seek our own way any longer. We will live as the Master lived in His earth walk. We will seek only the Father's Will, which shall be to the best interests of all the Father's children.

....*"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".... Philippians 2:3-4 NASB*

NOVEMBER 15TH

* We must always be found to be counting upon the severing power of the Cross of Christ in the present moment. It is only "safe" in our spiritual warfare to have a present tense faith and a present tense application of the Cross.

....*"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 [revelation] of God; and we lead EVERY thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)".... 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 The Amplified Translation

NOVEMBER 16TH

* If the Church and sinners and the devil oppose you, there will be One with whom you will have peace. Let you who are called to these trials and conflicts and temptations and who groan and pray and weep and break your hearts remember this consideration; your peace, so far as your feelings toward God are concerned, will flow like a river. If you are filled with the Spirit you will not find yourselves distressed and galled and worried when people speak against you.

If you mean to be faithful under persecution and exemplify the temper of the Saviour, you need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. If you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you will be calm under affliction; not thrown into confusion or consternation when you see the storm coming over you. People around will be astonished at your calmness and cheerfulness under heavy trials, not knowing the inward support of those who are filled with the Spirit.

...."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 17TH

* The whole nature of "virtue" consists in conforming to the Will of God. The whole nature of sin is declining from it. There is nothing wise, holy or just except the perfect Will of God. Let a man beware of setting a standard of life lower than Christ's.

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

NOVEMBER 18TH

* What man says could be or may be: what God says is! To doubt God - which means not to trust Him - is sin!

....*"whatever does not originate and proceed from faith [which is activated and energized by love for and trust in the Father and His Word] is sin".... Romans 14:23b The Amplified Translation*

NOVEMBER 19TH

* The principle of "divine increase" is giving, not storage.

....*"There is one who scatters, and [yet] increases all the more, and there is one who withholds what is justly due, [and yet it results] only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered".... Proverbs 11:24-25 NASB*

NOVEMBER 20TH

* The true Christian life as ordained by God for His children is one full of joy and rest; one that is uninterrupted communion with God and is in perfect harmony with His will. It is a life that does not thirst or hunger after the "world", that walks outside of sin and that transcends all things. It is a holy, powerful and victorious life and one that constitutes knowing God's Will and having continuous fellowship with Him.

The life which God has ordained for Christians is a life that is hid with Christ in God. Nothing can touch or effect or shake this life. As Christ is unshakeable so we are unshakeable. As Christ transcends all things, we also transcend all things. As Christ is before God so we too are before Him.

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

....*"O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, And speaks truth in his heart. He does not slander with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor takes up a reproach against his friend; In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, But who honors those who fear the LORD; He swears to his own hurt and does not change; He does not put out his money at interest, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken".... Psalms 15:1-5 NASB*

NOVEMBER 21ST

* Consecration makes a life powerful as well as joyful. He who is unwilling to offer all to God is powerless, joyless and sinful.

....*"prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of 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 1:13-16 NASB*

NOVEMBER 22ND

* Waiting on God is not meant to be a spiritual "self-indulgence". It's object is to let God get possession of us.

....*"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*

NOVEMBER 23RD

* While the need of the Holy Spirit's teaching is in general willingly admitted, we find that neither in the teaching of the Church nor in the lives of believers does this blessed truth have practical and all-embracing supremacy, without which the wisdom and the spirit of this world will still assert their power.

...."But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, 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

...."But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future]".... John 16:13 The Amplified Translation

NOVEMBER 24TH

* All those who have not truly submitted themselves to the authority of God [*the Word of God*] shall always attempt to censure those who have for the purpose of justifying themselves.

...."Indeed, all who desire to live godly [lives] in Christ Jesus will be persecuted".... 2 Timothy 3:12 NASB

...."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

NOVEMBER 25TH

* The reason that there is so much Bible reading and teaching which has not power to elevate and sanctify the life, is simply this: it is not "truth" which has been revealed and received through the Holy Spirit.

.... "If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. And you will know [gain a revelation of] the Truth, and [that revelation of] the Truth will set you free".... John 8:31-32 The Amplified Translation

NOVEMBER 26TH

* Obeying God is not only what is best for you, but also what is best for all those in your "sphere of existence".

"sphere of existence" - is not only one's "physical" existence but also their "spiritual existence" - an existence that includes those they have met in the past *[friend and foe alike]* as well as those they have yet to meet, as they continue on the path to the "fullness" of their precious destiny, in Christ.

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

.... "But without faith [love and obedience] it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]".... Hebrews 11:6 The Amplified Translation

NOVEMBER 27TH

* When you are possessed by the Holy Spirit, lives around you must be quickened. Christ in you will do the work!

....*"For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you. But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak".... 2 Corinthians 4:11-13 NASB*

NOVEMBER 28TH

- * Faith and love are the "visible" evidence of one's true union with God.

....*"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 13:4-8 The Amplified Translation*

NOVEMBER 29TH

- * Is there not a "wisdom" that is not of God and a readiness to think that one can understand the Word even without "direct contact" with the Living God Himself? This "wisdom" seeks to master even the most spiritual truth, to form a clear conception or image of it, and rejoice in that - instead of the living power in which the Spirit reveals it.

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

NOVEMBER 30TH

- * Sins do not disappear with the mere passage of time. They live on to accuse men in the "present". Forgiveness and "forgottenness" result only from sincere repentance and confession

born by the exercising of an absolute faith in the precious Blood of the Lamb.

.... *"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*

DECEMBER 1ST

* The metric by which one hears God clearly is measured by their understanding of their position of being the righteousness of God - their entitlement in and because of the shed Blood of Jesus.

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

.... *"This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and [yet] walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; 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 1:5-7 NASB*

DECEMBER 2ND

* The Love of God is not just an expression, but an entity. God is Love. The meaning of the Cross is Love. The message of the kingdom of God is Love. There are no parts in the Kingdom of God that are not in some way a reflective reality of His Love.

"entity" - something that has a real existence;

.... *"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".... 1 John 4:16 NASB*

DECEMBER 3RD

- * An absolute faith *[trust]* prepares absolutely *[for that which it believes for]*.

...."For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay. Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith".... Habakkuk 2:3-4 NASB

...."For God is not unrighteous to forget or overlook your labor and the love which you have shown for His name's sake in ministering to the needs of the saints [His own consecrated people], as you still do. But we do [strongly and earnestly] desire for each of you to show the same diligence and sincerity [all the way through] in realizing and enjoying the full assurance and development of [your] hope until the end, In order that you may not grow disinterested and become [spiritual] sluggards, but imitators, behaving as do those who through faith [by their leaning of the entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness] and by practice of patient endurance and waiting are [now] inheriting the promises".... Hebrews 6:10-12 The Amplified Translation

...."prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of 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 1:13-16 NASB

DECEMBER 4TH

- * You can never really know the Scriptures until you are willing to be changed by them.

...."Establish Your word to Your servant, as that which produces reverence for You".... Psalm 119:38NASB

DECEMBER 5TH

* Agape is a divine love that gives and gives and gives, even if it's never responded to, thanked, or acknowledged. You could say that *agape* is a love that isn't based on response but on a decision to keep on loving, regardless of a recipient's response or lack of response. Because *agape* is such an unconditional love, I call it high-level love. It is the highest, most noble, purest form of love that exists.

Psalm 103:12 says,

"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

This means that God doesn't keep records of your past forgiven sins! Once they are under the blood of Jesus, God separates them from you forever.

You see, that is how real *agape* love behaves. So if you are ever tempted to keep mental records of wrongs someone has done to you, be aware that you're not giving to that person the same mercy God has given to you. Someone who has been forgiven as much as you have been forgiven has no right to keep a record of someone else's mistakes!

.... "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 13:4-8 The Amplified Translation

DECEMBER 6TH

* Prayer is nothing but the breathing that out before the Lord, that was first breathed into us by the Spirit of the Lord.

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

DECEMBER 7TH

* The Cross

1. The call of the cross is to follow Christ.
2. The sufferings of the cross is to die to self.
3. The purpose of the cross is to live for God.
4. The glory of the cross is to reign with Christ.

....*"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it'..... Matthew 16:24-25 NASB*

DECEMBER 8TH

* Faith rules the spiritual man/woman. Why? Because Jesus is the Lord and head of this new "man". The Word rules them!

....*"Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith".... Habakkuk 2:3-4 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

DECEMBER 9TH

* When we ignore the voice of the Holy Spirit, we become a "willing" prey of the Adversary.

.... *"Be of sober [spirit,] be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in [your] faith".... 1 Peter 5:8-9 NASB*

DECEMBER 10TH

* The powers of darkness are not affected by mere determination [*resolve*] but they are rendered powerless by the act of volition, definitely choosing in the strength given of God to stand against them.

.... *"For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere. Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place]. Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity and of moral rectitude and right standing with God, And having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace. [Isa. 52:7.] Lift up over all the [covering] shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one]. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit wields, which is the Word of God. Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).".... Ephesians 6:12-18 The Amplified Translation*

.... *"In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death [*no death can**

remain standing]".... Proverbs 12:28 NASB

DECEMBER 11TH

* Our freedom *[in Christ]* does not give us the right to do as we please, but the liberty to do as we ought.

...."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

DECEMBER 12TH

* Pride takes action; faith waits! In times of uncertainty - wait. Always, if you have any doubt, wait. Do not force yourself to any action. If you have a restraint in your spirit, wait until all is clear, and do not go against it. Refuse to be pushed to a hasty or doubtful decision. Better to be thought "discourteous" than to act without the assurance of God's Will.

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

DECEMBER 13TH

* If you fancy to overcome by yourself you will not be able to change even after twenty years of effort.

...."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

...."The intellectually arrogant seek for wisdom but they never seem to discover what they claim they are looking for. For revelation knowledge flows to the one who hungers for understanding".... Proverbs 14:6 The Passion 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*

DECEMBER 14TH

* Though one may have the Holy Spirit, they cannot be called "spiritual"; that title belongs to those who have not only received the Holy Spirit, but have yielded themselves to Him to possess and rule their whole life.

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

DECEMBER 15TH

* Courage is not having the strength to go on - it is going on when you do not have the strength.

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

....*"the righteous are bold as a lion".... Proverbs 28:1b NASB*

DECEMBER 16TH

* "Loneliness" is being unaware of the One who is with us everywhere.

"lonely" - affected with, characterized by, or causing a depressing feeling of being alone; destitute of sympathetic or friendly companionship, support, etc.

....*"My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He will pluck my feet out of the net. [Lord] turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are multiplied; bring me out of my distresses. Behold my affliction and my pain and forgive all my*

sins [of thinking and doing]. Consider my enemies, for they abound; they hate me with cruel hatred. O keep me, Lord, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed or disappointed, for my trust and my refuge are in You. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for and expect You"....Psalms 25:15-22 The Amplified Translation

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

DECEMBER 17TH

* Waiting [*in divine patience*] for the manifestation of our assured victory is far sweeter than yielding to anything that death has to offer.

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

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

...."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

DECEMBER 18TH

* Faith becomes a dominating and creative force when Love truly rules in one's heart.

*...."And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God [*lit. "have the God-kind of 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 that you have received them, and they will be [granted] you".... Mark 11:22-24 NASB

DECEMBER 19TH

* God's judgement is not on people, but on sin. For He loves the people, but He hates sin, unbelief and rebellion.

...."So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest - an absolute faith and trust in Him], 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

...."it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?".... 1 Peter 4:17 NASB

DECEMBER 20TH

* Where faith is bold, fear is fearful.

...."the righteous are bold as a lion".... Proverbs 28:1b NASB

DECEMBER 21ST

* All worry has its root in the fear of "loss".

...."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 4:6-7 NASB

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

DECEMBER 22ND

- * True prayer offers God an opportunity to: speak to us, to give to us, and to work through us.

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

DECEMBER 23RD

- * True knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom always corresponds to the development of the hidden life of the Kingdom within us.

....*"To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly [places.] [This was] in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord".... Ephesians 3:8-11 NASB*

....*"Of [this church] I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the [preaching of] the word of God, [that is,] the mystery which has been hidden from the [past] ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me".... Colossians 1:25-29 NASB*

DECEMBER 24TH

- * Real spiritual entrance into the Truth in power - so as to possess it and be possessed by it, and so to have not only the thoughts but the very thing the words speak of - this, only the Holy Spirit can give. True spiritual knowledge is not deep thought but "living contact" entering into

and being united to the Truth as it is, in Jesus Christ. It is only a life yielded to Him in dependence and full obedience to be made spiritual, that receives the spiritual wisdom and understanding.

.... "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

DECEMBER 25TH

* The mistrust of God is the essence of foolishness.

.... "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God' [who is willing to help me]".... Psalms 14:1a NASB

.... "Wisdom is in the presence of the one who has understanding, but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth".... Proverbs 17:24 NASB

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

DECEMBER 26TH

* Selfishness never gives joy, it gives only limited happiness. Happiness is the product of our surroundings. It is the satisfying [*gratifying*] of our "senses". The material things that bring one happiness may be taken from them in a moment and they are left desolate. Joy belongs to the spiritual realm just as happiness belongs to the sense realm. Joy is knowing the Father's Will and

doing it.

.... *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love: [and the spontaneous by-product of divine Love is] joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control".... Galatians 5:22-23 NASB*

DECEMBER 27TH

* If one does not continually move forward in faith and love then they shall SURELY find themselves going backwards in unbelief and darkness.

.... *"If we live by the [Holy] Spirit [Who is the Spirit of Love], let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.]".... Galatians 5:25-26 The Amplified Translation*

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DECEMBER 28TH

* If all good things are possible to those who believe then while one is still in the earth as "flesh and bone" then all bad things *[under the curse]* are still possible to those who do not believe *[those who mistrust the Father and His Word]*.

.... *"All things are possible to [will SURELY come to pass for] him [the one] who believes [obeys]".... Mark 9:23b NASB*

.... *"Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God.... BUT it shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses*

will come upon you and overtake you".... Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 15 NASB

...."Christ purchased our freedom [redeeming us] from the curse (doom) of the Law [and its condemnation] by [Himself] becoming a curse for us, for it is written [in the Scriptures], Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (is crucified); [Deut. 21:23.]".... Galatians 3:13 The Amplified Translation

DECEMBER 29TH

* God's desire is for all of His children to acknowledge Him in ALL of their ways through an absolute faith, trust and dependence upon His Word, while Satan's desire is for the children of God to "worship" him through believing the fear-filled, lying thoughts which he constantly attempts to pervade their five physical senses with. The "acknowledgment" of God leads to life. The "acknowledgment" of Satan and his lies lead to death.

...."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

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

DECEMBER 30TH

* Freedom is not something which one gains from the outside in, but from the inside out.

...."He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water".... John 7:38 The Amplified Translation

...."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

DECEMBER 31ST

* Faith is not blind - faith is sight of a higher kind.

...."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
