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Accepting God's Identity for You is Everything

Following Jesus into God's Kingdom
and surrendering to His Lordship Today

This is God's formula for changing mankind,
revealing His will for your life,
and winning the war for your soul.

Romans 12:2 KJV

(2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Jesus is the Word of God

The Word became flesh in Jesus and was manifested. The Word became flesh in Paul and was manifested. The Word became flesh in us through the new creation.

We must follow Jesus to the Father and, as Paul before us, seek, find, and enter the Kingdom of God as citizens. We must believe and receive, then allow the Father to reveal the fullness of this reality within us and to manifest His Son through us.

This is not an academic truth to be studied, but a life to be lived and experienced with God. I know, because it is the life I live.

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English Prologue

This is not a new teaching, or even a teaching, although everyone learns as they travel. I am attempting to show the pathway God laid out for human beings in the Garden of Eden and the path Jesus took so we could follow Him back into God's presence as citizens in His Kingdom. If you are tired of boring lectures without power, life, or destiny?

The Kingdom of God is here. The kingdom is still full of joy, peace,
and excitement in today's world.

It is not God's future plan, but rather today's agenda. Therefore, the Lord is accepting volunteers to join the kingdom's goal of establishing the mindset of His kingdom in the hearts of believers today.

If you identify as a Christian, live with the hope of attaining Heaven, and believe you will be raptured out of the current cultural war, you have become a victim of the devil's schemes and a party to their success. He always wants you to delay accepting the things of God until it is too late for them to affect the world we live in today. Discover what Satan is stealing from you today.

Because Jesus has finished all things needed for life and Godliness, our family, city, state, country, and world's future depends upon our recognizing, believing, claiming, and living in all of the things of God today, not tomorrow.

God has established our identity
as His child at the cross.

A willing and obedient heart is all it takes to live, move, and have your being, identity, and destiny in God. Therefore, passionately strive to establish a true legacy for your children. Without any exaggeration, I can say, enter at the risk of being forever changed!

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Ch. 1 Seek the Kingdom of God First

The Kingdom of God is a relationship that forms and expands into a corporate living spiritual organism or body of God's people. In response to Jesus' prayer in John 17, God and His people are forming into one spiritual person, making up His body.

When a person is born again, they become one with God and others who have been born again. However, many have never learned of this truth or believed it. They are waiting for some future manifestation of these conditions. God is only waiting for us to accept what He has given us and start walking in it. The expression of being one with God will happen as our minds transform into Christ's mind, and we begin to stop disagreeing with Him. It is much like tuning an orchestra to a tuning fork. When we put our souls in tune with Jesus, we will be in tune with each other and start making the music God has been waiting to hear.

The restoration with God comes from the renewed relationship in the Kingdom of God. In Him, we are reunited with God and become a part of the Godhead. Therefore, every life that God has breathed into a human being at birth has the possibility of our acceptance and of our return to the former relationship Adam had with God. First, however, each must believe and receive this gift.

- Jesus preached the Kingdom of God.
- Jesus displayed the power of the Kingdom of God.
- Jesus taught the laws (requirements) of the Kingdom of God.
- Jesus gives us hope in the Kingdom of God.
- Jesus revealed the promises of the Kingdom of God and gave us the keys to those pledges.
 - Love
 - Hope
 - Faith
 - Obedience

Jesus gave us the power to become those promises and keep His commandments. It shook the listeners when Jesus announced that the

Kingdom of Heaven (God's abode) was at hand. His accompanying statement, "The Kingdom of God is within you, jarred His listeners even further.

To better understand this, I think looking at some of Israel's earlier relations with God would be helpful.

After leaving Egypt, the people of Israel met with God at Mount Sinai.

Exodus 19:16-18 KJV

(16) And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.

(17) And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

(18) And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

Was it any great surprise that the people of Israel were not ready for this same God to come and live in them, even if it was in the Kingdom of Heaven? They were afraid to talk to Him personally and had appointed Moses. Their fear kept them at a safer distance from God. Jesus was always talking about the God whose presence shook the mountain, making it blaze and smoke.

It was too much for them to accept when He said God wanted to move into their hearts. To paraphrase, the high priest finally said, "It is expedient for us that one man should die for the people and that the whole nation perish not."

Since I first heard people preaching the Bible several years ago, I have learned that God's purpose was to send Jesus to save us. He did come as our salvation, to heal us, etc., but none of these are the goals that brought Him to earth. His purpose or mission, according to His words to Pilate, was:

John 18:37 KJV

(37) Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Adam's sin was to depart from the truth of God. When Satan told them they could be like God. He was misleading them, as His children. They were already like God. When Jesus was born, He was the son of a great King, therefore, a

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king Himself. As a King, he was to bear witness to the truth of God, reversing the lie that Satan had established. Having been born again, and physical descendants of a son of God, Adam, our true identity is children and sons of God. Accepting this Identity, and no other, is essential for a full relationship with God. Jesus came into the world to set up His kingdom. I believe this, not salvation, should be our worldview in interpreting the actions of God on earth. Salvation is a vital part of His mission.

However, when we place salvation as our worldview, we have made the gospel man-centered, not God-centered. The correct gospel worldview is "the Kingdom of God and Heaven are at hand." That is God's worldview and truth. All the other things that Christ secured for us are good news.

But that is not the gospel God announced through Jesus. His good news is that the Kingdom of God has come upon you, not in words but in power. When we read the Bible and our worldview that the Kingdom of God is the purpose of God, it will clear up a lot of confusion and misunderstanding. Placing man as the centerpiece of God's purpose always creates confusion and misinterpretations of God. Adam was a kingdom person, and until sin entered, they were one with God.

The term Kingdom of God refers to the same link between Jesus the King and the chosen body of Christ, who becomes His bride. Toward the end of the book, we see the holy city "New Jerusalem" coming down from God.

I want to clarify a bit here. A city is not the buildings, streets, and lights we would call a city. We could build houses, businesses, rail, buses, etc., but you do not have a town until you have people. If all the people left a thriving city like New York City, it would no longer be a city but the place where the metropolis once thrived.

The city of New Jerusalem is not the buildings, streets of gold, or beautiful gates. Therefore, Jesus will not be marrying a structure. Instead, the bride of Jesus is a people without spots or wrinkles.

So, the Bible is about the King and His kingdom from beginning to end. It is the Father's good pleasure to give us the kingdom. He wanted us to seek and enter this relationship with Jesus and become His kingdom.

Ch. 2 The Kingdom

There are many different religions in the world today. However, God is not religious and will not respond to those activities. But there is a union conceived in Heaven, called a government, that God wanted to implement in mankind on earth. Therefore, God has chosen to join Himself to man in this dirt suit, the human body, as His temple.

The purpose is to manifest the nature of our Father God and rule the earth as His kings and priests. God's goal is to return the original rule given to Adam and lost by him. The manifestation of this union emanating from us is God's glory. Therefore, any area where God has exclusive expression and rule is Heaven. This arrangement fulfills the requirements of any kingdom: the ruler, the ruled, and the domain he rules that God establishes within us and will be within us forever.

Heaven is not a future destination for our souls,
but rather the manifestation of a relationship
our soul establishes now.

It accompanies us even after the death of our bodies.

In Luke 11:2, Jesus tells us to pray that His kingdom would come to us.

Luke 11:2 KJV

And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

The Kingdom of Heaven is not a promise for tomorrow for those God is saving. Instead, it is a benefit for the king's children in His kingdom today.

Please pray the following:

Our Father, who is in Heaven, I ask that you establish your kingdom in me. The Bible declares that giving us the kingdom was your good pleasure. I believe that you have kept your word, and I ask that it become a reality in my life. Therefore, I command all restrictions and barriers hindering the manifestation of the Kingdom of God in me to be broken down and destroyed. I desire to live under the canopy of your will and the power of your love; this describes heaven. Abba Father, I have come to do thy will. In Jesus' name, amen.

God gave us the exclusive rule of the earth. That means only someone in a human body has authority here. Jesus was God in a dirt suit. However, if we

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need God's assistance, we must ask. Prayer is necessary to make God's help legal, for He does not want to live our lives for us; He wants to partner with us.

The family unit was given to us by God as a place to practice His rule. Our first assignment is to become rulers over our bodies. If you can rule yourself, you are ready to begin learning to rule the family, followed by ruling the world. If you cannot rule yourself with a godly rule, you will never be qualified to rule the earth.

Perfecting many small things through deliberate, godly practice and combining them until they become part of your identity will result in a wealthy life. The basis of kingdom ruler ship is such practices. Practice, practice, practice generates and cements our identity in Him.

Ch. 3 Brand New World

Jesus the Christ brought with Him to planet earth a New World Order. This order is called the Kingdom of God. It exists today and operates in the hearts and lives of many people who have said yes to the government of God. It is not visible to the human eye or hidden in a shadowy location on the planet. Instead, it exists in the hearts of believing men and women of God. Sadly, for most of the godly people of today, it could very well remain hidden and without value in their lives.

The world today is waiting with great fear for the Great Reset, the arrival of a New World Order, propelled into being by the rich and evil leaders of the world. It is a false concept. Still, the counterfeit always gives evidence of the truth. Anything counterfeit is always a copy of the fact and certifies that the truth does exist. You will never see a counterfeit three-dollar bill because a real one does not exist. The Kingdom of God is not only viable for today but is presently established and at work in the hearts of many.

It is time for the people of God to quit being squeamish about politics. The only message Jesus preached was political, because He spoke only about a government called the Kingdom of God and instructed us to do likewise.

Luke 4:43 KJV

(43) And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.

The only message that Jesus told others to preach was political. So, like Him, we are to preach the government of the Kingdom of God at hand.

Matthew 10:6-7 KJV

(6) But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

(7) And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Mark 16:15 KJV

(15) And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

The word "world," as defined by the Bible, does not mean the same thing as "earth." Instead, the term refers to the cultural systems that govern and establish our society. I have taken most of the names of these social systems from "The Seven Mountain Prophecy" by Johnny Enlow: Spiritual-Family-Government-Education-Media-Arts/Entertainment-Business

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Many have said, "Keep politics and government out of the pulpit." If accepted, this attitude, widely taught by the world, negates everything Jesus told us to preach and renders believers powerless. The power of God lies with those who preach the Kingdom of God.

You cannot preach about Jesus' crucifixion without including the Kingdom of God. There is no such thing as Jesus without the Kingdom. Jesus is the way and the door into it, but we must learn to walk in this dominion and to rule and reign as God intended.

The Kingdom of God is within you. The command of Jesus is, "Go ye into all the world and tell them of this kingdom you carry and represent." God is establishing His kingdom in the hearts of all willing people on planet earth and will soon remove those who refuse to enter the kingdom. Accepting Christ as your Savior gives you the privilege of entering and walking into His kingdom. Are you standing outside admiring the entrance, Jesus, or have you entered into the fullness of your covenant citizenship? Many speak of the beautiful doorway into the kingdom, but the kingdom and kingdom life are seldom mentioned.

Prayer

Lord, teach me how to seek the Kingdom of God first in my life. It is no longer enough to know about Jesus. I want to enter into and live in His kingdom now. I want to learn and practice citizenship and obtain the legal benefits of this brand-new world rule under God's blood covenant. I want to live under the righteousness that is only possible under the Lordship of Jesus. Teach me to apprehend His character and claim it as mine. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Ch. 4 A King, Governor, and Kingdom

The Bible comprises two sections: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is also the constitution that God Himself wrote. He wrote it so the world might know the obligations of God to His people and of His people towards Him. It also describes the penalties for failing to meet our commitments to Him. The Abrahamic covenant bonded God to His people and His people to Him.

The New Testament is also the constitution for the Kingdom of God. It outlines the responsibilities of the king to His people and of the people to their king. It is a blood covenant, completed by Christ, as a sword pierced his side on the cross. It is also the last will and testament of God.

Ephesians 2:19 KJV

(19) Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

When we are born again and have the spirit of obedience given to us by Christ, we become citizens of another country called the Kingdom of God. We must repudiate and lose our citizenship in the kingdom of darkness as we become children of the light. That means we are not subject to its curses or its privileges. If we go back and claim the blessings of the law, we must also accept the curses. We cannot select what we choose or desire from the covenant. We are either in the covenant or not.

Because we are born the child of a king and His heirs, we are also kings and priests unto God. We become sons of God when we reach the maturity and time appointed by the Father. Also, we are born and have the spiritual DNA of a citizen of Heaven; therefore, we are citizens of Heaven here on earth.

The King's Manifesto

Every relationship and service level requires training, discipline, and growth to advance. We are born Kings and Priests. We are citizens and family members of the most outstanding, potent government in the history of the world. Jesus, the greatest

and most powerful king in history, has given us everything we need for life and godliness. He intends to establish His kingdom as the ruling authority over the whole earth. He will do that by transforming the present people and rulers.

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We find these promises written in the Constitution and backed by a blood covenant called the New Testament. God bases that constitution on the will of God, as shown by the life and death of Jesus. His death established this unchangeable document forever. Only citizens are entitled to and have rights in the kingdom established by Jesus. All others may know of the rights, but are not legal recipients of their benefits.

The Kingdom of God is not a religion of any kind. It is a spiritual government headed by the king, Jesus. As we accept Him in our hearts as our Savior, He saves us. As we receive Him in our hearts as our personal Lord, He owns us. When we accept Him in our hearts as our king, He rules us. Jesus, Father God, and the Holy Spirit come, settle in, and make their permanent home in our hearts. The Strong's concordance tells us that the definition of Heaven is God's abode. In other words, the presence of the rule of God in us establishes the reality of Heaven in us.

The Governor

God has given us the Holy Spirit as a governor in this colony of Heaven. He is to establish the culture of the Kingdom of Heaven in us by changing our way of thinking or renewing our minds. Jesus said, "Repent (change your thinking): for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." I tell you, "Today, the Kingdom of God has come upon you." Now is the time to repent and believe the gospel's significance in our lives today.

All kingdom citizens are family members and live in a blood covenant with God. Every member of His family carries His spiritual DNA and has the name of the Father. There are many levels of relationship and service in the Kingdom of God, and all are open to whosoever wishes to advance. Babies, children, the mature, and the Sons of God. Also, Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Evangelists, Teachers, and helpers. Included are Ambassadors of Christ, Sons of God, Kings, Priests unto God, and the Bride of Christ. Each is a destination, but not the final destiny of our lives. Christian is not on the list because that name and its prophetic future came from the world.

Every relationship and service level requires training, discipline, and growth to advance. We are born Kings and Priests unto God but must grow in wisdom and stature before man and God. That is the road to having power and authority in the kingdom. It is the road Jesus also had to travel and the blueprint for those who wish to follow Him.

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God rules His kingdom with love, and submission to that rule is required to become a citizen of His kingdom.

Being the child of a king makes us kings. That makes Him the King of Kings. Our relationship with the Kingdom of God expresses the Kingdom of Heaven within and about us. That is the relationship He wants with us.

He translated us into His kingdom upon our new birth, but do we live as though we are there? Every domain has different laws. We are to follow the rules of our new kingdom, not the laws of the kingdom of darkness, where we are no longer citizens. We must follow the three commandments He has given for His new kingdom as provided to us in the New Covenant. Using God's love (agape), which the Holy Spirit spread abroad in our hearts, enables us to fulfill these laws. God seeks those who become obedient (worship) from the heart.

The endless vibrant flow of life attained only by continual connection to the Father through Jesus is ours. He is the source of love from the Father. In Jesus, we are deeply rooted and grounded in God's love, which changes us into His image. That establishes us as Heaven's colony and embassy, enabling us to act as His king and ambassador. Thus, as we rule and reign in our lives with God's love, we can genuinely represent King Jesus to the world.

We are to take the good news of this message to the world: "Repent (change your thinking). The Kingdom of God is within you, and the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." But first, we must complete this mandate given by Jesus, and then the end will come.

Ch. 5 Truth is a Person

Colossians 1:15 KJV

(15) Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

John 14:6 KJV

(6) Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 18:37 KJV

(37) Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 KJV

(10) And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

(11) And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

(12) That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

I believe that God is telling us in the above scriptures that Jesus is the exact way that God sees (understands) everything, and the way He understands is truth. It is not how we comprehend things because His ways are not ours.

Romans 11:33-34 KJV

(33) O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

(34) For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

It is for this reason that God must reveal His truth to us. That can only happen through a relationship with Him because truth is a person, not information. We can read the truth in the Bible, but we can understand it only with our natural minds.

Man is incapable of discovering God's ways. His ways are past finding out. Even hearing God's words preached to us will not reveal the truth. He alone can do this. I believe Jesus tells us in Matthew 16:17-18 that He builds His ekklesia upon the solid rock of revelation — truth revealed. The truth revealed results in a

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renewed and better working relationship with Jesus, backed up by a new understanding of the Bible. If you get a unique experience of the Bible, it is not the end of the matter; to be effective, it must improve your relationship with God. It is this truth---Him---that takes us to the Father.

Truth is always how God sees things, or His viewpoint of matters. If we do not love the truth---God's view---and rely on our private interpretation of His words, God will allow us to believe lies and become deluded. We have permitted the spirit of evil to become enthroned in our hearts where He ought not to be, as it is God's throne.

Today, many preach the Bible and have attended school for their education, but have not gone to God to reveal the truth. Instead of proclaiming Jesus as the truth, they preach the knowledge they have received from their schooling. It is only the truth in man's understanding that they have received, and not God's truth. There is no life, power, or joy in obtaining information, even about God. Only from a close, intimate relationship with God can we find truth, love, life, power, peace, and joy, and release Jesus to those in our area of influence. So likewise, the life of God only flows from and through an intimate relationship with God.

I want to give some examples of the vast difference between what is true and what is truth. It is a bit technical, but I believe it is worth the effort if we wish for clarity in understanding God. All truth is true, but not all that is true by man's standard is the truth by God's standard. For example, mathematics tells us that one plus one equals two. That is true. However, God's truth is entirely different. The spiritual power of one person plus the spiritual power of another equals ten times the influence of either person alone. The term for this is synergy, which means the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.

In Genesis five, the Lord refers to the male and female as Adam. Each of them, before the fall, was one with God, or we could say, one in nature. Immediately after they had sinned, Adam had to devise a name for his wife. They were no longer one but had become separate people. Sin caused them to no longer see from God's viewpoint, and they became two people in their own eyes. Therefore, His name was Adam, and he called her Eve. We must remember that God's view never changed. He still viewed them as one person and was and is always right.

We might illustrate the concept of the triune body, called the Godhead, by using an apple. If you take one apple and divide it into three unequal parts, each part

will be different but have the exact nature---flavor, aroma, color, texture---as each of the other parts. However, you still have one apple. We can never have more by division, nor can we divide the nature of anything. We may apply this same concept to the Godhead. Each one manifests differently, but they all have the same inherent nature: only one God, but different manifestations.

When we are born again, the Father gives us a part of His spirit, making our spirit the exact inherent nature as His spirit, although a different manifestation. Our spirit becomes one with the Godhead and a part of them. Salvation means partnering with the Holy Spirit until our souls agree with our reborn spirits.

We can only know how God understands or sees anything by asking Him and allowing Him to reveal it to us. That only comes with a close relationship with Him. Anything less can put us on a dangerous spiritual pathway.

Israel refused to come into a relationship with God. Instead, they told Moses, "Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die." They never heard God speak, nor did they receive the faith necessary to enter the promises of God.

They carried His vows without walking in them until they died. Many today do the same thing. They tell their Pastor, " You talk to God, and we will do what He says. They know all about the Kingdom of God and its promises. But they will die having never walked in God's provisions. They never received the faith needed and could only get it from talking with God. Without mixing faith with the promise, they will never walk in its reality.

We must believe, accept as ours, and practice the truth of His promises today. We must intentionally and passionately pursue the promises of God. The more fervently and consistently we seek God, the more passionate His response becomes.

I have never seen nor read of the indifferent or the double-minded person rewarded with the manifestation and power of God. God responded favorably to the men in the Bible, who were highly passionate people.

The man Saul was very zealous but misguided. God could and would redirect his passions to become Paul the Apostle. Cultivate and keep your enthusiasm for what God has stirred up in you; He will respond passionately to you. Hope for little in life, and you will get little from life. To obtain God's best for you, P.U.S.H---pray until something extraordinary happens.

Prayer

Father, open the eyes of my understanding so that I might see your truth and learn to view the world and myself as you perceive us. Being born again has transformed my spirit into your likeness. Reveal this to my heart and soul so that I might practice and walk in this new revelation. In the name of Jesus, I ask. Amen.

Ch. 6 Original Rebellion/Pursuit of Knowledge

Genesis 2:8-9

(8) And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

(9) And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:15-17

(15) And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

(16) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

(17) But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Notice that consuming either the good or the evil would bring about death. Mankind was not to live by what he knew in his intellect of good and evil, but by faith in God. Neither are we to base our understanding of God on our interpretation or on someone else's interpretation of the scriptures. We are to establish our knowledge of God on our experience with Him in a personal relationship. However, your experiences with God must always agree with the reliable witnesses recorded in the Bible. They will always verify our understanding of God. Adam reversed the order, putting knowledge before the relationship, which left God out of the equation of his life and resulted in His death.

The Old Testament of the Bible covers everything that God had to say about good and evil. For about four thousand years, God revealed the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil through the scriptures. During that time, mankind tried and failed every time to re-establish the relationship with God that Adam had in the beginning. You would think that God had thoroughly proved His point. The knowledge of good and evil will bring only death to those who consume this knowledge. Man must live by faith, not education, because trust in God comes from a relationship. We must believe that He exists and rewards those who seek Him.

That makes me wonder why many who feel God has called them to a ministry position make a point of attending Bible college. Before beginning their

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ministry, they learn about good and evil (God and the devil). Those with a college degree in religious studies are in the highest demand for speaking and leadership roles.

At the beginning of the New Testament, God began revealing the fruit of the Tree of Life (Jesus). The Father completed the revelation of Jesus when He gave us His disclosure of Jesus in the book of the Bible, Revelation. Eating from the tree of life, consuming Jesus, brings eternal life.

John 6:51 KJV

(51) I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

But to walk in this new life, one must follow Him. He is the way into the Kingdom of God. This relationship invites us to enter as citizens of that kingdom. Then, when we die, we do not go anywhere but are already living in heavenly places with Christ Jesus. We will no longer see through a glass darkly, but will then live with the complete revelation of where we lived before the death of our bodies.

However, most still rush off to the Bible colleges seeking that fruit which kills, the knowledge of good and evil. They become experts at repeating the experiences of others who previously had a proven relationship with God, such as the Apostle Paul. Education about Jesus will easily pass as a relationship with Him almost anywhere today. Many live with extensive knowledge of God but a minimal personal relationship with God. It appears that they may not be aware of their actual spiritual condition.

God has made us kings and priests unto Him. Where are those who have such hunger to know Him that they refuse to relent until fully satisfied? They will stay in the secret place with Him until they learn to minister unto Him as God wanted. From this relationship, they then minister not for Him but with Him as His ambassador to others. God has made this connection possible, but few pursue the fullness of this partnership and walk in its reality.

Not living in this relationship limits the effectiveness of our ministry. No one can draw another into a relationship with God that they do not have.

Saul was an avid student of law and had studied extensively.

Philippians 3:5-6 AMPC

(5) Circumcised when I was eight days old, of the race of Israel, of the tribe of

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Benjamin, a Hebrew [and the son] of Hebrews; as to the observance of the Law, I was of [the party of] the Pharisees,

(6) As to my zeal, I was a persecutor of the church, and by the Law's standard of righteousness (supposed justice, uprightness, and right standing with God) I was proven to be blameless and no fault was found with me.

However, this extensive education only resulted in Saul being a murderer, thinking of himself as a worker for God.

Acts 9:1-2 AMPC

(1) MEANWHILE SAUL, still drawing his breath hard from threatening and murderous desire against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

(2) And requested of him letters to the synagogues at Damascus [authorizing him], so that if he found any men or women belonging to the Way [of life as determined by faith in Jesus Christ], he might bring them bound [with chains] to Jerusalem.

As he was on his way to Damascus, Jesus personally interrupted. Much of Paul's testimony follows.

Acts 9:3-6 AMPC

(3) Now as he traveled on, he came near to Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him,

(4) And he fell to the ground. Then he heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me [harassing, troubling, and molesting Me]?

(5) And Saul said, Who are You, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting. It is dangerous and it will turn out badly for you to keep kicking against the goad [to offer vain and perilous resistance].

(6) Trembling and astonished he asked, Lord, what do You desire me to do? The Lord said to him, But arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.

After this life-changing encounter with Jesus, the Apostle Paul committed his life to Christ. He discusses His pursuit and eventual apprehension of a relationship with the resurrected Christ. After that encounter, Paul only brought life to those he persuaded to enter the Kingdom of God. A relationship with Jesus the Christ in the Kingdom of God became his life's goal, and his resulting ministry flowed from that life-giving relationship.

Philippians 3:7-11 AMPC

(7) But whatever former things I had that might have been gains to me, I have come to consider as [one combined] loss for Christ's sake.

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(8) Yes, furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed One),

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

(10) [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope]

(11) That if possible I may attain to the [spiritual and moral] resurrection [that lifts me] out from among the dead [even while in the body].

Galatians 2:20 AMPC

(20) I have been crucified with Christ [in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Romans 6:5 AMPC

(5) For if we have become one with Him by sharing a death like His, we shall also be [one with Him in sharing] His resurrection [by a new life lived for God].

Later, when Paul wrote his letter to Timothy and admonished him to study, I am sure he was not referring to the New Testament, as it did not yet exist. Nor do I believe he spoke of the Old Testament that he had studied so ardently, resulting in his being a murderer. Instead, Paul could only have been referring to Jesus, whom he had spent the rest of his life learning and coming to know.

2 Timothy 2:15 AMPC

(15) Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

The Word of Truth he referred to was Jesus, who is the Word and the Truth. Therefore, he preached Christ, and Him crucified, opening the way into the Kingdom of God.

No amount of knowledge will satisfy your soul with God. Only a relationship will do that. I am not trying to present a new thing about God. Instead, I am trying to encourage all to draw nearer and deepen their communion with Him. God has many qualities in His nature, each an added relationship. Do not depend upon another to hear from God and teach you about Him.

Like Paul, what you know about Him does not bring spiritual life to you; only your relationship with Him brings Zoe, God's life.

I am in no way saying we are not to learn from others. Others will receive revelation from God that we do not. It takes the body of Christ to form the whole picture of the resurrected Christ. We need each other.

Study Christ to show yourself approved unto God. Then, read the Bible for confirmation or use others with reliable, proven relationships with the Word of God (Jesus). The Biblical record often provides a second witness to confirm matters in Heaven's Courts. Bringing forth on the earth those things that God provides in Heaven for us should be an invaluable part of our ministry of reconciliation.

Ch. 7 Rebuilding God's Temple

According to health officials, today, many are suffering the consequences of growing older.' In the USA, a large percentage of people are suffering from being overweight, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, high triglycerides, low testosterone, high insulin resistance, type 1 and type 2 diabetes. Dementia, Alzheimer's, arthritis, brain fog, etc.

However, almost all, if not all, also have one thing in common: they consume large amounts of carbohydrates. Yet very few make any connection between the two events, even though in the past, very few people experienced these health problems. I believe there is a connection to these events, but it is not aging; it is something far different.

1 Corinthians 3:16 KJV

(16) Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

God did not make any mistakes when He designed His temple. Nor is He incapable of repairing the temple. Under normal circumstances, it will repair itself. Only occasionally does it need outside assistance, and very little medication is needed. Medicine should restore people to normal health and should only be used as a temporary fix to maintain their health. What has changed?

When millions of people fail to see a connection where a common one obviously exists and is clearly shown to be a reality, I believe something is happening, and it is not aging.

1 Corinthians 3:17 KJV

(17) If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Every person's body was created as the temple of God, and God has given us the responsibility to care for it. This ministry is one of the few, if not the only one, that God has stated He will destroy us for not doing. Yet multitudes continue doing as they please, obviously without regard for what pleases God. Of course, if you have health issues, you may not be able to lose weight without God's help. Go ahead and ask Him, I am sure He would be delighted to help.

I want to reveal a very common concept that is being used very effectively today by Satan.

2 Corinthians 4:4 KJV

(4) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Satan can blind people's minds, and this ability is far more extensive than is believed. As an example, I will use Adam and his wife in the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 3:4-5 KJV

(4) And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

(5) For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Genesis 3:6 KJV

(6) And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

These people were believers until the moment of their testing. In that moment, the woman chose to believe Satan and not God, and the man did likewise.

Satan has been running rampant in the world at this time of great testing. Like Adam and his wife, at this moment of testing, many are failing and placing themselves under Satan's influence. It is time to awaken and use our God-given authority to destroy this work of Satan in our lives and restore our bodies to their former glory.

Truth: Every carbohydrate must be changed to glucose before it enters a person's bloodstream. Every carbohydrate, from the most complex to the simplest sugar, has the same toxicity. The most complex sugars are absorbed into the blood more slowly than the simplest sugars, and the total amount of glucose in the blood at any time determines its toxicity to the body. This process is influenced by two factors: the glycemic index, which determines how quickly the carbohydrate is absorbed, and the glycemic load, which determines how many carbohydrates are available for absorption.

Carbohydrates were considered nonessential for many years because the body can produce as much as it needs; it is not essential to consume any of them. However, just because they are nonessential does not mean they should not be eaten or that not eating them is the best route to optimum health. I do not know what the limit should be for optimum health. It seems to be a closely guarded secret. However, there is an answer. Have your doctor do a fasting

insulin resistance test. If it is high, eat less high-glycemic index and high-glycemic-load foods. When the fasting insulin resistance returns to normal, it is a very good sign that carbohydrates are no longer a danger to your body and may even be beneficial at that level.

In Haggai 1:1-11, the Lord tells Haggai to rebuild the temple at Jerusalem. He also told him that his people were not prospering because they had neglected His temple. Today, we are the temple and household of God, and I see many people neglecting to care for His house. If you have lived in a house or apartment owned by someone else, it is their responsibility to repair the property. Still, the tenant is responsible for their care. Honestly, when you look in the mirror, do you see a house being very well cared for?

We must have good health in our bodies, souls, and spirits to complete the assignment God has for our lives. A lifestyle of eating for a robust, healthy body is a fountainhead for our bodies and our brains, and complements our souls. Therefore, it is essential for those engaging in building the Kingdom of God within.

Eating Toward Health

We do not know how long the spiritual war we are all experiencing will last. However, we must have good health in our bodies, souls, and spirits during this time. We are already engaged in the proper growth of our souls, and God has provided us with His Spirit. A lifestyle of eating for a robust and healthy body is a fountainhead for our brains and complements our souls. Therefore, it is essential for those engaging in this battle.

I am now about sixty pounds less than I was fifteen-plus years ago. I have studied and worked toward achieving a healthy, robust body at eighty-four years of age. I plan to continue living forever; that is my soul and spirit. God plans that each person should die, but it is not God's plan that we should experience death. I believe that God is currently removing people from their dying bodies an instant before death so that they never experience it at all.

I want to relate some of the things I practice. However, I emphasize that I am not a doctor and do not have any medical training. These are my opinions, not any medical advice. It is your responsibility to care for your body correctly, not mine. If you wish to use any of the techniques I use or follow my instructions in any way, ask your doctor whether they are safe for you, for my protection and your own.

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One of the current problems in our culture is obesity. Complicated by diabetes, coronary heart disease, high cholesterol, high triglycerides, and many other problems, it is invading our society.

Sugar, simple carbohydrates, are the most common ingredient in obesity. But unfortunately, they are also the most dangerous ingredient. Proteins are much less harmful because the body can turn them into muscles, but it has to work harder to convert them into glucose energy or store them as fat. Likewise, fats are not readily converted into glucose, as it takes about 60% of their energy to do so. Hence, we use about 60% of our fat calories to convert the remaining 40% into glucose. In addition, our body doesn't need to consume sugar or carbohydrates because we can extract them from the healthy meats and vegetables we eat.

We may find the table for glycemic load and index on the internet. If we eat only foods with a low to medium glycemic index and glycemic load, we can cut off this route to obesity. Also, I take plant amino tablets daily to curb carb cravings. Over a short period, this has proved very effective.

One effect of overeating high-glycemic foods is arterial inflammation and possibly inflammation in other parts of the body. During normal body function, blood vessels flex many times a day. As an example, our pulse results from our heart pumping blood throughout our bodies. This pulsing motion often causes hairline cracks to form in our arteries. The body typically heals these cracks, but high blood sugar levels hinder this process. The body will then increase cholesterol production to repair these cracks, thereby elevating cholesterol levels.

When I found myself in this position, I started exercising to burn the sugar, dieting to reduce it further, and taking baby aspirin and turmeric to help reduce inflammation. It worked for me, and I also started losing weight.

Because of my reduced food intake, I started taking multivitamins. Later, I added fish oil and enzymes to the regimen.

Another effect of high triglycerides is an increase in blood uric acid levels. One little-known result of this is its influence on weight gain. I will give an example.

In the fall, if we lived in bear country, we might see the animals out foraging for food, especially berries. The berries' high glycemic index and excessive food intake ensure the bears gain the weight needed for winter hibernation. However, this combination also raises the uric acid in the bear's system, which signals the body to make fat from their food and store as much fat as possible

for hibernation. Unfortunately, that survival instinct is also built into the human being.

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Daily intake of 500 mg of vitamin C is a safe and readily available aid in reducing uric acid levels. Some foods will also help with this. Various medications are also available only by prescription.

Most importantly, enlist the Holy Spirit's support in losing unwanted pounds. He desires more than you for you to live a strong and healthy life. He will help all who sincerely ask. Adopt a mindset: "I am now living in eternity and may need this body for a long time. Therefore, I must be ready and able to walk obediently with the Lord."

Prayer

Father, I ask you to give me wisdom in my eating habits. Please give me the strength and will to eat what is suitable for me, so that I may have a healthy body. Encourage me to walk daily, talk with you, and listen to you. I know having a personal relationship with you is essential in my life. You already know my needs, so I ask you to teach me to pray daily for intimacy and relationship-building.

I desperately want and need a healthy body to live a long and prosperous life with you. Also, to walk in obedience to your will. I know that you have always loved me, you do love me, and you will love me forever. Please make that a reality in my life. Never again will I experience the fear of the wintertime of my soul because I have you. With all my heart, I thank you and look forward to talking with you. In the name of Jesus, I ask Amen.

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Ch 8 Reborn and Saved

Matthew 16:24-25 KJV

(24) Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

(25) For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

When we come to Jesus, He will always bring us to His cross for the meeting. Here, we must exchange our rebellious spirit for His obedient spirit. We submit our old nature to be crucified in Him at the cross. Then, we are born again by His Spirit of life entering us and becoming a new creation in Him. God tells us we now have eternal life. He has taken our old man of rebellion against God and given us His spirit---Romans 6:6---that cries out, "Abba Father. I have come to do thy will" is the voice of the reborn. We are of one spirit and have the nature of God within us. Our spirit can no longer sin.

1 John 3:9 KJV

(9) Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Our soul is a matter altogether different. Our soul consists of two separate areas: our conscious and subconscious minds. Our conscious mind protects and is the gateway to the subconscious mind. The subconscious mind is the heart of our soul and is where our worldview resides. Because of its importance, it is where the Holy Spirit dominates and aids us in working out our salvation. It is here that He reveals Jesus to us. As we allow, it is here that He forms the mind of Christ in us by changing our way of thinking until we reach the full measure of the stature of Christ. Salvation is renewing our minds and transforming us into His image and likeness. This transformation occurs in our souls, which are our minds, will, and emotions. The New Testament often refers to this as a person's heart (Strong's G2588).

We cannot overstate the importance of the subconscious mind. As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. I want to repeat a short story that I first heard from Dr. Myles Munroe.

A Lion is the king of the jungle, not because of its size, strength, or intellect. He is king because of his attitude. When the lion sees an elephant, he thinks of only one thing: "lunch." Although much bigger and stronger, the elephant has

only one thought: "I am about to be eaten." The big difference between them is their attitude.

If we allow the Holy Spirit to renew our minds with God's words, we will see ourselves as God sees us. We need to allow Him to transform our attitudes. He tells us we are children of God, sons of God, ambassadors of God, priests unto God, kings, and the bride of Christ. Most of us know these facts. Our question is: have we acquired additional knowledge or transformed our minds to see ourselves as God sees us? Our question is: Do we conduct ourselves as ambassadors of God, directed and funded by Him to complete our life's assignment on a mission for God? To be wealthy in this life, we must see ourselves as God sees us and live accordingly.

I have quoted the following three paragraphs from a website: <https://thriveglobal.com/stories/subconscious-mind-how-to-unlock-and-use-its-power/>)

The subconscious mind is the powerful secondary system that runs everything in your life. Therefore, learning how to stimulate communication between the conscious and the subconscious minds is a powerful tool for success, happiness, and riches.

The subconscious mind is a data bank for everything that is not in your conscious mind. It stores your beliefs, past experiences, memories, and skills. Everything you have seen, done, or thought is also there.

It is also your guidance system. It constantly monitors the information coming from the senses for dangers and opportunities. And it would communicate that information to the conscious mind.

The subconscious mind comprises about eighty-seven percent of our total mind capacity. Our spirit was reborn, but our soul needs salvation. Salvation is an ongoing process that begins at the cross and continues throughout our lives. God has instructed us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling daily. The transformation of our subconscious minds is necessary for living a godly life. If we view our salvation as a one-time event, this will curtail our spiritual growth.

One way to transfer thoughts from our conscious mind to our subconscious mind is to speak them aloud. The more emotion used when speaking, the more significant the impact on long-term memory. For example, the listener easily recalls the passionate, faith-filled word.

Romans 12:2 KJV

(2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Ephesians 4:23 KJV

(23) And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

Jesus commanded us to love Him with all of our minds. So, this would also include the subconscious mind.

Matthew 22:37 KJV

(37) Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Because Jesus, the king, commanded us to love Him with our spirit, soul, and mind, I believe it would be a good idea to do as He has instructed. Because every word spoken from the mouth of a king is a law, and every infraction can be punishable by death.

The Lord outlined how to submit our minds/hearts to God.

Philippians 4:8-9 KJV

(8) Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

(9) Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Practicing these things establishes your heart in peace and anchors your vocal life in godliness. But conversely, if your speech is ungodly, your thought life has rebelled against this commandment.

In 2005, I moved to Florida and officially retired. During the following year, my wife and I enjoyed the good life. We ate and drank as it pleased us. That lifestyle eventually took a toll on my health and significantly increased my weight. It was at this time that I sought medical help. My blood sugar levels had risen to the point where I needed medication. The Doctor suggested I either lose some serious weight or start on medication. I opted for exercise and dieting.

I immediately started walking every morning and watching my diet. I was not too fond of walking. It was the most boring thing I have ever undertaken. I would not have minded jogging as much; at least I felt like I was getting

somewhere when I ran. However, I was beyond the age and weight limit to jog safely.

After a few weeks, I noticed something unusual while walking. First, my mind would turn to the Lord. I would then start meditating on the concepts and ideas Christ presented in the Bible. It finally dawned on me that the Lord was trying to teach me something about Himself, and He was speaking to me. He had repeated some things many times, so I started repeating aloud the thoughts He spoke to my mind to help me remember them. It did work, although He still had to repeat them several times. Often, I would feel it necessary to write them down when I got home from my walk.

Since that time, I have looked forward to my daily walk. Sometimes it is indoors, and other times outdoors, but I always commune with the Lord. That practice has continued to this day. I think of it as my walk to Emmaus because the Lord joined me as I walked, disclosing His word to me. That daily communication has led to countless writings and the publication of several booklets and books, including this one.

The Lord describes our walk with Him like this.

Isaiah 35:8-10 AMPC

(8) And a highway shall be there, and a way; and it shall be called the Holy Way. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for the redeemed; the wayfaring men, yes, the simple ones and fools, shall not err in it and lose their way.

(9) No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk on it.

(10) And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing, and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This spiritual highway, called the highway of holiness, began at the Garden of Eden and led into New Jerusalem. Holiness was the pathway that the Word of God walked, so this highway was called the way of the tree of life. Jesus referred to this when He said, "I am the way." He established the way onto the Highway of Holiness.

Genesis 3:24 KJV

(24) So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

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Entry onto this highway assured access into heavenly places; consequently, God placed angels at the gateway into the garden to protect Heaven from invasion by rebellious people. No human could walk in holiness; therefore, God must intervene.

Fortunately, Jesus entered the world, lived a holy life, imputed His righteousness to believers, and established a crossroad/entrance ramp for the Highway of Holiness. As a result, godly believers could freely enter New Jerusalem, pass through the city gate, and be seated beside Christ in heavenly places. Here, God discloses His purpose in our daily walk with Him.

Ch. 9 My Story

I was minding my own business, living a retired life in Florida; I retired in 2005 with this intent. I served faithfully in ministry for over twenty years. However, I was tired, and the ministry seemed to have stopped. It was time to enjoy the fruits of my many years of labor.

However, I became overweight and developed health issues that needed resolution. They manifested due to excessive eating and minimal exercise.

Having been referred to an endocrinologist due to my weight (248 lbs.) and higher-than-normal A1C sugar levels (6.8), I wasn't surprised when he told me I should start taking medication. I was on the verge of type II diabetes.

Refusing the medication he offered, I changed my eating habits and started walking for exercise. However, walking was not easy as I disliked it, and running was not a good option due to my weight and age (64).

I did not know this would begin a new life for me. Everything was about to change.

Two to three weeks into my walking program, I noticed I had begun meditating on selected Bible verses.

Before I go any further, I would like to provide you with some background on my ministry. About eighteen years previously, I had begun ministering in deliverance. Unfortunately, it was not the ministry I would have chosen for my life, and when the opportunity arose, I declined to get involved.

It was at this time that Dr. Larry Reck entered my life. He was in the deliverance ministry and was interested in teaching others, so he might form ministry teams to do this work. He invited me and others, but I wasn't interested. I wasn't sure I even believed in that type of ministry; It was all new to me.

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A few days after my refusal, the Lord spoke to me while I was praying one evening. He said, "Joe, you have been ministering to and praying for young people on the street, haven't you?"

I replied, "Yes, I have." He continued, "If you find someone with severe demonic problems, are you willing to walk away and leave them as you found them, or would you want to help them?"

Larry returned to our church the following week to speak again about the deliverance ministry. After the service, I went to him and asked if I could join him in his next ministry. I didn't want to get involved, nor was I qualified to do so; however, I did want to watch an actual deliverance. Thus began a lifelong friendship between Larry and me. He has since written a book about our experiences in the ministry. He named it "Piercing the Darkness: Through Spiritual Warfare and Deliverance." It is available on Amazon Kindle.

I saw God change people's lives in miraculous ways I had never imagined possible. I was privileged to experience many of the gifts of the Spirit and encountered many spiritual problems, which the Lord easily solved. Larry and I also taught others by conducting seminars on the deliverance ministry.

I felt I should tell this so that everyone who reads this book will know that no matter how great you think your ministry is, there is much more in Him than you will ever experience in this lifetime. For example, I had a great ministry with the Lord, but He wanted far more for me.

Returning to my walks, I was still meditating on the scriptures, but new insights or revelations about the Lord, confirmed by the Bible, kept coming. I finally realized the Lord was speaking to me through the Holy Spirit. He was trying to expand our relationship and deepen our understanding of His words in the Bible.

That was many years ago, and the Lord and I frequently talked together. Every time I have a need, He shows up with the answers. Every time I make a space for Him, He is there. Words cannot express what this means to me and those around me because of this daily life with Him.

I do not tell this story to impress anyone; I tell it only to encourage you. This lifestyle is available to anyone and everyone who wants it. The Lord desires that everyone join in partnership with Him and draw freely from that union's love, joy, peace, health, and wealth. That is why I am writing this book. To tell

everyone what is available to them today through God. You don't have to wait for anything; it is accessible today. Today is the day of the Lord.

It might seem untrue to those who think of the Bible and its stories as myths or fables. I cannot fault you in any way. I once thought that way myself. Until we experience the reality of God, He will always seem like a fairy tale to us. I challenge you. If He is authentic and is who He claims to be, He can prove His reality to you beyond a shadow of a doubt. As silly as it might seem, sincerely ask Him to verify that He is real. He confirmed Himself to me, and I believe He can and will do the same for you.

If your greatest desire is to grow into the full measure of the stature of Christ, then you should read this book. Its purpose is to reveal you to yourself. As God shows you to yourself and you apply these concepts in your life, your attitude toward yourself and God will change forever.

I hope you will grow in your relationship with God by receiving these truths and allowing them to change your attitude about who you are in Him. Accept nothing unquestioningly and test all things. If you do not receive confirmation from the Holy Spirit that they are authentic and are for you today, then put them aside. When it is your time to receive them, He will bring them to your remembrance.

I cannot say that this is a comprehensive outline of what God wants to do today. But it is the part that He has given me, I am certain God has given others their portion, and will add to what He speaks here. For me, expressing God's heart so others may read it seems impossible. Without His constant help, I would have quit long ago. But instead, I have prayed that He will touch my written words and open His truth to your hearts.

Ch. 10 Training our Brain

One of the difficulties I have encountered is that I never learned to study. I memorized the little I needed to know in high school and never practiced or developed any study habits. I was not successful in college for the same reason.

I decided to learn how to learn, so I took an online course called "Learning how to learn" on Coursera. The teachers were:

Barbara Oakley, Professor of Engineering, Industrial & Systems Engineering, Oakland University

*Dr. Terrence Sejnowski, Francis Crick Professor at the Salk Institute for
Biological Studies, Computational Neurobiology Laboratory*

One technique I learned that worked well for me was listening to and reading the lecture. Afterward, I would repeat aloud what I could remember that the instructors had taught. That technique places the information in the subconscious mind, the area used for long-term memories. Surprisingly, this was like the method the Lord had been using for many years. He would speak, and I would audibly repeat what He was saying. I would then go home and write down all I could recall of our conversation.

Later, I learned that the subconscious mind records words spoken with great passion better than any other way. It is not receptive to the right or wrong of any statement, only to its passion. So, it receives emotion-filled words better than others do, whether in great anger or in praise. Fortunately, the Lord always speaks with great conviction and passion. And His words are always filled with great faith.

Every word, idea, and concept that enters the subconscious mind contributes to our worldview. Also, these words provide the basis for our understanding of everything in our lives. From this incredible amount of information, we form our views of the people and the things we encounter. It is also the basis of our self-concept. We draw inventions, plans, and schemes from this deep well of information to succeed or fail in life. Therefore, a clear concept of who you are, your purpose, and the plans and ideas to reach your goal is necessary. That belief guarantees you and your loved ones a wealthy life, with plenty left to benefit the world.

Sadly, many people equate great financial success with wealth. They are never the same thing. We can never attain a rich life through financial excess. I have

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known a few people with excessive finances, but none were rich in their relationships. The people who know it is not the money that makes them wealthy are often the most successful. They pursue richness in their relationships, purpose, and identities as people. Jesus did this quite successfully and led a very wealthy life.

In my opinion, one of the most significant verses in the Bible is John 1:14 because it was the only time in human history that God manifested Himself as a human being.

John 1:14 .

(14) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

It is also one of the best-kept secrets, as almost all religious people regard the Bible and Jesus, the man, as the Word of God. God has indeed written the Bible, but it has never become flesh. Except for the life of Jesus, the Bible itself is inanimate and has no life. I do not wish to appear harsh, only redemptive, but my government, the Kingdom of God, regards the worship/obedience to anything or anyone except God as idolatry. Therefore, please earnestly pray until God reveals His truth to you. God gave us the Bible as a study aid for all things spiritual, but it is not our life source.

Partnering with the Holy Spirit throughout one's life is indispensable for success. His guidance, advice, and vast wisdom and knowledge ensure our success in every area we wish to go. He will help us get the correct information, store it, add it as needed, and retrieve it. Our part is to study to show ourselves approved.

2 Corinthians 3:18

(18) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Studying the Word of God means we go before the Lord in communion with Him, then meditate on and speak the Word He gives us. He has life and is glad to share that life with us when we go to Him. The scriptures do not have life. Only Jesus has the life of God, which we need to live.

Many today live as though they will grow old and die, which is against what Jesus has told us. We have eternal life in Him. Let's learn to believe it and live as though this is so.

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I am not saying that our bodies will not lie down and sleep in death. We are a two-part being, consisting of spirit and soul, and we live in a body. Your spirit-man is eternal and will live forever. God is saving your soul; If you continue in the faith, you will be saved. You live in a body, but it is not eternal, nor will it go to Heaven.

John 3:5 KJV

(5) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Another thing the Lord has given us that we no longer seem to incorporate into our lives is His testimony. He gives us His testimony, at least in part, in Revelation chapter one. It is also our testimony when we have been born again.

Revelation 1:18 KJV

(18) I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen;

We were once dead in our sins, but now we are crucified in Him and have life forever. The Apostle Paul received and walked in this revelation, and he spoke of it in his letter to the Galatians.

Galatians 2:20 KJV

(20) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Romans 6:4-5 KJV

(4) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

(5) For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

Paul counted himself as dead but alive in Christ, resurrected in Him, and seated in Christ in heavenly places. We should be walking in this reality as well. Most have a conscious knowledge of this, but many do not practice its truth.

During the Passover feast, I celebrate Jesus's resurrection and my resurrection in Him. The resurrection of the Lord is terrific news, but my resurrection with Him is over-the-wall super news. We all should learn to live in the reality of this truth.

Ch. 11 The Mystery of the Imagination

Philippians 4:8 AMPC

(8) For the rest, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is worthy of reverence and is honorable and seemly, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely and lovable, whatever is kind and winsome and gracious, if there is any virtue and excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think on and weigh and take account of these things [fix your minds on them].

Imagination:

"The faculty or action of forming new ideas, or images or concepts of external objects not present to the senses, e.g., the spiritual realm."

Communication from the spiritual realm, both good and evil, usually will come through the imagination or the third eye, the pineal gland. Our choice is to use our imagination to form wicked or righteous thoughts. Sitting in front of our television for many hours allows the scenes to flow into our minds and imagination. However, this does not prepare us to hear from God. Is it any wonder we do not receive dreams and visions when we constantly use our minds for what God calls wicked imaginations?

Proverbs 6:16, 18 KJV

(16) These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

(18) An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

Genesis 6:5 KJV

(5) And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

God destroyed the world because of wicked imaginations.

The thoughts that enter our minds throughout the day play a vital part in the functioning of our imagination. Like our body, it works best the way we have exercised it.

We call setting our imagination aside for God's purposes "sanctifying our imaginations." God will use the person with a sanctified imagination the most powerfully in ministry. But more importantly, it is to this person that God can effortlessly reveal Himself. As a result, that person can freely enter the closest and most intimate relationship with God. They can know the truth personally

because God can reveal Him. They can receive reassurance quickly because God can speak to them.

The person with the sanctified imagination suffers the least when Satan tries to attack them. They have a built-in rebuttal by not even recognizing the attack. Fear, depression, rejection, lack of self-esteem, and other personal problems will fall by the wayside. The reason is that we continually practice thinking of good things and listening to God speaking good thoughts.

Hearing from God writes faith in our hearts and allows Jesus to complete that faith. Thus, he is the author and finisher of our faith.

Romans 10:17 KJV

(17) So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

We must learn to trust our imaginations. How often have we heard, "That is just your imagination working overtime?" The implication is that it was untrue and automatically discounted if you received something from your imagination. However, this attitude has hindered our spiritual and secular walk-through life, as nothing else has. Let me explain.

The source of every invention is God. Until the establishment of the United States, very few inventions improved living conditions for man. The entire world ran much as it had for thousands of years previously. With the spiritual awakening on Azusa Street, knowledge and inventions have exploded since the beginning of the twentieth century. That renewed relationship with God changed the lifestyle of all people in every nation on earth, especially in the United States. The government and men's efforts influenced this change. But it resulted mainly from the release of the blessings of a right relationship with God. As the relationship has weakened, so have the benefits.

God feeds the information for inventions and all other godly wisdom through imagination. It is also God's means of communicating His daily revelation of Jesus. I cannot imagine where the nation and world would be today unless men had trusted their imaginations.

Anything that regularly engages the imagination that is not godly will corrupt it. All entertainment would fall into this category. Am I telling you that we should forsake all enjoyment in life? No, nevertheless, I am saying that all frivolous entertainment tends to corrupt the imagination. We should allow all the corruption we decide is okay for ourselves. But if we wish to sanctify the mind, we must use it consistently to meditate on those things listed in Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Philippians 4:8 KJV

(8) Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Prayer

Lord, forgive me for spending hours watching ungodly things that did not feed my imagination as you desired.

Teach me which foods can impair my pineal gland's function, such as fluoride. Stir up and direct my imagination to facilitate my spiritual and secular life.

In Jesus' name, amen.

Ch. 12 Living in Him

During my time in Florida, I heard about this new teaching. Dr. Wayne Dyer was speaking about splitting an atom and the many parts it contained. When the scientist splits an atom enough times, only energy remains. Energy is the force that holds everything together. It is invisible, cannot be destroyed, but can change its form. An example is the combustion of a piece of firewood. The energy in the wood manifests as heat, fumes, smoke, and wood ashes.

God holds the universe together by the word of His power (Hebrews 1:3). I believe but cannot prove that energy is the manifestation of God holding the universe together. This expression, which we call energy, has intelligence and is what the Bible calls God. Because of this belief, I can now totally agree with the Apostle Paul:

Acts 17:28 KJV

(28) For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

To me, every physical thing in our universe is a manifestation of God. The air we breathe, our clothes, and even our bodies manifest His presence. It is impossible to be alone and without God in the universe. Of course, this also means that as we agree with God and our spirit cries out, "Abba Father, I have come to do thy will, " we harmonize with the universe. So again, I must agree with the Apostle Paul: don't let Satan.

Romans 8:28 KJV

(28) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

It is in this lifestyle of joy and peace that God has called us I no longer chase God; I live with Him daily I no longer believe that He will bless me; He has blessed me and is blessing me I no longer look to tomorrow for God to give me something; he has given me all things needed for life and godliness You can wait until your bodies die to receive your reward from God, but I accept all He has today, including the Kingdom of Heaven.

Don't let Satan trick you into waiting for the promises of God. It may be too late, then God is the God of today. Apprehend His promises today.

Although He is everywhere, that does not mean we should worship trees, grass, or cows. Please do not think I am advocating worshiping God in any manner

other than through Jesus. For those who want all of God today, I ask you to join me in this prayer.

Prayer

Father, I believe that nothing is impossible for your children who believe. I ask you to make yourself a reality I have never seen before. Every tree, every flower, every rock, and every person is a manifestation of your presence. Open the eyes of my understanding that I might see you by faith. Help my unbelief and make your truth a reality in my life. Forgive me for misrepresenting you by chasing you. You are the God who came to us and still comes to us every day if we will accept you. My body, spirit, and soul are yours, but I ask for all of you in my life. In return, I shall eternally give you praise and glory with an exceedingly thankful heart. In Jesus' name, amen.

Ch. 13 Unpacking our Purpose

Before you were born, God sat down with you and told you about your future. As He told you of your forthcoming events, He wrote this information in a book in Heaven. Not unlike all of God's activities, this one had a purpose. As God formed you in the womb, He wrote into your DNA every element of your physical and mental attributes. I believe He also established the information needed to develop your soul from the book He had previously written. As we entered this adventure we call physical life, this information was to be unpacked by the Holy Spirit as needed for our future success.

Psalms 139:16 AMPC

(16) Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book all the days [of my life] were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them.

Our true identity is the person that God has established us to be, not who we think we are. Through communion with the Holy Spirit and agreement with Him, He reveals to us who He says we are and His purpose for our lives. Some guidelines in the Bible identify God's revelation of our identity and purpose to us. But, of course, everyone's complete identity is not given; it must be revealed as we experience our lives.

Luke discusses the generations of Jesus that came before Adam. Here Luke tells us that Adam was the son of God.

Luke 3:38 KJV

(38) Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.

When he rebelled against God, Adam lost his dominion, authority, and lordship to Satan. However, He did not lose his relationship. He was still the son of God, as were all of his descendants, including Jesus and all other people born on earth. However, Satan soon blinded the minds of people, and this knowledge was lost. Finally, Jesus came to return this information to all who would believe. In one place, Jesus told a story that paints a picture of a prodigal son returning to his father. It is also a wonderful picture of our Father's love and acceptance of those who strayed from Him and are living in spiritual, mental, and physical poverty, held captive by circumstances.

Luke 15:11-24 KJV

(11) And he said, A certain man had two sons:

(12) And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me And he divided unto them his living.

(13) And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

(14) And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

(15) And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine

(16) And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

(17) And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

(18) I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee

(19) And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired

serv(20) And he arose, and came to his father But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

(21) And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

(22) But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

(23) And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

24) For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found And they began to be merry.

First, I would like to point out that the son felt unqualified to be called a son. He wished to be only a servant. Believing we are expressing humility, we often think the same way. Part of our acceptance of Jesus is to accept His viewpoint on everything, including sonship. The Father looks for His sons to return to Him, not servants. Our refusal to agree with Him reveals our continuing rebellion against Him. According to God, our identity is "we are His sons." We must accept this identity.

Galatians 4:7 KJV

(7) Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

The father in the story kissed the son, revealing his great love for him. Jesus died to show us the great love God has for us. Through Jesus, we are rooted and grounded in that love. Practicing the love of God results in our morality, as we keep the law. Godly people never have a sin problem; breaking the law is a love problem. Again, if we preach to godly people about breaking the law, we rebel against God. He said that when love leads us, we obediently follow; this fulfills the law. We must learn to be led by the spirit of love.

The father placed the robe of righteousness on his son, indicating that he had restored him to his right standing in the family. So likewise, Jesus restored us to holiness with our Father and His family. Therefore, we must not rebel against the Father's opinion; instead, we accept, believe, and walk in His righteousness.

The father placed the signet ring on his son's hand, signifying that all the father had was his. Then, the father returned the authority to buy and sell in his father's name. The Father returns the authority lost by Adam to us; we can do business in the Father's name again. God gave Adam dominion over the earth; Jesus walked in that same dominion and returned it to us.

The father then placed shoes on his son's feet, indicating that his walk had permanently changed. He was no longer a feeder of pigs but was of the father's household and lived with the father. He no longer had to beg and fight for food scraps, but could sit freely at His father's table. His father furnished everything that he needed to live. Our Father has given us everything we need for life and godliness because we are His sons. Therefore, God has permanently altered our walk with Him. We cannot walk in any direction we please. Still, we must be led by the Spirit within us and walk as He wills. Any other walk indicates that a rebellious spirit is still controlling us.

John 8:35 KJV

(35) And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

Our purpose is to remember that we are His children. We are not servants; nevertheless, we serve as sons.

Prayer

Father, because I want to become your obedient son, I yield myself before you, crying out, "Abba Father, I have come to do thy will." As your son, I need to know that I am walking in the righteousness you have provided me. My heart desires to practice the dominion and authority of your son over this piece of earth I call my body. I want the Kingdom of God to manifest your glory within me, expressing Heaven's rule. Please teach me how to listen to the spirit of God within me and be led by that spirit. I ask for these things because it is your will for me, and this is my identity in you. In the matchless name of Jesus, I ask Amen.

Becoming a Son

We become a child of God by being born again of the Spirit into the Kingdom of God.

Colossians 1:13 KJV

(13) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

We are born into the family of God. Just because you were born into a family as a child does not automatically make you a mature man or woman. That takes growth. In the Bible, when a child comes of age and becomes a man, the parents refer to him as their son, thereby acknowledging his attaining maturity. God did this for His son, Jesus, soon after His Baptism by John the Baptist. He said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." So, God's title "Son" reveals that Jesus had matured. Galatians 4:1-7 speaks of the child becoming a son.

John 1:12 KJV

(12) But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

John was clear-cut in this verse of scripture. We are not born sons, as the writers used this term in the Bible. Instead, we are born children with the power to become the sons of God.

Romans 8:14 KJV

(14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Love is the Spirit of God, or as the Bible states, God is love. God's love for us constrains us, leads us, and is essential to come to the full maturity of sonship.

The Apostle Paul puts further stipulations on becoming a son of God.

Galatians 2:20 KJV

(20) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

He increases the requirements in this verse: "We have Christ in us." We are in Him. That means we are one person. We live, move, and have our being in Him, the Son of God. We do not have a private relationship with the Father, but enter into Jesus's relationship with the Father as Him. We can only reach the level of maturity we are willing to receive through faith and daily practice.

Secured in God's covenant and appearing as Him in His relationship with the Father, we are in Him and impervious to enemy attacks. The enemy can only invade as far as we let him.

Ch. 14 Our Identity

Mark 8:22-26 KJV

(22) And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

(23) And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

(24) And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

(25) After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

(26) And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.

The results of the Lord's first prayer were to restore spiritual sight to the blind man. The second prayer led to the restoration of man's physical sight. I think this is a direct tie to the first chapter of Psalms.

Psalms 1:1-3 KJV

(1) Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

(2) But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

(3) And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

God compared man to a tree planted near the water (in the right environment, e.g., God's Word). What an incredible promise of prosperity for the righteous who carry the nature of God in their spirit.

It is one of the greatest miracles possible when God makes us a new creation and begins saving our souls. Receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit is also life-changing. However, having God reveal who we are in Him and making that revelation a reality in our lives will transform us as nothing else can. Nevertheless, transformation is often an ongoing process that takes many years. Reflecting, I know God has led me through His step-by-step process, never knowing whether there was a next step or what it might be. It has been a walk of faith, believing in the goodness of God.

Romans 12:2 KJV

(2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God

Because God Himself compares us to trees, I want to tell a story that presents one of God's life-changing principles.

If we were to place an acorn on a shelf in our home, it would lie there for many years and never increase or change significantly. However, it would grow if we took it out and buried it in a fertile location where it received the proper water and sunlight. Inside, that acorn has everything needed to become an oak tree. And upon maturity, it will produce many more acorns. If conditions are correct, many more oak trees will soon be growing. Eventually, it could become a forest of oak trees. Thus, every acorn has the potential to become a forest of trees.

Genesis 1:28 KJV

(28) And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

When we plant the acorn in the proper soil and provide the right nutrition and water, it will grow into a large oak tree in due time. Every year, it should have a crop of acorns. That is what the Lord commanded when He told us to be fruitful. Of course, there are many ways, but I use only one as an example. When we take the crop of acorns each year and plant them, we follow God's command to multiply.

Soon, we would have more acorns than we had land to plant them. Perhaps we could sell them for animal feed or to people who want to start a tree farm if we have been producing them for many years. Each year, we could harvest mature trees. We could establish a sawmill to produce furniture-grade lumber from trees harvested at higher elevations. We want to sell enough furniture and cabinets to develop and take control of that market. That is in response to God's command to replenish and subdue the earth. We could also do likewise with the other trees we sell.

When we meet Jesus at the cross and become born again by God, He has placed His seed in us. We have the spiritual DNA and the nature of our Father God. Inside us, we have everything we need to live as a child of God, a son of God, a saint, an ambassador, a king, a priest unto God, etc. However, the first

order in your maturity is to develop fruit. Being fruitful is the first command of God. The fruit brings life and love into your relationships with God, people, and animals. When Jesus saw the fig tree without fruit, He cursed it from the roots, and the tree immediately died. Fruit is necessary to be acceptable to God.

John 15:5-6 KJV

(5) I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

(6) If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

It is from the fruit that the next generation will be born. That fulfills the second commandment of God, which is to multiply, and leads to the third command, which is to replenish the world with the life of God. When this process is complete, the whole earth and its ruling systems have been submitted to God and covered with His nature (glory). Mankind then reigns and has dominion over the entire globe and the world systems.

The eagle and the Lion are the only animals God has used to compare or describe Himself. Each of these animals is king over its domain. The eagle is the king of the sky, and the Lion is the king of the earth.

The eagle is known for its keen eyesight. He can also soar at heights that almost all other birds cannot reach and see food that the other birds cannot find. He is also the only bird that does not flock. He will be found alone or in small groups. He is a type of son of God, born a king.

God feeds us with four levels of food. He gives us milk for the newborn, bread for the children, meat for the mature, and hidden manna for the sons of God, the food of eagles.

We identify the lion as king because of his attitude: he believes he is king and has dominion over the other animals. Therefore, it is valid for him. When he sees an elephant, he thinks of lunch. The elephant's strength or size intimidates the lion in any way. The lion only thinks, "I can eat this thing." That displays God's principle: as a man thinks in His heart (mind), so is he.

We must answer the question, "Who do we think we are?" Do you see yourself as a lamb to be food for the lion? Or is your vision of yourself as the lion that eats the lamb? God sees you as His son, born a king and priest unto God. He sees you as the lion and eagle. Are you in agreement with Him, or are you still rebelling against Him? As Jesus said, "Repent, for the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven are at hand." Repent means to change our way of thinking.

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Allowing God to renew our minds is the path to that transformation. Therefore, our first purpose in life should be to permit God to train us to rule and reign with Him as king and priest.

Ruling and reigning with Christ without the training to do either is foolish or could be disastrous.

Despite what we may have learned from the Christian religion, God never intended us to become lambs or the sheep of His pasture. The transformation that happens when we rebel makes us lambs. When we return to the Lord, He makes us kings. It is up to us to allow the conversion of our minds to that of a lion. Every seed of God has all things within it to be a leader, king, priest, and son of God. It is the Holy Spirit's function to help us change our minds. It is time for us to partner with Him and direct our footsteps toward those goals.

Prayer

Father, I ask you to reveal to me through the Holy Spirit who I am in you. Show me who you have created me to become. Lead me in that training until I reach your required maturity as a son of God, king, and priest unto God. Please be patient and speak clearly and loudly so I do not get lost. I ask it in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Ch. 15 Revolution is Within

Many books that one might read are entertainment, instruction, education, etc. But you might miss most of this book's great value if you scan it or read it lightly, as you would a story. Therefore, you must study this book until you have internalized it. By that, I mean you should meditate on each chapter until the concept presented is learned and put into practice in your life, shaping your self-identity.

When I teach love, ponder it until you fully identify with it. Then, repeating the main ideas of that subject aloud and allowing your subconscious mind to think about them overnight helps tremendously with learning, because so much effective learning takes place while we are asleep. Even though you are unaware of it, your subconscious mind continues working on the previous day's events, assimilating, solving, and filing the problems of the day before

When you arise and bring those thoughts to mind, it strengthens your recall and makes them more easily accessible. Doing this regularly, over a longer period, will transform your self-identity.

Several years ago, I started playing the keyboard; my goal was to be able to sing and worship God through my music. After about ten years of this, I played the church piano for some friends at church. Right after that event, I realized I was a piano player. I did not become a pianist because I was a professional player; I became a player because I practiced until I identified myself as a pianist.

Renewing our minds (Romans 12:2) through the concept of practice, practice, practice transforms us into His image. Do this, however it works for you. Reading and practicing by recalling the main points and speaking them aloud works well for me. Just as David encouraged himself in the Lord, I do likewise and repeat as often as necessary, usually daily, until I own them, and they are mine. It is not easy or quick, but it is the most beneficial thing you can do for yourself, your family, and the world you live in.

Ch. 16 Agape our Foundation

Becoming rooted and grounded in His love is essential for a godly life. First, we must understand the breadth, length, depth, and height of the love of Christ--- Ephesians 3:17-19. That secures advancement into maturity in our relationship with God. Knowing God's love is not enough. Many know of God's love for us, but continue to govern their lives with their love for Him. The Lord wants us to depend solely on His love for us. God is the spirit of love and will never fail, fall short, or need new supplies to keep going. Our passion for Him can die or fall short. Being securely rooted and grounded in His love for us does not allow us to fail in our walk with Him. If we fall short through sin, we know we can always run to Him, because He is love and will receive us. Being rooted in His love, we are a branch connected to a vine and draw our very life from that connection and bear fruit.

John 15:1-6

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

Abiding in His love is what makes us fruitful. That does not mean we can do more and better works for Him, although that might happen. It means that the fruits of our spirit flourish. That is a requirement, and we must abide in His love to live fruitful lives.

Our first love is that He loved us, so do not be like the Ekklesia at Ephesus and forget your first love. It does not take much effort to become confident in our love for Him and depend on that love to keep us. That is just another form of pride and will lead only to disappointment. However, as we grow, we increasingly love Him and learn to live from and lean on His love for us. Having a child's desire to please such a loving parent constrains our behavior and compels us to conduct ourselves wisely and keep the law. However, his love for us and his working with us cause us to fulfill God's requirements.

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As we grow in our confidence in His love for us, our faith in Him grows. Because of who He is, we know we can depend on Him in all things. Of course, He has always been faithful. Still, we must learn this for ourselves. Without faith, it is impossible to please Him. All things relating to life and godliness come to us through faith. Our faith receives the love of God and walks in it. He has loved from the beginning (before all things) and will still be love until the end because He is love. We must believe this, receive it, and learn to practice its reality until we reach the full maturity of our relationship with Him. That walk must become a part of our everyday life until it becomes who we are in Him. Let God's love for us renew our minds and transform us.

Prayer

Father, you have freely given us your love, but we must learn to live from it and in it every day, allowing it to control our thoughts and actions. Lead us, Lord, into this concept, a place that is higher than us. Teach us to lean upon God's love for us and not on our love for Him. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ch. 17 Salvation and Spiritual Baptism

I often hear people asking God to do what He has already completed. The most common occurrence of this I have found is in healing. Often, we ask God to heal a person as we pray for them, but Jesus has accomplished our healing (1 Peter 2:4). Instead, they should believe and receive what He has already given. Another example might be salvation. The Romans crucified Jesus two thousand years ago. He had finished everything needed to save anyone and everyone. He became everyone's salvation. We are to believe and receive our salvation.

God is omnipresent (present at all times) and saw Christ crucified from the foundation of the world. From this, we know that before man entered the earth, God counted the work needed for our salvation as finished. Just as Jesus had to "walk it out," manifest it, and make it a reality on the earth, we must do the same. I do not in any way mean that all who are alive will go to Heaven. Although God secured everyone's salvation, all must believe, repent of their sins, and receive or accept Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Jesus will not save you or anyone else today, as He completed that work long ago. But today, all may believe, repent, and receive Him as their salvation and bring this reality into their lives.

Without argument, repentance for our sins and iniquities is necessary for a relationship with God. However, even remotely suggesting that He does not forgive until we ask is, I believe, a mistaken idea of the nature of God. All unforgiveness is sin; to indicate that God does not forgive until we ask Him to forgive implies that He is in sin until we relieve Him of that burden. God does not sin!

Because God is omnipresent---everywhere and in all time---He has seen every sin that every person has or will commit. Throughout the entire length of human existence and beginning from the foundation of the world, He forgave them all. God has forgiven all sins and placed them in Jesus on the cross. Our job is to repent, ask for, and receive the assurance that He has forgiven us. If we do not ask, we will not receive, and we will die guilty of our sins. He has completed His part in restoring man to God's original pattern. We must do our part and believe, receive, and practice His provision. As we confess and receive His forgiveness, He is faithful to cleanse our conscience from guilt. We can now approach Him boldly to find mercy and grace in our time of need. Man's sins have never separated God from man. Humanity turned its back, and God was no longer in its view. Eventually, he had forgotten God.

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God had never moved. He was still standing in the same place, which was behind mankind. Repenting of sin means turning from our wicked ways, and God returns to our view. Quickly repenting of our sins and identifying areas that need His mercy are the marks of a maturing relationship with the Lord. Ideally, we should never sin in the first place, but the Bible tells us we all sin. But as we confess our sins, He faithfully cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

Salvation was never about correcting anyone's behavior. Instead, salvation is about building a relationship with God and growing in it. The measure of our spiritual maturity is not our "good conduct medals" but the development of our relationship with the Godhead. That love connection will undoubtedly lead to changed behavior as we grow, but God is after a closer relationship. It is from a relationship with Him that He changes who we are and what we do. It is the relationships with God that give us the power to become the sons of God. As sons, we work in healing, deliverance, and reconciliation ministries, which change the world. The Kingdom of God comes not in word but with power.

One of the significant advancements in our relationship with God is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I have spoken to many who believe they do not need baptism in the Holy Spirit because they already have all of the Holy Spirit they need. I think the traditions taught by men have obscured the truths God has given us. They have all the Holy Spirit they need, which is all of Him. However, He does not have all of them. He needs every person to surrender completely to His Lordship. Submission is necessary, so He may freely manifest Himself in the gifts of the Spirit. Nine gifts are listed, but many more are available for life and godliness. It is not about us having more of Him; it is about Him having more of us.

One piece of evidence of His presence and our yielding to His influence is speaking in an unknown tongue. That is the native language of Heaven and the Kingdom of God. After invading and conquering another nation, every kingdom places its governor in that country. The governor's first task is to change the language of that country to the language of the invading country. That is necessary for the people to understand and follow the king's instructions. That pattern is followed by the Holy Spirit when establishing the Kingdom of God.

However, it is possible to receive Baptism without practicing praying in tongues. The Lord will take us as far as we are willing and have the desire to go in our relationship with Him. However, limiting our relationship with Him forever stunts our spiritual growth by restricting His impact on our lives.

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Because we receive this gift of an unknown tongue does not mean that it will remain foreign to us, nor does God limit us to one language. If we ask, He will teach us the interpretation of any language we speak. He can also help us understand foreign speakers whose languages are unknown to us. With God, nothing is impossible.

During a local prayer meeting, one of the participants spoke Spanish when it was her turn to pray. No one understood her because no one else spoke Spanish. However, when the last person in the group prayed, she voiced the exact interpretation of what the Spanish person had prayed. The Spanish-speaking person testified to this event because she also spoke English. No one in the group, including the interpreter, had the gift of speaking in unknown tongues. Their denomination did not believe in this gift of the Spirit. It seems clear that God wanted to enter a deeper relationship with this group.

Many times, we ask, "How do we know it is of God?" The answer is by the Spirit. We must become sensitive to the Holy Spirit's voice, and praying in the Spirit helps our maturity in this area. All things function with love, and love is our guideline. Some have said that tongues are the perfect language because man cannot interfere with his thoughts and ideas when he speaks to God. However, the Bible states that even if we speak in the tongues of angels, if we do not communicate with love, it only makes a noisy sound to God. Therefore, everything, including tongues, must be with love. To decide if it is with love, we must answer this question: "Are the fruits of the spirit in evidence?"

The baptism of the Holy Spirit has been available to the ekklesia since Pentecost. But we must believe, receive, and practice the reality of that relationship. Otherwise, although accessible, our spiritual maturity is limited if we do not use it.

Prayer

Lord, I know that in Acts 2:38, you have promised to give us the gift of the Holy Spirit. I desire with all of my heart to walk in this new relationship with the Holy Spirit. Therefore, I give myself body, soul, and spirit and repent of anything hindering me from entering this relationship and yield myself to you. In Jesus' name, amen.

Ch. 18 The Holy Spirit/Our Governor

A kingdom is a type of government led by a king with total authority over the people. The king also owns the people and the land. Because Christ bought us with His blood, He now owns us. This concept may be difficult for some, but rebellion is not a good choice.

Expanding his kingdom by acquiring new land is the primary way a king increases his kingdom and glory. He may occupy, purchase, or conquer land for an increase. When God, the king, wished to expand His empire, He started by creating the earth, which He needed for mankind. He added the universe to support it. He now owns the land and the remainder of the cosmos because He made it.

When a king acquires land, he will dispatch a governor to express his desires to the people and establish His new colony. One of the first requirements of the king/governor is for the people to learn the new king's language and understand his wishes.

Every person must then learn the kingdom's new laws. Disobedience is not an option. All disobedience is considered rebellion against the king and is punishable by death. The governor is the administrator of this new government. The governor must be a citizen of the king's established country because he must know the king and the kingdom's laws to teach the king's heart to the new colony.

After God created the earth, He placed His son, Adam, on the earth to rule over the planet as Him. For Adam to do this, he needed a body to live in, so his Father created a suit of dirt for him to use.

Adam had no one to share in His administration of the earth, so God divided him in half. Each half had its own body but was one person in nature. God named them Adam---mankind---Genesis 5:1-2. Adam was exactly like God and walked with God as one person.

When Adam rebelled against God, they no longer saw things as God saw them, and the man named the woman Eve. For the first time, he saw her as a separate person from himself. This rebellion cost Adam his kingdom and authority. He had submitted himself to Satan and became like him in nature. Still, he lost his kingdom authority, not his not his position as God's son — Luke 15:11-32. This parable of the prodigal son, an example of salvation, explicitly shows the Father looking for the return of His son. However, the son wanted to return as a servant. How many of us do the same thing, believing God wants servants when the Father is looking for His sons to return?

Galatians 4:7

(7) Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

It is the assignment of the Holy Spirit to reveal the king's heart to us, but it is our place to have faith in the new king and agree with Him. Therefore, this is not a religious activity but a function of the new kingdom.

Ch. 19 Servants vs. Sons

In Luke 15:11-32, the Lord tells the parable of a prodigal son. The son asked for his inheritance and went his way into the world. Unfortunately, he wasted his money on his rebellious lifestyle. Finally, after almost starving, he realized he would have a much better life if he returned to his father and asked for a job. Arriving at his father's house, he confessed that he was no longer qualified to be called his son but wanted only employment.

The father, however, was looking for his son, not a servant, and rejoiced at his son's return. He then reinstated the young man into his family, covering him with the robe which showed his right standing with the father, and giving him a signet ring, which was a sign to all that the son could do business as the father. He also gave his son sandals for his feet to show the world that his walk had changed. He was now walking with his father in total restoration.

Adam did not lose his position as God's son, only his right standing with God and his authority. Because Adam did not lose his relationship with God, we now know that all generations born of Adam are sons of God, though prodigal sons.

From the beginning, it has been the heart of God to have a kingdom ruled by his family of sons. When Christ came, He restored the righteousness and authority to rule His people. Many, however, refuse to accept His offer of sonship. Some will not accept Jesus at all and live their lives isolated from Him. It is as though He had never died. Others neglect God's offer of sonship and want only to serve as His servants, doing His will. They are missing out on the best God has paid for and given them. They could have so much more.

The Apostle, Prophet, Pastor, Evangelist, and Teacher are acceptable positions of servants in the Kingdom of God.

Ephesians 4:11-12

(11) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

(12) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

The Prophet/servant has authority over the house but does not live in the house. When evening comes, he departs to His own quarters to do his own thing. But the son lives in and rules the house forever. He lives, moves, and has His being in God; his identity has been transformed.

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God knows that all people are His sons, welcome in His house to rule in righteousness. So why do we not understand this and accept His invitation to join Him? Why do we not agree with Him in His desire to have a kingdom ruled by His sons, not servants?

The child of a king differs in no way from a servant and must receive training and tutoring to rule and reign as king. The Holy Spirit teaches and coaches the child to live in the same home with the King of Kings; therefore, he partners with and constantly communicates with the Holy Spirit.

Ch. 20 Are You in Heaven

I am presenting here an extraordinary new way to see yourself, your friends, your neighbors, your family, and even God; in short, your life. The renewing of your mind will transform your soul (Romans 12:2).

When Adam—both male and female---sinned, it resulted in their death, as God had told them it would. We tend to think of death as a result of God doing something, but that is not what happened.

To explain Adam's transformation from the perfect human to a man and woman of rebellion, I would like to make a short illustration. We may compare mankind to an automobile with a storage battery, with an alternator to charge the battery. Disconnecting the battery from the alternator on a car will eventually cause the engine to die. We do not have life in ourselves, nor are we self-charging. When Adam rebelled, he disconnected himself from the life-giving presence of God, bringing to pass the curse that God had spoken. Satan deceived and seduced the pair into disconnecting from God and connecting with him. Satan is not, however, a life-giving spirit.

Establishing a life-giving union with the Father through Jesus should be our goal. Jesus spoke of this in John chapter 15. Likewise, the Apostle Paul spoke extensively in Ephesians 3:14-21 about his desire for us to accept this connection and receive its benefits. It is from the flow of life through this connection that we understand and receive the fullness of the love of God.

When we are born again, our old Adamic spirit is taken and placed on the cross. God gives us a new spirit—the spirit of Christ (Romans 6:6). This action establishes our eternal, unbreakable connection with God. From this connection, we receive the flow of the love of God that He commands: we are to love God, our neighbors, and our brothers and sisters. This love fulfills these commandments and sets us free from sin's influence.

As we deliberately practice receiving and giving the love and life of God through our deep-seated connection with Jesus, the flow will increase, becoming a river of life that will flow from us when ministering to others.

Believing, receiving, and then deliberately practicing the things God has provided will bring them into reality until we accept them as our identity.

Romans 12:2 KJV

(2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing

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of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

God's process of equipping us transforms us by renewing our minds, enabling us to minister as Him--- Emmanuel, the Word of God with us; God's answer to the world!

The key to establishing our identity is Practice, Practice, Practice. Mental exercise transforms, solidifies, and cements our identity as active members of God's family. Every day, verbally repeat aloud until you have established your identity in Him.

"I am a child of God I am deeply rooted in God's love through Jesus the Christ. Nothing can separate me from this love. He is teaching me to use this love to protect me from all evil and fulfill the law of God. This love is changing my soul into His image and nature.

The one place Satan cannot touch you without God's permission is when you live in the presence of the manifestation of God's love, Heaven.

Ch. 21 Enter Satan

When Jesus was sent to us from Heaven, it was to restore to us the authority Adam had lost. He did this and established us as kings and priests unto Him--- Revelation 1:6, 5:10; stripping Satan and his followers of any authority on the earth. Satan, who no longer has any right to operate on the planet, strips and steals from people who will cooperate with him. He must have the cooperation of people to function here. As long as we feed him, Satan can move about freely, hindering God's works and His people's lives. He deceives people into giving him their power and authority.

I want to pause and relate a story that a friend of mine, Dr. Larry Reck, used quite frequently in ministry. It is not based upon an actual event but displays what I believe to be a great truth.

A man living in a quiet neighborhood started storing his trash bags in the garage and hauling them away when the garage filled up, saving him some much-needed money. However, as the garage began to fill with containers, he noticed he had quite a few rats in the area, some even in his garage. He thought it wasn't a big problem and began trapping the rats; they continued to grow in number. He began shooting the rats during weekends when he wasn't working. But that did not work either. Finally, he asked a friend what he could do, as the rats were becoming a big problem. The rats will leave if you remove the garbage; cleaning the garage was his answer.

Of course, the rats quickly left when exposed and seldom returned to search for food.

I believe this story has a very real-life application for us.

The number in parentheses is the Strong's number I inserted that reflects the original word's meaning.

Genesis 2:7 KJV

(7) And the LORD God formed man of the dust (H6083) of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Genesis 3:14 KJV

(14) And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust (H6083) shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

H6083

From H6080; dust (as powdered or gray); hence clay, earth, mud: - ashes, dust, earth, ground, mortar, powder, rubbish.

We can easily see that God cursed Satan by ordering him to eat the earth's rubbish, e.g., garbage. Every time we exhibit or manifest the passions of the flesh, we provide food for Satan to eat.

Galatians 5:19-21 KJV

(19)Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

(20)Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

(21)Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Satan will leave us alone if we clean the garbage from our lives, and I would add rebellion, including thoughts and words, to this list. He may come looking for a meal, but will have no place in us.

John 14:30 KJV

(30) Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

Be vigilant and do not be deceived; the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour---1 Peter 5:8. He wants to be the rat in your garage. However, we must be like Christ, empty of food for the devil.

Ch. 22 The Pharisees of Today

Before any restoration is possible, I believe it is necessary to follow Jesus the Christ. Today, many profess Him as their Savior and Lord, but do not follow Him into the Kingdom of God. Like the Israelites in the desert told Moses, "You go talk to God, and we will obey what He tells you." Today, many are sitting before their Pastor, listening to what he tells them about God, His desires, and His purposes. They then do those things, yet never form a real relationship with God.

Their relationship with God consists of reading their Bible and listening to their Pastor. They invest little time and effort in their communion with God, but He wants people who commune with Him to spend eternity with Him. He did not die to improve sinners; He died to restore us to a relationship through communion with Him. Many need this restoration, although they now claim inclusion in the body of Christ.

Bible studies cannot do this for you. The pastor cannot do this for you. Doing great religious work will not do this for you. Bible college will not do this for you. Neither will long prayers of petition avail you of this necessary relationship. Spiritual communication; sharing your heart with God while listening to God speak His heart to you is the only answer.

During Christ's life, the passionate pursuit of God through the study of the scriptures was the downfall of the Pharisees.

Pharisee:

"a member of an ancient Jewish sect, distinguished by strict observance of the traditional and written law, and commonly held to have pretensions to superior sanctity."

The attribute of the Pharisees was and is their careful study of the scriptures. They gleaned an understanding of God's nature and characteristics from the scriptures. It was not a spiritual trek but a comprehension of the natural minds that drove them. Jesus testified concerning their misguided attempts to reach God.

John 5:37-40 AMPC

(37) And the Father Who sent Me has Himself testified concerning Me Not one of you has ever given ear to His voice or seen His form (His face--what He is like) [You have always been deaf to His voice and blind to the vision of Him.]

(38) And you have not His word (His thought) living in your hearts, because you do not believe and adhere to and trust in and rely on Him Whom He has sent [That is why you do not keep His message living in you, because you do not believe in the Messenger Whom He has sent.]

(39) You search and investigate and pore over the Scriptures diligently, because you suppose and trust that you have eternal life through them And these [very Scriptures] testify about Me!

(40) And still you are not willing [but refuse] to come to Me, so that you might have life.

In his letter to the Ekklesia at Corinth, the Apostle Paul elaborated on what Jesus had said.

1 Corinthians 2:14 KJV

(14) But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

That plainly shows that a person cannot discover the heart and intents of God by studying the scriptures. Instead, the ministry of the Holy Spirit reveals the spiritual meaning and application of the Scripture in our lives. Only through an ongoing relationship can the Holy Spirit bring an understanding of the things of God.

John 15:26 KJV

(26) But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

The never-ending revelation of Jesus to your inner heart by the Holy Spirit (Spirit of truth) brings eternal life to your soul. That appearance of Jesus within us is an endless life-giving river and must be a constant daily experience from Jesus. A dip in the river of life lasts but a short time.

As impressive as it may have been, it is not eternal life. Eternal suggests a never-ceasing flow. As Jesus said, "you suppose and trust that you have eternal life through them" (the scriptures) and refuse to connect with Him who has the life of God.

John 15:4-6 KJV

(4) Abide in me, and I in you As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

(5) I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

(6) If a man abides not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

Clearly, we must stay connected to Jesus continually and not have a "one-time fixes everything" mentality. A trip to the altar gives us everything needed for eternal life, but not if we do not believe, receive, and routinely practice the things offered.

Because you teach grace instead of the law does not mean you are not a Pharisee. If your understanding of God comes primarily from scripture study, then you are a Pharisee. On the other hand, if your knowledge of God comes from your experience of daily intimacy with Jesus, then you are His follower. Please let me make it very clear at this point. The proper use of the Bible is almost indispensable for a follower of Christ. Reading and meditating on the information are invaluable for confirming what you see and hear in the spirit. We are also to use the Bible as a second witness to establish ministry activities, such as healing.

Example: The Apostle Peter states in 1 Peter 2:24, "you are healed." If your agreement consists of believing Peter's statement and you have no experience of your own, then you are not considered genuine. What you have to say is not legally binding because it is hearsay, not personal experience.

The resume of most Pastors today would read that they have spent a few years studying the Bible and have a degree or two to attest to that fact. But studies show they spend only a few minutes a week praying, and they do so to have Jesus supply their needs. That is not the way of life for Jesus.

Most well-known televangelists can boast about their college degrees. That education enables them to expound on the scriptures with great eloquence. However, viewers should always discern whether knowledge comes from schooling or from revelation through fellowshiping with the Spirit of God. Partaking of good and evil brings death; only the Spirit brings life.

I repeat: the citizen's basis for understanding God is their experience with Him; this brings life.

The Pharisees' basis of their understanding of God is their experience with the scriptures, and this brings death.

The Apostle Paul is an excellent example of the Pharisees' practice.

Philippians 3:5-7 KJV

(5) Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

(6) Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

(7) But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

Paul's understanding of God came from his extensive study of the scriptures. He stood by and consented to the murder of believers. After his encounter with Jesus, he went into the desert and stayed there until he entered a relationship with Jesus. Instead of breathing death, from that moment on, he imparted life unto all who would receive.

2 Timothy 2:15 KJV

(15) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

When Paul wrote this letter to Timothy, it is doubtful that he referred to the Bible, which did not exist for several hundred years. Also, it would be unlikely that he instructed Timothy to study the scriptures because Paul's study of them had resulted in him being a murderer. Although Paul does not say so, I believe he told Timothy to study the word of truth he had received while fellowshiping with Jesus. These truths learned through his relationship with God changed Paul and made him a minister of life. I believe he was admonishing Timothy to walk with Jesus as He had.

Speaking of Jesus, Paul said:

Colossians 1:15 KJV

(15) Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

I believe the above verses give us this meaning of truth.

Truth: Jesus is the exact way God sees or understands everything.

If God does not reveal His understanding of Jesus (truth) to you, you will never have the proper insight into Him.

Because of the widespread understanding of Second Thessalonians chapter two, many today have their eyes on Jerusalem. They watch for the building of the new temple and the revelation of the man/anti-Christ as he takes his seat there. However, I have a big problem with that interpretation. In the fourth verse of this chapter, Paul tells us that the antichrist, as God, sits in God's temple, showing himself to be God. The problem is that the human heart has been the temple of God since the day of Pentecost. Therefore, we are the temple of God.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 KJV

(16) Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

(17) If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

If God plans to move out of this temple and restart in Jerusalem, I have never discovered that information. No, it is not Jerusalem that needs our surveillance, but the condition of our hearts. It is there that the antichrist spirit wishes to inhabit and control. Allowing this to happen because of the lack of a passionate pursuit of truth will bring about delusion and destruction because you have allowed the temple of God to be defiled.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 KJV

(9) Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

(10) And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

(11) And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

(12) That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

The love of truth (Jesus) keeps us from this danger. Our love for God must lead us to go only to Him and have Him reveal His truth to us. Beware the leaven of the Pharisees that strokes our pride and leads us to the scriptures, thinking we can apprehend God and the things of God.

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It appears that the leaven of the Pharisees has influenced all religious organizations. Every one of us has eaten this mixture during our spiritual childhood. It is now time to carefully inventory our spiritual health and ask God to reveal and heal the resulting damage to our souls. It was my experience, and everyone I know, that this is not a few minutes of repentance but a few years of revelation and change. I have not known of many who completely escaped this trap of Satan. But I know many who are much freer than when they started. We do have the promise of God in verse eight of Second Thessalonians that the Lord Himself shall destroy the works of the Antichrist spirit from within us by the brightness of His coming.

Matthew 24:15-16 KJV

(15) When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

(16) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

If you see this danger in your heart, abide in praise (Juda) until you ascend into high spiritual places in Christ Jesus (New Jerusalem).

Matthew 24:27 KJV

(27) For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Christ will appear in your heart as bright as a massive bolt of lightning, lighting up your inner sky from east to west, bringing about the promise of the destruction of the antichrist spirit as it ascends to sit in control of God's throne in your heart.

Prayer

Father, teach me to love the truth---Jesus—and place only Him in first place in my heart/mind. I release the light that would destroy all darkness from within me. I rededicate my body, soul, and spirit to only you. If I have allowed room for the antichrist spirit, I repent of that and command him to leave in the name of Jesus. I want nothing to do with him, nor will I allow him into my life. I belong one hundred percent to Jesus, Amen.

Ch. 23 World War Declared

Partnering with God

1 Corinthians 9:24 KJV

(24) Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

2 Timothy 4:7 KJV

(7) I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Jesus the Christ was declared the evident winner and prize recipient in this race. Being found in Him by His grace, I am an inheritor and co-recipient of His prize---the Kingdom of God. Therefore, I write as someone who knows Him and His heart through experience.

I write with the sincere hope that you are joining me in my endless quest. My experience while obtaining this prize would benefit you in your search for identity in Him.

If I were to summarize this book, it would be "Partnering with the Holy Spirit to learn to rule and reign with the Godhead." i.e., preparing to win the war.

We are currently engaged in the Third World War. The purpose is the dominion of the world's people by evil forces. It is not a war of tanks and guns but a cultural war of the powers of darkness against the culture of the Kingdom of God. Of course, God will win this event; however, he must use mankind. Do you wish to be used in His plan? If so, we must first recognize and receive it; then it will happen in one person's heart at a time, not at a physical location on earth. Therefore, each person should ask, "Has God transformed me into a winner of this war?" God has a powerful, purposeful plan to transform us into His image and to become winners of the prize. But first, we must partner with God to equip us to rule ourselves; this prepares us to rule this world as kings.

Mark 1:15 KJV

(15) And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Repent---completely change your way of religious thinking---because the gospel message Jesus preached and told us to preach is, "I have brought you a government called the Kingdom of God."

Isaiah 9:6-7 KJV

(6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall

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be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

(7) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Luke 17:21 KJV

(21) Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Daniel 2:44 KJV

(44) And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

We must accept Jesus the Christ as our Lord and Savior. The Lord's salvation of our souls is vital for eternal life.

As we receive Jesus as Savior, the Holy Spirit as a partner, and God as Father, they form an everlasting foundation of His kingdom inside us. It is just the beginning of God's life within us. Next, partnering with the Holy Spirit, we build on that foundation by renewing our minds, transforming our self-identity, and establishing an awareness of being a king and a priest unto God. The Apostle Paul spoke of this in his letter to the church at Philippi.

Philippians 2:12-13 KJV

(12) Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

(13) For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Because this is a very new teaching to some people, I am sure some will say, "I do not see the need for this new kingdom teaching. We do very well to know Jesus as our savior. So why do we need to learn and live this new concept?"

As a citizen born in this country, the United States of America, I am under the authority of the President. However, I joined the U.S. Army when I was twenty years old. So, my relationship with the President changed; he was now my Commander-in-Chief. I had to take an oath to defend my country and fellow soldiers, and to enter into a covenant with others to form a common purpose.

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The Army was larger and superior in every way than I was by myself. Also, I joined and became one in purpose with all others in the service. If needed, I was to defend the United States of America. Because of my experiences in the Army, I quickly reached a higher level of stature and maturity than I would have otherwise.

Similarly, we join forces and make allegiances to God's kingdom. Spiritually, we become stronger, more formidable, and more effective than ever before. As we become one with Him in the kingdom, we also become one with all others doing the same thing. It is the pathway to spiritual responsibility, stature, and maturity. Today is the day to erase the picture of ourselves as powerless, ineffective, and timid lambs and be transformed into the image of the king of beasts, the lion. Because that is how God sees us, we now agree with Him.

He ordained this for us, and it is His purpose that I have attempted to outline in this book. If we desire His kingdom, God has taken an oath to do this and will perform it with us without end. Amen! So be it, Lord.

Ch. 24 With Faith, Anything is Possible

God has given us His kingdom. We are to rule as kings and priests over the world and earth. Through our minds, God constrains and leads us with the spirit of love, and we reign in the kingdom in this same manner. Love is the fullness of the power of God and never fails. Living in the world but not of the world as followers of Jesus the Christ today, we must receive this truth of God. We must mix it with a generous amount of faith and practice it until we reach its fullness and maturity, as Christ did. Jesus died, so this could be ours. We must set our faces like flint toward this goal. Then walk with Him until we have arrived.

The throne room of the Kingdom of God is within us. If we are genuinely the king's bride, we sit in heavenly places in Christ on the throne. That throne is the seat of all power and authority of Jesus, the Lamb of God, and everyone in Him. We have received the Holy Spirit, and the ability has come upon us. Jesus commissioned us and has given us the authority to go forth and do extraordinary feats, and He greatly desires us to do that.

Daniel 11:32

(32) And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

We are the Ambassadors of the Kingdom of God, so let us learn to do our assignments and quit asking Jesus to complete them. Instead, let us use His name, do great exploits, and begin setting up the kingdom now. Dominion comes not with words but with power. The source of all godly capability is this relationship. Let us learn to walk in it and express it.

He has made us one with Himself. Suppose we knew and believed that, then we would also see that we cannot receive glory or anything else. Everything is already His, and what He has is already ours. That is the same way that the Godhead works.

If we genuinely believe we are on the Lord's side, then nothing is impossible with Him in us and us in Him.

Proof Comes by Faith

The power for signs, wonders, miracles, healings, deliverance, etc., is released by faith.

1 John 5:14-15

(14) And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

(15) And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Several years ago, I worked at a facility that manufactured and shipped coal tar products. We would receive most of the products we handled via barges, as our location was next to the Mississippi River. On one occasion, we received a barge load of creosote material. The tugboat retrieved it from the fleet going down the river, brought it to us, and tied it to our dock. We would then attach a hose connected to our pipelines and pump the material from the barge into our storage facilities.

That one time, they had tied the barge so far from the connecting hose that we could not connect it. I was working with my Dad that day and knew it would be impossible for us to move this barge. I knew we had over 800,000 pounds of creosote plus the weight of the barge (an estimated total of 1000+ tons). So, I suggested we call the tugboat back to correct their error. However, Dad did not seem to understand the enormity of the task before us. He walked to the side of the barge and started pushing on the pilings that anchored the barge. Finally, he said, "If you help me, we can move it up."

"As soon as it starts moving, untie the ropes so they won't stop us." I started pushing, and nothing happened, so I stopped. He told me to keep pushing and wait, since it would take a while. "Push hard but don't hurt yourself," he said. Unbelievably, after a few minutes, the thing started moving. I was, and still am, incredulous. I quickly untied the ropes and continued pushing. After about ten minutes, I had to reattach the ties as we had relocated the barge. How this happens is still a mystery to me. We had achieved the impossible with persistence and without giving up. I have found this lesson to be valuable in my later life.

To achieve the impossible, you must push against it with prayer, using your strength, without wavering, until it moves. P.U.S.H: Pray until something happens. Exercise your faith and keep praying until the task is completed, or God relieves you of the burden. The impossible can be achieved with persistence and determination.

Do not be like me when I first started to move the barge. I pushed as hard as I could for a brief time and then gave up. That is the way many of us pray, and it

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accounts for many failures. We should undoubtedly pray as earnestly as we can, but not give up. Fervent persistence is very powerful and availeth much spiritually, physically, and mentally.

Prayer

Lord, teach us to apprehend and use this faith of Christ you have given us to attempt and expect the impossible. Teach us never to quit, no matter how impossible the task seems, because, with God, anything is possible. In the name of Jesus, I ask, Amen.

Ch. 25 Partnership Doorway of Power

Now is the time of the Elijah anointing, prophesied by Jesus, and the restoration of all things.

Matthew 17:11

(11) And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

Believers today walk in very few things needed for practical and prosperous living and godliness. Although these things are as available now as ever, we do not know how to practice them today. Therefore, we need to restore our knowledge and faith in God to accept what Christ has provided. Restoration brings life to those who have never experienced true spiritual life; revival is for those who have lost their lively spiritual life or grown dim. Most things that bring life to the believer in Christ are missing from this generation. They have never lived in the fullness of the life of Christ. Here are a few examples:

Millions of believers have not experienced baptism in the Holy Spirit,
nor have they healed anyone.

Most have never delivered anyone from demonic possession,
nor resurrected the dead.

According to the Bible, these are the fundamental activities for believers. Therefore, we must apprehend them for ourselves and not limit them to the privileged few.

Most do not exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit; they have not experienced spiritual dreams or visions, nor have they traveled in the spirit. The instant physical translation from one place to another is almost non-existent. These things were part of the citizens' lives, according to their written accounts in the Bible. Today, many consider them bizarre or even demonic. Very few today talk much about the power to become the sons of God. When people speak of this, they usually present it as part of what I call microwave theology. God has given it to me; therefore, it is mine. No further effort on my part is needed.

Being a son of God is ours, promised to us by God. If we do not believe, receive, and practice God's truth until we identify as His son, it will be of little value to us. It is like owning a new car but leaving it in the garage and never driving it. Even with firm conviction, believing something is right differs entirely from faith. We must believe that it transforms us---our minds or souls---into the image of

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Christ We are to have a God-given belief that is strong enough to carry us to and through every life circumstance. To achieve this, we must practice using it. Practice makes perfect and permanent. Practice encouraging yourself in the Lord daily.

God has given us everything needed for life and godliness; these provisions have no termination date. It is time for the restoration of those things that Satan has stolen from us. It is time to reclaim our inheritance of the fullness of Jesus the Christ.

God calls forth people who passionately say, "Here I am, Lord, prepare me, no matter the cost. I have come to do thy will. Use me to establish your kingdom in the people and restore Christ's fullness to His people. We must believe, receive, love, and practice the truth of God, meaning not only to learn the Word of God but to live according to Him and His instructions.

God gave every person a measure of faith, but we must learn to build upon His foundation. As we know of the things, He has already died to provide us; we are to receive them as ours. Ask Him, and He freely gives. We then practice the day-to-day experience of these things until we mature into their fullness. They must become a living reality to us, our identity. The only way to do this is to return to Him often until our relationship with Him becomes the foundation of our lives. This activity then transforms us into His image.

Mark 12:30

(30) And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

That commandment assures us that if we put little into the relationship, we will get little in return. The indifferent and lukewarm receive modestly. If you want much from God, I believe it is necessary to go to Him and offer one hundred percent of yourself to Him to receive one hundred percent. You will never regret the trade.

Matthew 11:12 KJV

(12) And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

Violence, Strong's Concordance: to force, that is, (reflexively) to crowd oneself (into), or (passively) to be seized.

We must purposefully crowd ourselves into the Kingdom of God; entrance is not accidental. I do not see half-citizenship in the Kingdom of God proposed in the Bible. Allegiance and commitment to citizenship in the Kingdom of God are mandatory.

Hebrews 5:7 KJV

(7) Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

A reluctance to face physical death did not inspire Jesus to these fervent prayers. What concerned Him was the death that results from separation from God through sin. He knew He had to keep a perfect relationship with the Father to live. He had tremendous respect for the Father, who would not spare His own Son if He rebelled even slightly. We should have that kind of passion for our relationship with God.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, partnering with the Holy Spirit to establish an intimate relationship with God is a new concept for me. However, it is a concept I wish to implement in my own life. I greatly desire to walk with the Father, Jesus, and you in this new life. Would you please make it a reality for me? Would you teach me to practice our relationship until you have perfected it and I identify as one with you? With all of my heart, I thank you. I ask this in the matchless name of Jesus, Amen.

Ch. 26 Power of the Kingdom of God

1 Corinthians 4:20

(20) For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

God intended us to display the truth of our statements when we announced that the Kingdom of God is at hand. If the words did not bring conviction of fact, the display of the kingdom's power would. Therefore, he did not leave us empty-handed in our efforts to seek out and save those who did not know God.

Many teach that when Christ received all authority, He delegated it to the Ekklesia. This is true, yet I have never seen anyone walking in anything like the power Jesus did. On the other hand, I have heard very few proclaiming God's good news, e.g., the Kingdom of God. Many today proclaim their good news about the gospel of salvation. I believe the confirmation of God's good news was the signs, wonders, miracles, healings, deliverance, and manifestations of the Holy Spirit. He never promised to confirm our opinions about God's good news with signs and wonders.

The pattern Jesus laid down was to preach the Kingdom of God. He performed the healings, deliverances, miracles, etc., but did not proclaim them. Today, we believe in the Kingdom of God more as a place we go to when we die than as a present reality. We seldom present the kingdom as Christ did, a vibrant, life-giving experience attainable today. In the more spiritual of our Ekklesia, what we preach today is the healing, deliverances, and miracles, but then we do not perform them.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

(7) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

(8) For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

(9) To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

(10) To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

(11) But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

Every person born into the Kingdom of God has the Holy Spirit living within them. Because of their choice, not everyone enters a deeper relationship with

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Him to the point that the Spirit can control or use them. We call this the baptism or immersion of the Holy Spirit. We can then ask the Holy Spirit to manifest Himself through the various gifts He desires. He never forces us to do this. It must be our choice and petition that will trigger His response. Each person may display any one of these manifestations as the Spirit wills. That is available to all who ask, not just to a select few. I have seen some walk in the maturity necessary to manifest one or two gifts above all the others. Whether this was God's preference or response to their choice, I do not know. We should actively ask God to use us in any or all the gifts He desires. I have seen a few that showed all nine of the manifestations of the Spirit, using some more than others.

Walking in the fullness of this relationship with the Holy Spirit is essential in ministering. Accurately identifying a problem, whether physical, spiritual, or emotional, is often critical to solving it. In addition, the wisdom, knowledge, and power the Holy Spirit will offer us are invaluable in ministry.

God has given (past tense) us the Holy Spirit, and with that gift comes the power to heal and deliver every person. We are sitting with Christ in heavenly places and uniting with Him in the authority of the throne of God. He said these signs should follow those who believe.

Mark 16:15-18 KJV

(15) And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

(16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

(17) And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

(18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

He told us to do these things. Why do we ask Him to heal the sick? As His ambassador using His name, we are to heal the sick by releasing the power that He has given us. He said we are to do what He did, and even more extraordinary. He did not say, ask, and I will do more incredible things than I have ever done before. While doing what He commanded, we grow spiritually and become more than we were. If we do not act on our words, it is like telling your child to take out the trash, only to have him come back later and ask you to do it.

Matthew 14:19 KJV

(19) And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

Notice Jesus broke the bread, but the disciples multiplied it as they passed it out. Of course, it was the power of God doing the multiplying, but the disciples were passing out the bread. We need to start doing our work using the authority He has given us. He wants us to become great men and women of God by using His name. We will not grow if He always does miracles, healings, etc. We must learn to do them in His name. Do not worry; you will not eclipse Him in any way.

It takes very little faith to ask Him to do the work and no change in our relationship with Him. Instead, he wants a deeper and deeper connection with us, built on greater trust. Doing your assignments strengthens you. He has already given you what you need.

Peter's example to us is: ---his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong.

To paraphrase, I believe Peter says, "We healed this man, but not with our strength or power. It was with the power that comes through faith in the name of Jesus."

One critical element in displaying God's power in ministry is the prayer of agreement.

Matthew 18:18-20 AMPC

(18) Truly I tell you, whatever you forbid and declare to be improper and unlawful on earth must be what is already forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit and declare proper and lawful on earth must be what is already permitted in heaven.

(19) Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree (harmonize together, make a symphony together) about whatever [anything and everything] they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by My Father in heaven.

(20) For wherever two or three are gathered (drawn together as My followers) in (into) My name, there I AM in the midst of them. [Exo 3:14]

The proper order for carrying out any manifestation of spiritual power is to have the desired thing already established in Heaven. It takes more than one person's opinion to set up those matters. We must have the testimony of two or more reliable and accurate witnesses.

2 Corinthians 13:1 AMPC

(1) THIS IS the third time that I am coming to you. By the testimony of two or three witnesses must any charge and every accusing statement be sustained and confirmed. [Deu 19:15].

The Holy Spirit is a true and faithful witness of all things. When He speaks to us, He reveals those things given to us that we need for success in the Court of Heaven. God, the judge, decides spiritual legalities in this heavenly place. The trustworthy, dependable witnesses of the New Testament who have written about their experiences with the Holy Spirit should always verify this. Before deciding, at least two or more truthful and trustworthy witnesses must testify before the Court of Heaven. You must then decree it for it to happen and become a reality on earth.

Job 22:28 AMPC

(28) You shall also decide and decree a thing, and it shall be established for you; and the light [of God's favor] shall shine upon your ways.

When two or more gather in the name of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is standing in the midst, ready to bring about the verdict of Heaven's Court that we decree on earth. Sickness, disease, demonic powers, and everything that exalts itself against God must bow and obey the energy released in His name.

Knowing what the Bible states, particularly the New Testament, is essential. We must read and understand its contents to determine whether we have the second witness needed.

I have never seen this process fail after many years of ministry. Most of the preparation I did to cast out demons was through much prayer and fasting, so that I might hear the Lord. I knew I could never do this ministry and had to depend solely on Him. He always amazed me with His compassion, wisdom, and authority when doing the impossible.

Many ask, "Why fast?" Fasting dampens the voice of the flesh and allows you to hear from God more clearly. Instead, you should pray, meditate on what He has spoken to you, and refresh your memory and spirit by reading the Bible.

Prayer

Father, teach me to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, doing signs, miracles, deliverance, and healings in the mighty name of Jesus. I desire these manifestations to confirm the preaching and teaching about the Kingdom of

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God. Protect me from pride in these accomplishments, and I will give you the glory forever. In the name of Jesus, I ask Amen

Ch. 27 Making Disciples

Many today are trying to make disciples by teaching from the Bible, including many Bible colleges. Yes, learning what God has recorded for us in the Bible is good, but this will not make or grow disciples of Jesus. Without a personal relationship, the result will be someone who knows all about Jesus and can teach about Him for hours, but does not know Him. I want to tell a couple of stories that I think will show the inadequacy of these pursuits of learning the Bible.

The young man was sitting eagerly before his grandfather, awaiting his reply He had just asked, "Grandma and you have lived happily together for many years. Tell me about when you first met her and how you became close I have a nice young woman I like very much, and I am dating her, but I do not know how to win her heart and keep it. Can you give me some advice?"

Smiling, the grandfather replied, "I can probably tell you more about what not to do than what you should do."

When I first met your grandmother, I was smitten and wanted to be with her, but I did not know how to make that happen. Wanting expert advice, I asked my dad if he knew of any good books that might help me. He did not know of any, but then told me. "All people are individuals. So, the book would have to be written about her for it to be successful with her. Any book that someone wrote concerning someone else would not work."

After thinking for a moment, I decided I would not want a girlfriend whom someone else knew well enough to write a book about. My girlfriend was quite popular and dated other boys, but I somehow sensed I did not want to ask them about their experiences with her. So instead, I wanted my own experience.

It was at this point that the answer came to my mind. My girlfriend did not have to author a book. We could work it out together by getting to know each other through mutual experience. Commitment to never quit trying and practicing, practicing, practicing was the key to the success I wanted.

That evening, I proposed to your grandmother. I declared my love and faithfulness to her and assured her this would only increase. I then confessed my ignorance of what a real relationship with her would look like. Still, I was willing to work it out with her, even if it took forever. I asked for her patience with me as we worked this out together. She agreed, and that is what we are

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still doing. Marriage is just another word for a working relationship. These are also the instructions that Jesus gives us for having a relationship with Him: work out our salvation with Him.

Philippians 2:12 KJV

(12) Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

The Apostle Paul says to work out your relationship with Jesus (our salvation) with fear and trembling. I have not found any place where He tells us that any book is the foundation of our relationship with God. The basis of our communion is the one-on-one encounters with Him every day.

The Bible records others who have had encounters with Jesus. If our only experience is that of others, it is like watching a ball game on television. You have not played the game, but you feel like you have. In other words, your artificial experience has deceived you. Many people waste their lives watching television; at the end of the day, the only life they have experienced is in their minds or imagination. If you let your life with Christ become only an intellectual-emotional experience gained from reading about others who were really in the game, you will have missed it all.

Another story, as an illustration, should solidly settle the issue. I received my first bicycle for Christmas and read the manual several times. Finally, my dad took me into the driveway and gave me a send-off push on my new bike. I did not go far until I toppled over. After several tries, I became frustrated and asked my dad what I was doing wrong. I had read the manual and thought I was doing it right. However, it still did not work. He told me I was doing everything right, but I had to practice my relationship with the bike. When I began doing that, I started riding, and the more I practiced, the better I became. Today, I can ride motorcycles with ease. My ability increased from the strength of that relationship I started long ago and continued throughout my life.

We have a relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Therefore, we will not grow and mature by reading the Bible. Instead, we must work together with each person of the Godhead. They are one in the spirit but different expressions of that spirit, so we must come to know and be known by each of them.

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Discipling is helping another person grow in their relationship with God. Allowing our life and relationship with God to be transparent before others lets them see the possibilities and benefits of working together.

I will tell a short story to illustrate this point. My wife and I were at home when the doorbell rang. When I opened the door, I found two young women selling something. I do not even remember what they were selling. I invited them in, and shortly, we were all in a lively conversation that had nothing to do with what they were selling. After my wife had talked for several minutes about how we met and soon married (with all the details, of course), one of the young women blurted out, "That is what I want for my life."

Not knowing what she meant by her statement, I asked her. She replied, "I want what you guys have." I was still clueless and about to tell her we had nothing for sale when she continued, "I want my own home with my husband and a relationship as you guys experience. That is all I really want in life."

Of course, I was flattered, but I silently thought she should have been here yesterday. It was not so smooth then. It is still a work in progress, but we are both very thankful for it and committed. However, neither of them was any closer to a relationship with another than when they came to the door.

Because of their perception of us, we had unwittingly become an example for them. We had something these women wanted, and I am sure it encouraged them to know such a thing was possible.

That is the way people should first view their relationship with God: "What you have is what I want for my life" should be their response when they see your relationship with God. That is discipleship by example. That should be transparent to others as we come together to speak with God and experience His speaking.

Discipleship by teaching forms the groundwork for recognizing God and encourages pursuing a relationship with Him. Mentoring should always remind people that it is a relationship we must live out one-on-one until we get good at it. We do not get proficient by any other method. The more passionate and committed we are to pursuing this relationship, the more it will reflect the time we are willing to invest in it. God responds best to a passionate pursuit. That, in turn, removes the limits on the speed at which a mature relationship with God can be reached. Neither an excellent education nor a religious service can substitute for a relationship. It may always fool some people, but it will not fool God and will have some avoidable bad results — Matthew 7:21-23.

Jesus noted that many were trying to form a relationship with God by studying the scriptures. He had this to say about it.

John 5:39-40 AMPC

(39) You search and investigate and pore over the Scriptures diligently, because you suppose and trust that you have eternal life through them. And these [very Scriptures] testify about Me!

(40) And still you are not willing [but refuse] to come to Me, so that you might have life.

The Bible very clearly presents this truth: The Word of God is a man called Jesus. It is Him you must come to know personally, not vicariously through another person or any book, including the Bible.

Prayer

Father, I want my own experience with you, Jesus, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. So please help me work out that relationship with all the respect and reverence due to each of you. It is difficult for a person prone to see and believe in partnering with someone they cannot hear, as we hear other people, nor can they be seen. Yet this is the most important relationship in my life, and I want it to be grand. In Jesus' name, amen.

Ch. 28 Priests unto God

The Old Testament Priest

I believe the priesthood of the Inner Court is one of the main things missing from the body of Christ. God intended that we should walk as a priest unto Him. If we do not steadily and passionately pursue this reality in our lives, the maturity of our relationship with God will suffer gravely.

Revelation 1:6 KJV

(6) And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Most citizens of the Kingdom of God know this verse and that God has made us priests unto God. Yet we often take for granted many things of God and never try to find out what we should be doing to carry out this office, nor the implications of walking in that position. Just praying for a few people does not bring us to the fullness of the priest's status. It is much more than that. As we begin our examination, it would be helpful to read Ezekiel 44:6-31. I will not quote it here but will refer to portions of it.

The label for these scriptures in my KJV is: "Rules for Levitical Priests." The setting for this teaching is the Tabernacle of Moses in the wilderness. God divided the Tabernacle into three sections: the Outer Court, the Inner Court, and the Holiest Place.

The priest had a different relationship with the Lord in these areas. They carried out these duties in accordance with their relationship with God. Now, I will mainly deal with the Outer and Inner Court priests. There are many differences in the priests' relationships and duties across the various areas of the Tabernacle.

One of the more significant distinctions was that the Outer Court ministers or priests were to serve God by meeting the needs of the people. Gentiles and Jews alike came here to get their needs met. So, the Outer Court did not stop at the walls. God did not manifest His presence in the Outer Court as much as He did elsewhere. He may have revealed Himself occasionally. Still, it was not the place of His habitation and continuous manifest presence.

God had chosen the Levites to be in charge and enter a personal relationship with Him. In the Inner Court, the spirit of God would continuously manifest, and the minister would grow in his relationship with God and become intimate with

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Him in His many expressions. That enables him to present God as the healer, deliverer, priest, and so on.

But some polluted God's house by bringing Gentiles into the Inner Court. God did not take their ministry away from them. Still, it did confine them to the Outer Court. They could not go into His manifest presence. However, they could have remembered and spoken of their earlier experiences. The Outer Court is also the place of preparation for those whom God chose to allow to come into His presence and minister unto Him.

Every priest who entered the Inner Court must have passed some stringent qualifications. Here are a few, though not all:

- ❖ They could not be strangers to Israel.
- ❖ They must be willing to turn their back on everything in the Outer Court and focus completely on God.
- ❖ They must be circumcised in their hearts and flesh (showing a covenant relationship).
- ❖ They shall stand before God to offer the fat and the blood.
- ❖ They shall come into the Inner Court to minister (tarry and serve) unto God.
- ❖ They shall keep God's charge (commands).
- ❖ Unlike all the other tribes, God is their inheritance.
- ❖ When they exited, God had prepared them to teach the difference between the holy, profane, clean, and unclean. They learned to exercise judgment in accordance with God's will, to keep the law, and to consecrate the Sabbath.

I would boil it down to these things. First, the priest must be a Jew. God's requirement was for him to be also circumcised in heart and flesh. Next, the crux of his ministry was learning to wait upon the Lord. That means to tarry for instructions, then leave to carry them out or serve the Lord.

The New Testament Priest

Jesus would be our best example of a priest unto God in the New Testament. Therefore, I will use Jesus, for He is the pattern or model for those who aspire to become priests unto God. I believe Jesus's first step in preparation to become an Inner Court priest was His baptism by John the Baptist. He then received the Spirit of God, who prepared and empowered Jesus for ministry.

Matthew 3:16 KJV

(16) And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

The very next step was when the Father spoke from the heavens:

Matthew 3:17 KJV

(17) And lo a voice from heaven, saying, That is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

With this statement, the Father rooted and grounded Jesus in the Father's love for Him. The Lord needed this foundation of reassurance to carry Him through His forty days of fasting and the ministry that followed. Understanding God's love is our first step into the priesthood. Practicing the reality of this walk brings Jesus to the forefront as the fountainhead or source of our life. That fountainhead gives love (to keep the law), faith (confidence in God's goodness), and God's life (to minister to others).

The priests in the Tabernacle had to leave the outer area to enter the Inner Court. Jesus also had to leave everything behind and go into the desert, focusing His full attention on God. In the place of isolation, without the world's distractions, He could now hear God speak to Him. John the Baptist and the Apostle Paul followed this pattern to listen to and experience God.

At the end of His fast, the devil came to Him and tempted Him. Facing and defeating those things that had the potential to bring about His downfall completed the circumcision of His heart (mind). The spiritual scars of that cut were visible in the spiritual realm, establishing a covenant with God.

Many teach that Jesus cited the scriptures, but I do not think so. Instead, he quoted from what the Word of God had written in His heart. This Word, accompanied by faith, is what brings forth the power of God. Memorizing the Bible verses or reading them does not produce much spiritual force. The Word of God must write the things we need on the tablets of our hearts.

After receiving ministry from angels, He left the desert in the power of the Holy Spirit. God had fully prepared Him to function as a priest of the Inner Court. For the remainder of His life, He ministered from that office. Jesus was now a carrier of the habitation and continual manifestation of the presence of God. Jesus is our pattern son, and we are to live according to the pattern he lived.

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But Jesus is a Jew inwardly; circumcision is that of the heart, not the letter. So that fulfills one of the conditions for becoming a priest of the Inner Court and practicing the relationship with God that Jesus had when He ministered.

Jesus continuously practiced full communion with God. Therefore, His ministry reflected the full power of God flowing from that relationship. We must do likewise.

I think the term habitation of God is a bit confusing to some. God is always everywhere, all the time. So everywhere is His living place. However, He has picked specific areas to make Himself seen, heard, and felt by His people. We call these particular sites the places of His manifest habitation. In the Old Testament, it was the Tabernacle of Moses. In the Gospels, Jesus became the temple of God. He was God's place for the manifestation of His habitation. God had always lived in Him. Still, He did not display the presence of God to the world until He received the Holy Spirit. So today, as we walk in the temple of God, we are to be the place of the manifestation of His habitation.

Many of the priests today operate as Outer Court ministries. They sometimes do magnificent work in preparing people for the Kingdom of God and meeting the needs of the people in other ways. However, the ministry's purpose and focus are always on the people. The manifestation of God's presence varies over time and from ministry to ministry. The Outer Court is not the place of His permanent manifest habitation, but is essential in God's plan. I want to note that no one could ever get to the Inner Court without passing through the Outer Court. Here, we grow in a godly relationship with tutors until the time appointed by the Father. Our ministry to others should be our training to minister unto God in the Inner Court. The work God has called us to is His tool for developing us to enter God's eternal presence and minister unto Him.

Today, very few practice the inner-Court ministry unto God, learning to do what they see God doing and to say what they hear God speaking. That relationship is available to everyone, but very few walk in it. We cannot do more outstanding works than Jesus while living and functioning in an Outer Court relationship. We must practice an Inner Court relationship with God to do these things.

Are we not Jews? Has God circumcised our hearts?

Romans 2:28-29 KJV

(28) For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

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(29) But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Are we unable to leave the world (Outer Court) behind? Jesus did not seem to think so.

2 Corinthians 6:17 KJV

(17) Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

Through communion with the Lord, we can find the laws He has written on our hearts. We would also experience faith from hearing Him speak those things to us.

Jeremiah 31:33 KJV

(33) But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Hebrews 12:2 KJV

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

If we were to believe, receive, and start walking as priests unto God, we could start on the pathway to performing the greater works of God promised by Jesus. We preach that the Kingdom of God is at hand and give proof through physical, spiritual, and emotional healing. The resurrections of the dead, deliverance, signs, and miracles would be ordinary. These are not just for a select few.

We should be doing the most important thing Christ could not do. He must die before anyone can be born into the Kingdom of God. It took His death to ratify God's last will. He came to live God's will. While He lived as the testator of the will, it would have no strength or legal effect. His death ratified the testament and made it secure forever. It was then possible for people to be born again and enter God's Kingdom. Therefore, He commissioned us as ambassadors of the ministries of salvation and reconciliation.

Prayer

Father, strengthen my soul so I might leave the world to come into your permanent presence. Train me as a priest unto God, as I await you in the Inner Courts of your tabernacle in Heaven. As I leave to minister to others, let your

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presence never depart from me. I wish to live with you 100% of the time. Fill this deep longing of my heart for your eternal presence. It is my joy to do your will. In the name of Jesus, I pray, Amen.

Ch. 29 King/Priest unto God

God wishes to restore His people to the original blueprint for mankind. It is not just a process of returning things to the Ekklesia. However, that is part of it. He wants to restore man to the original integrity and moral stature he was initially given. God has His blueprint or pattern, called Jesus the Christ, to go by. He has a process for achieving this plan. It is already well underway today.

He started with many people whom He has called for the end-time purpose of founding His kingdom on earth. They were to become rulers in the kingdom's government. However, as with Gideon, this task is for a chosen few rather than for vast numbers. Only the Lord makes the choices. We can volunteer and present ourselves for His training. Still, He decides who will serve in this army and separates those He selects.

Our responses to His directions allow Him to decide who is in this mighty army. Like Gideon, not all joined the fight because not all were warriors. Still, all received benefits from the victory. When the army of God wins, all believers should celebrate. The warrior never fights for himself alone, but for those he loves and leaves behind. Love is the motive for the soldier of God and the plumb line for deciding who will become a soldier of God. Also, like every other army God has commanded, the outcome is inevitable. Victory is sure because if God is for us, who can be against us? Faith already declares and is evidence that we have won the battle, although we do not yet see what the eyes of faith see.

Kings/Priest of Love

If we were to come upon and apprehend the Spirit of love, we would have God in hand. If that Spirit seizes us, then God has us in His grasp. God is a spirit, and that spirit is love. His response is not physical or emotional; His love is an uncompromising collection of divine qualities that defines His character. **Love is God's character in action.** He always fellowships with us and reacts to us as humans according to who He is. His love expresses His character, and He will never change because of who we are or what we do. He is eternally faithful and unrelenting in His love toward us. He wants us not only to understand this concept but to align our lives with His love for us. As the Apostle Paul said:

Ephesians 3:14-20

(14) For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

(15) Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

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(16) That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

(17) That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

(18) May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

(19) And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

(20) Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

The functioning, not the knowledge of this relationship, is the basis of our kingdom life and fills us with the fullness of God. That forms the tie uniting the vine to the branch, allowing His life to flow into us. That brings forth much fruit of the spirit and results in spiritual maturity for the individual.

1 John 4:19 KJV

(19) We love him, because he first loved us.

When we recognize the reliability and enormity of His love and the life of peace and joy that results, our response is to love Him in return. As we accept His love and become rooted and grounded in that relationship, our love for Him increases. Loving Him should never be an effort but an increasing response flowing from His love toward us. We no longer must labor for His acceptance nor watch our behavior because His love accepts and constrains us. Soon His love overflows and comes forth like a river of living water, allowing us to touch others with His life.

The most important thing we can do as humans is to learn to live in this experience. I believe the results are limitless and impossible to overstate for everyone who commits to this path in life and then receives and walks in this love daily.

Matthew 22:37-40 KJV

(37) Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

(38) That is the first and great commandment.

(39) And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

(40) On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

1 John 4:20-21 KJV

(20) If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that

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loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

(21) And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

These three commandments work together. Either they are all valid in your life, or none of them are. The good news is that keeping the law is no longer a work of man but the natural result of us leaning upon and living from the love of God. That is more than enough to comply with all the laws. Anytime we fall short of following the law, we know we have a love problem. Correcting the activity will look good, but will not fix the problem. We must examine the love supply and our love reaction to answer the sin problem. Jesus has promised to act as our advocate in the Courts of Heaven and fix the problem.

1 John 1:9 KJV

(9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We must come to a place where we know, without any doubt, that He has loved us forever, loves us now, and will continue to love us indefinitely into the future. We can arrive at maturity because He is love and will never change, regardless of what we may or may not do as His children. Living in this reality will dramatically strengthen our faith in Him, rooting and grounding us in it. We should be confident that He leads and guides our lives for our good because that is who He is. That level of trust brings us the peace and joy that He intends for us to have, regardless of outward circumstances.

Philippians 4:13 KJV

(13) I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Matthew 17:20 KJV

(20) And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

These are some of the most significant promises made by Jesus and the Apostle Paul. We need to learn to practice their reality without faltering. If we walk depending on our love, we will fail. His love never fails, and neither will we when we learn to live with it as our source of life.

Love created all things and is the fountainhead of energy that holds all things together. If we divide every atom into small enough pieces, we find a field of

energy that binds them together. God calls this force love. As we go about our daily lives, the unbeliever walks through the air, made mostly of oxygen and nitrogen. As believers, we should be aware that the energy of love flows around us as we walk. They shall live by faith; by faith, we live and move and have our being in Him. The love that sustains and binds the air molecules in our world submerges us in His life.

Some years ago, I was present when an older woman fell to the floor in the restaurant where our church had gone for lunch. We had a nurse present who quickly realized that the woman's heartbeat and breathing had stopped. She immediately started giving compressions. I soon joined her and began to perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. I had never performed this on a live person before. Still, I was certified in CPR several years earlier on a manikin. Shortly before the ambulance arrived, her heart and breathing resumed. They took her to the hospital, and I thought all was well.

Later, the nurse who started the CPR reported that she had checked and found that the woman had died after reaching the hospital. I was hoping for a better outcome, so later that night, I asked the Lord why this had happened. He answered, "You breathed life into her, but all they could give her was air." It is faith that turns the air you breathe into a life-giving substance. Nothing is impossible to them that believe.

Faith working by love in us and through us makes those things needed for healing. God will create hearts, lungs, limbs, backs, and life. Faith working by love stops demonic activities and breaks their hold on people's lives. A belief that works by love brings those with many different personalities together as one person. It is this powerful combination that heals and brings fractured souls together. Faith working by love breaks ties that our souls have formed with ungodly pursuits or people. That includes all addictions.

When love lights up your soul from horizon to horizon like a bolt of lightning, He will destroy the spirit of lawlessness with the brightness of His coming.

Faith working by love assures us that He has made us one with Himself and brought us into His relationship with the Father. This same spirit guarantees us that the afflictions we suffer now are working in us a far superior weight of glory.

Love created every flower and caused it to bloom in season, giving life and breath to every newborn, whether human or animal. He watches every tree to maturity for our use and enjoyment. He also brings order to the known

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universe, spanning twenty-seven billion light-years. Birds hear His voice and sing while He gives food and directs the movement of the animals. The spirit of love is the most amazing, perfect being we could imagine, and far beyond that.

How could one neglect such a great salvation or be too busy for such a great union with this person? Those who are content to miss hell and await rapture into Heaven have lost the joy of living here. We have the opportunity now to know so much more about God. I cannot help but wonder how comfortable they will be in Heaven if they do not have any significant desire to experience Jesus here. Their countless hours in front of the television, ball games, work, and a hundred other things seem more important. Even more significant is the question, "How does the Lord feel about spending eternity with someone who has refused to practice His love here?" They count most things here as more important than an intimate relationship with Him.

Order of Melchizedek

Today, a new order of priesthood is coming into the world. Christ is in the final stages of establishing His kingdom on earth, which calls for the further maturation of His people, both corporately and individually. Then, walking into the fullness of their inheritance in Christ, this new order will mature in the offices of kings and priests unto God. Next, being confirmed by Christ, they will live and walk in heavenly places. The Father approved Jesus as a priest before He became a high priest. So, this new order of priesthood must also receive confirmation from the Father.

Seated on the throne of God in Christ Jesus, they carry the total weight and authority of the government of the Kingdom of God upon their shoulders as Jesus does. They rule and reign with Him and in place of Him, with the full authority that the throne of God carries.

As each of these individuals comes into spiritual oneness with Christ, they are brought into corporate spiritual unity with one another, although most have never met. Thus, Christ is building a mighty army of warriors that can function as one person.

Their job: bring Heaven to earth and destroy the works of darkness. The conclusion will be the binding and imprisonment of Satan, followed by the manifestation of the Kingdom of God (kingdom rule) throughout the earth.

Walking in the reality of eternal life in Christ Jesus, they have neither beginning of days nor ending, but will perform as kings and priests forever.

Hebrews 7:2-3 KJV

(2) To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

(3) Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

Thus, the maturation into the fullness of Christ must also bring His strength, integrity, and faithfulness into fullness. The spiritual leaven of agape must consume us. God is hiding us totally in Christ. God sees only Jesus when He looks at us. That is the one container suitable for supporting, holding, and dispensing the Melchizedek type of priesthood. This priesthood is the carrier and dispenser of the glory of God---heaven.

Everything needed for life and godliness is available in Heaven through Jesus. That order of kings and priests has unlimited access to this reservoir of spiritual supply and the authority of the throne to dispense it as needed.

God is positioning these people to apprehend and practice the faith of Jesus. Therefore, our trust is critical when He releases the ability and power necessary to complete setting up His kingdom on earth.

Because God has hidden them in Christ Jesus, this order of king/priest has come into the same relationship that Jesus has with the Father. That is not their relationship with the Father, but the Lord's relationship with the Father; they occupy. They are one with Him and the Father.

The phrase "Kingdom of Heaven" means the place of God's abode or rule. Jesus and John the Baptist made the astonishing statement that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand. When Jesus takes His throne in the heart of a believer, He also extends His abode and rule to the immediate area.

As Israel moved across the wilderness desert following the Spirit of God, He extended His influence in the immediate area, causing God's people to walk in health, receive food, and have their clothing not wear out. God's provision came with God's manifested presence.

In the New Testament, we also find this happening.

Acts 5:15-16 KJV

(15) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might

overshadow some of them.

(16) There also came a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

It does not say that Peter's shadow healed them. It seems the people believed that if Peter came close enough for his shadow to fall on someone, they would be close enough to be healed. They had come close enough to become immersed in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Deuteronomy 19:15 KJV

(15) One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

Revelation 20:1-3 KJV

(1) And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

(2) And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

(3) And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Although Jesus won the victory over Satan two thousand years ago, Satan has been operating freely. He has still committed crimes at will since that time. The Courts of Heaven need a second true and faithful witness to prosecute criminal wrongdoing. Unfortunately, no other witness has appeared in court against him until now. It seems possible that the Melchizedek type of priest will be the true and faithful corporate witness needed in the Courts of Heaven to testify against Satan. Jesus would, of course, be the other genuine and reliable witness. Then God can imprison Satan for one thousand years.

Ch. 30 Church/Ekklesia

Ambassadors of God

In a Kingdom like the Kingdom of God, the king is the government and the supreme ruling authority. His ambassadors are an extension of the government. They are authorized to act as Him when living in a foreign country. All citizens of the Kingdom of God have renounced their citizenship in Satan's kingdom of darkness. They have been translated into His Son's kingdom of light. They are now in a foreign country but not of that country.

Isaiah 9:6-7 KJV

(6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

(7) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Luke 12:32 KJV

(32) Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Matthew 11:28-30 KJV

(28) Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

(29) Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

(30) For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

These verses show that Jesus came to bring us a government, not a religion. It is neither a government of religion nor a religious government. Isaiah announced the government. Jesus also revealed that the Father desired to give us the government. We are to take His government and carry that yoke as He had. Today, we are to assume the responsibility and weight of the government of the Kingdom of God.

The ambassador's first responsibility is to join with his fellow citizens. Therefore, establishing an embassy in this foreign country is one of His first duties. That embassy is considered the property of his own country. It provides a sanctuary for citizens who need refuge or aid. The sanctuary is not a lecture

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hall that the Ekklesia uses to perform its functions. They are to be led by the Holy Spirit and serve as the Spirit of God directs. No person is in command; God is. Only the Holy Spirit has authority; He uses it to teach and guide the people. He will choose whom He will use to accomplish His purposes that day.

The moment the ambassador accepts this position, the king provides him with everything he needs. He never has to furnish his own financing, transportation, shelter, food, clothing, or any other need. The king gives His ambassador complete protection and limitless power, authority, and resources.

The ambassador also uses the army of God, the angels. They always accompany the ambassador, aiding, protecting, and ministering to and for him as needed. If you were to insult the ambassador, it would be as though you had insulted the king. He embodies the government he represents.

The benefits and responsibilities of this new assignment are given and guaranteed in the New Covenant. The king has shed His blood to establish this covenant, and He oversees it to ensure our obedience. Jesus had the ministry of an Ambassador of God; He came from Heaven to this world to establish a colony of Heaven on earth.

Rebellion Today

A Christian is someone who identifies themselves as following Christ. However, this name first appeared in Antioch and was given to the people of God by the world. It certainly should describe anyone who has been born into the Kingdom of God. Nevertheless, God did not give His people this name, which lacks a God-ordained destiny. It is not wrong to allow others to call us by this name; I have done so for years. However, we should not accept it as our identity. Doing that is to take the identity the world has given us and the implied destiny it would wish for us: separation from God as a family member.

God blesses everyone according to His desires and plans. Still, He is not obligated by blood covenant to bless anyone not named in His covenant. The "Last Will and Testament" of God, called the New Testament, does not name "Christian" as an heir. To seek the identity, as His child, that He has given us, and the destiny that identity provides, as an heir of God's Kingdom, seems to be the wiser choice.

Embracing a name for ourselves is closely associated with adopting a destiny of our choice in the Kingdom of God. Therefore, it is quite common today to tell people who have recently accepted Christ that they are Heaven-bound. However, when we read the Lord's prayer, we will see that the Lord's purpose is

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to bring his kingdom to us, including the Kingdom of Heaven. The Lord never told us His goal was to fill Heaven with good people. The Kingdom of God is within us, and its expression, the Kingdom of Heaven, is within us, and of course, this establishes His rule within us. When we live in heavenly places, God has set our future home in us before our death. Satan's trick is to tell us to wait and try to get there after we die.

Genesis 11:1-9 tells the story of a people later known as the Babylonians. These people aimed to make a name for themselves, form a great city, and build their own way to God. They were all in one accord and spoke the same language. But unfortunately for them, God came down and confounded their language, disorganized their efforts, and caused them to scatter.

I desire every child of God to be anchored in the Word of God, Jesus, and in agreement with the Bible. For the people of God to take a stand in any other location unsupported by the Bible is to build on sand and fall during life's testing. Because what we believe was taught by people we trusted and loved does not make it the truth. Well-meaning people can be sincere but mistaken. The Bible must substantiate your claims. But, as difficult as it is to change, especially our minds, it will not be nearly as difficult as approaching Jesus unprepared.

Today, Christianity has abandoned the political term Ekklesia in favor of a more religious term, church. Also discarded was the establishment of the government of the Kingdom of God in the hearts of all believers. Adopted instead is a doctrine of escapism, a term I used to describe abandoning humanity and escaping to Heaven through the rapture of all believers.

Rapture is a non-biblical term not found in the Bible, nor is the concept of escape. It is also in direct opposition to Christ's command to go into the world and impact it by establishing His kingdom on the earth today. One of the main foundational verses in the Bible supporting this idea is 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17. However, these verses are about those who have died and are returning to claim their resurrected bodies; you remember---those dirt suits that you need for life and legality on earth, and are useless in Heaven. Jesus had both after His resurrection, making Him capable of impact in both places.

Neither is it precisely specified in these verses who is being resurrected and gathered. However, Revelation 20:4-5 says that not all the dead will participate in this resurrection, also suggesting that not all living believers will be involved.

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These man-made doctrines have made the church irrelevant and without impact today. It is the Lord's desire for His people to carry the government of the Kingdom of God into every cultural sphere of the world today. And impart His kingdom into the hearts of all people, culminating in the complete takeover of the world and earth with His power.

Rather than working fervently on establishing God's plan for the world, the church has forfeited it, agreed with the world, and has only its own agenda, abandoning the people to evil invaders.

The time and effort needed to rescue millions of babies, help the incarcerated, and support the starving, homeless, and naked was too much for those planning for departure. At least worthy of mention are the evil government leaders that have taxed and legislated the American people horrendously, cutting their freedom to almost zero because they now believe the church is not to be involved in politics. It would have taken only two things to solve the world's problems; consistent church involvement in Kingdom living and in every aspect of our culture.

The Kingdom of God is the only legitimate government
existing in the world today.

Therefore, we must go into the world, preach the gospel of the Kingdom, and impact the culture with the character and wisdom found in the Word of God — Jesus.

These people who call good evil and evil good have invaded our schools, corrupting the children of future generations with their wicked plans. Yet, after allowing all of these things to come upon the world, God put them in charge of saving; they remain busy and adamant about attending their meetings to keep everyone excited about their escape to Heaven.

Escaping to Heaven is not God's agenda. The Bible must be seen and understood from the worldview of the Kingdom of God. Resurrection is a kingdom activity, not a religious one. He desires to establish salvation in the Kingdom of God in people's hearts. Worldwide preaching of the good news (gospel of God's Kingdom) is essential for this purpose. Repentance and immediately redirecting our concerns to the people we encounter daily are necessary if the world is to survive our current rebellion against God. We must present the Kingdom of God to people as Christ told us.

Quit preaching what Jesus did.

Start preaching what Jesus mandated.

Then do what Jesus did.

He spoke of His and our kingdom eighty-five times in the Bible, revealing His heart to us, and told us to do likewise.

The Ekklesia

The people whom God has called forth from the world to represent Him in the world today are living organisms called the body of Christ. The individual functioning in this body is an ambassador. In the spiritual realm, their spirits are in perfect tune with the nature of Christ, which makes them in tune with each other, so they can perfectly represent the heart of their king to the world. There is no such thing as a church not in tune with Christ, only impostors in rebellion.

God has trained His ambassadors to disciple others into fully mature citizenship and relationships in God's kingdom. As the people develop God's nature, they join the embassy with those who make up the Ekklesia. Although each may have a different function as a believer, all are equal in importance as people.

God called leaders into the church, but as servants. Serving people is the "leadership" principle of the Kingdom of God. He will then deploy many of them into the world to proclaim the good news of the gospel and establish embassies wherever he sends them. But again, I remind you: this is a government in action, not a religious practice.

Today, we have people who have taken the name Christian for themselves; God has restored one language to them, nothing is impossible for them, they are a great city---four billion strong--- and they have invented their own way to Heaven.

God identifies us as citizens in Heaven, as His sons, as His ambassadors, and as kings and priests. Therefore, for us to do anything except agree with God is rebellion, which is sinful.

The Apostle John tells us in Revelation 12 that the spirit of the Babylonians was still very active in people, and God had finally judged them. So now is the time to come out from among them.

The Two Trees

Before God placed mankind in the Garden of Eden and gave him dominion there, He placed two notable trees in the garden. One was the Tree of Life,

which was Jesus. The other tree was the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Eating the fruit of the Tree of Life brought life, whereas eating the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil brought death. Yet both trees were pleasant to look at and good for food. God had placed before Adam the free choice of life or death.

Jesus has returned kingdom dominion to man today, and God still provides two trees; they are pleasant to the eye and produce good food. But one has life, and one has death. The tree that produces death is a way for man to go that seems right, but results in death.

On the one hand, we have a book that God has given us. That book is a remanufactured tree; the leaves contain the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. In John 5:39-40 AMP, Jesus clearly states that this book called the Bible does not have life. On the other hand, we have Jesus, who declares that He alone has life, and we must go to Him for that life to be ours.

Jesus alone is truth, He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." The Holy Spirit's mandate from the Father is to reveal Jesus (truth) to us. We cannot acquire or find truth through our intellect or efforts. We are dependent upon the Holy Spirit to do this. The Holy Spirit is sufficient in Himself and does not need a book to help Him with His duties. If we place our faith in and our dependence upon anything (Bible) or anyone (Pastor, etc.) other than Him to reveal the truth (Jesus) to us, we are double-minded and idolaters. We must love and receive the revelation of truth from the Holy Spirit alone. Failure to do so is not a very good option.

2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 KJV

(10) And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

(11) And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

(12) That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Choose today whether you shall live or die. Ensure your diet is only from the Tree of Life, but in no way assume that the Bible is useless. Please read and come to know it well, but never seek to eat from it or follow it. Instead, follow Jesus, who is the living Word of God.

The Bible contains the covenant terms God has agreed to in the Old and New Covenants and is an invaluable source of that information. The Lord only deals

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with people through a covenant relationship. The world and its people are subject to the Old Covenant's promises and penalties. The Kingdom of God and its citizens are subject to and live under the promises of the New Covenant. There are no penalties because Christ became the curse and suffered the penalties for us.

The New Testament is the constitution for the Kingdom of God. Therefore, it is invaluable for citizens to use to secure their rights and responsibilities. The Father's good pleasure was to give us the kingdom and re-establish mankind's dominion over the earth.

Jesus was born to be a king, and He came to preach about that government (kingdom). He died so that He might establish it in His citizens' souls (minds). Kingdom law requires two or more witnesses to prove anything in the Kingdom of God. Therefore, when we witness God showing or speaking to us, we can go to the Bible and seek the second witness needed to carry out the task before us. For example, if God were to speak to us and tell us to heal someone, we could go to 1 Peter 2:24 and see where he said: "by His stripes, we were healed." We then have the second witness — Peter — to establish every word we speak concerning the healing.

Lordship in the Kingdom

Lord has the same meaning as owner, which displays a seldom mentioned principle in the Kingdom of God. The Lord owns everything in existence. He is the original manufacturer of all things. Everyone who lives or has ever lived was bought with a price and belongs to Him. When we claim we own something, e.g., a piece of land, we rebel against Him. God gave us the earth to use, but it is His to own. He gave us everything we could need or even want for life. But we must develop it from the earth. We don't need to go anywhere else to get the supplies we need to survive. However, our responsibility is to find what we need, produce it, multiply it, and distribute it to become wealthy and have a surplus. He readily provides the plans, strategies, and ideas we need to succeed.

Every person, thing, and even the food we consume is given to us by God for our use. God even owns our spouse. We are to tend to and care for them as God instructed. The man is to love the woman, and the woman is to respect the man. But all repairs are to be made by the owner. He is the only one qualified to make proper repairs. He manufactured it, and He alone can fix it.

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I recently had some significant problems with my home. I worried myself sick, trying to find answers and make needed repairs. Then, one evening while praying, the Lord sternly spoke to me about my house.

"I am the owner of that house. I do not appreciate anyone who takes my stuff and claims it as their own. I did not give it to you except to use and care for it. Stealing is taking someone's property without their permission. If you had not claimed it as your own and relied on me to repair my property, none of this would have happened. I would have told you what needed to be done to the property before the damage occurred. The damage and additional expenses result from your actions, not anyone else's. You must accept responsibility." That was a significant crisis for my wife and me. But the moment I repented and turned ownership and responsibility over to the proper owner, the situation was over for me. The problems did not disappear until later, but the crisis was no longer mine. God never has an emergency, only answers.

Now, I rejoice as I mow the lawn, maintain the house, or even clean it. I am doing it for the king. It is His house, and I work for Him. My relationships are improving as a result. I work harder at them because I am doing it for the king. My life has become a ministry unto the king. I love it.

The Helpmeet

Jesus ruled and overcame the world with agape love. If we rule as a king in His kingdom, we must do so with agape love. Our training for this promotion is at our home with our wife, children, pets, guests, etc. We are ready for advancement; if we can learn to rule over our house with the same love Christ uses to rule over His kingdom. If we cannot be faithful in the little that He has given us in our home to rule, how can we expect Him to provide us with a people or country to oversee?

Genesis 2:18 KJV

(18) And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Genesis 2:21-22 KJV

(21) And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

(22) And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

The woman the Lord presented to man was to be his incubator in life. Whatever the man gave to the woman, she was to keep it safe, allow it to grow, and

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present it to the man. If he gave her sperm, she would give him a child. If he gave her a house, she would give him a home. If he gave her food, she would give him a meal. That is the nature that God built into the woman. Whatever he gave her came back increased and multiplied.

She cannot change the nature God gave her. Jesus said. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the ekklesia and gave himself for it." If we do this, she will return an abundance of love. But on the other hand, if we give her cruel practices, her nature demands that she multiply them and return them in due time with a significant increase. So, prepare for stormy weather and an increasing lack of respect.

IMPORTANT!!! If what you receive from your helper is unsuitable, then what you gave her is unacceptable. The answer to your dilemma is often not to change her. The answer lies within yourself. You are not who you think. You are fooling yourself. If what comes out of her is wrong, what you put in was terrible. It is time to go before the Lord and stay there until He reveals the problems to you and then reveals how to correct them. God designed her to reflect the true you so you could grow in wisdom and stature before man. God. She is only doing what God prepared her to do.

When choosing your helper, note what others have sewn into her before your arrival. You will reap that harvest, so prepare and choose wisely.

Prayer

Father, I come to you and kneel before you at the foot of the cross. I acknowledge you as the Lord of every aspect of my life. You are the Lord of my family, my personal relationships, my business relationships, my home, and everything I have. As the owner, I ask you to permit the Holy Spirit to partner with me and ensure my wealth in every area of my life. In return, I expect to care for everything you have given me.

I now ask you to forgive me of my sins and iniquities. Would you please heal the damage done to my soul by my misconduct and rebellion? I ask you also to remove all tares from my soul. Create in me a clean heart.

Please replace my rebellious spirit with your spirit of obedience, carrying the spiritual DNA of Father God.

With all my heart, I thank you for giving me new eternal life in Christ Jesus, connecting me as one person to the Godhead by placing my old man on the cross to die and giving me your Spirit to live in me.

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I ask the Holy Spirit to partner with me in living this new life, teaching me to unite and fellowship with Him in every area of my life. Allow Him to teach me who I am in Christ so that I may believe and practice that new creation.

I want to have the most incredible experience possible with God. Therefore, I now submit myself to the Holy Spirit to use in ministry and manifest Himself through me when and however He desires. I desire Him to teach me the language of Heaven to speak and understand so that I might converse freely from the heart with God the Father. As I lift my hands and soul to you, I submit myself entirely to you. I receive all that you have to give me, and I give all that I ever was, all that I am, and all I will ever be to you. Establish the fullness of your kingdom in me, in that name above all other names, I praise you, thank you, and give you glory and honor. In the name of Jesus, I ask. Amen!

Ch. 31 God's Authority and Power

Authority

God's love is the foundation of the power and authority that Jesus displayed to change the world. If the first thing you think of when troubles, tribulations, illness, temptations, etc., happen is, "Whatever the outcome, it is going to be OK, I am the disciple Jesus loves." That indicates you are abiding in Him. If your reaction is always to run to Jesus and your love for Him overflows daily, you stay in Him. We love Him because He first loved us. We abide in Him if we believe in Him because He loves us and will never fail us. We stay in Him daily if we depend on His flow of love as our source of life and joy. If you believe His love is your wealth, you abide in Him and under His authority. We can rest in Him when we learn to depend upon His love for us; otherwise, we must struggle to maintain our love for Him.

The amount of authority you have submitted yourself to is the amount of authority you may exercise. Do you recognize, accept, and submit to God's sovereignty over you?

Total rebellion equals zero authority. Absolute obedience equals complete authority.

Authority over people

Matthew 20:25-28

(25) But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

(26) But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

(27) And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

(28) Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Authority over the earth

Matthew 9:27-31

(27) And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.

(28) And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him,

Yea, Lord.

(29) Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

(30) And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.

(31) But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

The scriptures suggest these men were neither saved nor born again because they went out and told what Jesus did. That was a total rebellion against His command. Jesus heals the unsaved; without regard to our opinion of their worthiness, we should also because all are unworthy until redeemed.

Let us note that Jesus did not exercise authority over people, only over people's bodies, e.g., the earth. Nevertheless, he also exercised dominion over the fish of the sea. He exercised the authority necessary to compel a fish to bring a coin to Him to pay the taxes. That fulfilled the original mandate of God given to humankind in Genesis.

Genesis 1:26

(26) And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Power

The manifestation of God's anointing is called the power of God. We who live under the new covenant have the anointing within us, the Spirit of God, the soul guide and teacher.

1 John 2:27

(27) But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

We no longer must wait for the anointing to fall. We have the anointing and its power at all times, and under all circumstances. Unlike the Old Testament, when the anointing changed us into another person, God has already transformed us into another person, the Word of God. The fully mature sons of God live in the presence of God at all times.

Ch. 32 The Resurrected Jesus in You

Jesus was precise in His instructions to the disciples, and He repeated them four times in the gospels. I am sure this shows their importance to us.

Matthew 16:24-25 KJV

(24) Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

(25) For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

The Apostle Paul testified that this was a reality in his life with Christ.

Galatians 2:20 KJV

(20) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Please make no mistakes about it. The cross has only one function: the death of the one carrying it. So, do you think Jesus wondered, "Why are they nailing me to this huge piece of wood?" But it is clear that He was acutely aware of the purpose of the cross and that they were going to murder Him.

The work of the cross in your life is to bring about your death also. Therefore, for Christ to live His life through you, we must voluntarily yield to the work of the cross.

Romans 6:6 KJV

(6) Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

As God removed your old rebellious nature, He replaced it with His nature. Our spirit becomes a new creation in Christ Jesus. Unfortunately, when we accept Christ, we often still have personal issues in our souls that cover the presence of Christ in our lives. Therefore, others do not see Him in us as they should. That will even cause Him to seem far away from us. When we accept and live as a citizen in God's Kingdom, the Father will then prune or circumcise anything from our heart (mind) that does not resemble Christ until He shines forth from us.

The Holy Spirit will lead us to the circumstances allowing the Father to do His work. Then, when others can see Him under all conditions, you can have the same testimony as Paul's letter to the Galatians.

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The development of patience within us might be an example of one of the works of the Father. How often are we impatient with others, on the road, at work, at home, in the supermarket, or in other places in our daily lives? Every time is an opportunity for God to do His job and for you to cooperate. We see Christ revealed in us when we show patience under all conditions. We shall know Him and see Him by His fruit in us.

God allows darkness to come into our lives to reveal the light of Christ within us. The darker it is, the easier it is to see even the tiniest light. Also, God allows this to cause us to reach for the light, Jesus.

Colossians 1:27 KJV

(27) To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

John 10:18 AMPC

(18) No one takes it away from Me. On the contrary, I lay it down voluntarily. [I put it from Myself.] I am authorized and have power to lay it down (to resign it) and I am authorized and have power to take it back again. These are the instructions (orders) which I have received [as My charge] from My Father.

Jesus tells us He has the power to lay down His life and the ability to take it up again. He was not speaking of His resurrection two thousand years ago because the Bible states, about a dozen times, that God raised Jesus from the dead. Therefore, Jesus must have been talking about another time He would exercise this power. I believe His ability was for such a day as this. He laid down His life in us while we were dead sinners, and the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is working in us to bring about our acceptance of our resurrection in Him.

2 Corinthians 4:17 KJV

(17) For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

1 John 3:2 KJV

(2) Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

When He reveals us spiritually for all to see, we will see our new, immortal, glorious bodies. We will know Him when we look at Him because we will be like Him, as He now appears, not as He appeared when He walked the earth long

ago. Fortunately, while on the Isle of Patmos, the Apostle John saw the Lord in a vision as He looks now.

Revelation 1:13-16 KJV

(13) And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

(14) His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

(15) And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

(16) And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedge sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

That gives us a great picture of how we should look in the spirit realm. We are like him, for we shall see him as he is. That is the resurrected Jesus in us today.

Galatians 2:20 KJV

(20) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

If we truly believed these words, our attitudes would be very different. Our confidence would be much higher, our joy fuller, and our ministry would be much more powerful. But can we dare to believe, receive, and practice what Christ has and is doing for us? Or will we continue improving our behavior to impress Him and the congregation? Your actions will not be problematic if you genuinely believe, receive, and learn to exercise in this absolute reality. We have gone wrong by trying to develop this relationship with a behavior change. Instead, we should spend much time with Him maturing in our relationship and faith, which will change our behavior. When our soul chooses to sin, it is always a symptom of a problem in a citizen's life and reflects a problem in a love relationship.

1 Corinthians 15:58 KJV

(58) Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

2 Corinthians 4:17 KJV

(17) For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

1 Corinthians 15:49 KJV

(49) And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Prayer,

Father, we believe that you tell us that you will never forget the efforts of those who labor amongst us. The difficulties, burdens, and experiences of our lives and relationships can add to the eternal nature of God in us and will manifest as the weight of the glory of God that clothes us. Thus, we display the Kingdom of Heaven from within ourselves. Although we cannot yet see the manifestation of this activity, this part of our reward is working in us, causing us to bear the image of Jesus. we thank you for this great work and give you thanks every day for the progress you are making within us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Ch. 33 God's Addendum

The purpose of a relationship with God, the purpose of the Kingdom of God, and the one thing that God requires of us is to produce quality fruit of the spirit, e.g., the love of God.

Mark 12:2-9 KJV

(2) And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard.

(3) And they caught him, and beat him, and sent him away empty.

(4) And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled.

(5) And again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some.

(6) Having yet therefore one son, his wellbeloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son.

(7) But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.

(8) And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard.

(9) What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others.

When God examines us, He wants to see the fruit of the Spirit. He knows that you are His son or daughter. He knows if you have served as His Ambassador, King, and priest. He knows if you are His bride. But if you have no evidence of the fruit of love, God will give the Kingdom of God to others who will produce the suitable fruit.

John 15:1-7 KJV

(1) I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

(2) Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

(3) Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

(4) Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

(5) I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

(6) If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

(7) If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

The Father will circumcise things that do not produce God's love from our hearts. But He only does this with our express permission and cooperation. So, if you do not relinquish the unfruitful to His process, He cannot do His job.

If you are unfruitful, you cannot keep the commandments of God to love God, your neighbor, and your brothers and sisters. You must have and express love to keep the law.

When you are fruitful, you can ask what you will of the Father, and Jesus will give it to you. You will never be capable of producing fruit without a relationship, nor will you be capable of pleasing God without fruit.

Matthew 12:33-37 KJV

(33) Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.

(34) O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

(35) A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

(36) But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

(37) For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

God judges the fruit of our souls by the words that come from our mouths. We are saved by faith, but our faith must produce incorruptible words that indicate a pure heart. This work of God is marvelous in our sight.

Do not be misled in this matter. Your decrees, prophecies, healings, and extraordinary conduct do not complete your salvation. It is only the fruit of the spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance that is acceptable to God.

Welcome to the millennial age!

My Prayer

Father, I thank you with all of my heart, strength, and mind for giving me the Holy Spirit and Jesus---the Word of God.

I thank you that my spirit man has been reborn by your spirit, and You placed my old man of rebellion on Jesus at the cross. In exchange, I received your spirit of obedience, crying out, "Abba Father, I have come to do thy will." You made me spiritually one with the Father, Word, and the Holy Spirit forever, connecting me to God's love through Jesus by making me one with the Godhead. It is no longer I---my spirit---that lives in me; instead, it is the righteous spirit of God in me. My spirit man can no longer sin against man or God because I have been born again. It is no longer my faith but God's faith in me, creating the confidence and wisdom needed for my successful and prosperous living.

I thank you, Lord, for bringing me into the maturity of spirit needed to become your son and leading me by your spirit into the things of God.

Thank you, Lord, for choosing me to become your ambassador to the world, your representative in every aspect of your ruling presence here on earth. Because of my ambassadorship, you have promised me everything needed for life and godliness in the constitution of the Kingdom of God, called the New Testament. Thank you, Lord, for this great privilege and blessing

Lord, I thank you for the great honor of being made your king and a priest unto you, so that I may rule and reign as you on the earth. Thank you for giving me the power and authority of these offices. Most of all, I thank you for your incredible patience and kindness as you provided the training necessary to achieve the spiritual maturity needed to fulfill the functions of these offices.

Lord, I thank you for asking me to become your bride. It is my utmost honor and privilege to accept and partner with you through the Holy Spirit in all your activities. I am now seated next to you in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, a position and leadership only the wife can assume.

I owe all of these things to the generosity and love of my Lord, Jesus the Christ, who freely gave Himself for me, redeeming me from the world by His death, burial, and resurrection. Therefore, I shall bow before Him in obedience and adoration forever.

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My relationship with you constitutes the Kingdom of God within me, allowing the manifestation of the nature and glory of God to the world. It also roots and grounds me in the love of God and the presence of the Kingdom of Heaven. Thy kingdom has come to me. Thank you, Lord.

In the name of Jesus, I pray, Amen!

Thank you

I desire that everyone who reads this book will complete this journey with me into the full measure of the stature of Christ on the earth.

I wish to take a moment to thank everyone who has expressed interest in my writings. I believe the Lord asked me to write these things, and He enables me to do so. I give Him all the glory and credit.

Joe