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TO HELP GUIDE BELIEVERS
THROUGH LIFE'S CHALLENGES
WITH GRACE AND PURPOSE



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GOD GIVES THE INCREASE

*"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."
1 Corinthians 3:6*



This powerful scripture reminds us that while we put in all the efforts that we think we need to be successful in life, it is ultimately important to know that it is God who brings the increase. As believers, may we know that all our increase comes from the Lord, and it is essential to acknowledge and surrender to His sovereign plan for our lives. The world may not understand this concept, but as children of God, we have the wisdom to know that our success is not solely dependent on our hard work or abilities alone. It is God who gives the increase, and it is important to recognize and honour His role in our day to day success.

As we go about our daily activities, whether it's business, work, interviews, or school, let us remember to ask God for increase and guidance. Let us ask for His grace, wisdom, and understanding to guide us through the day. Let us seek His wisdom and trust in His ways. God always has a plan for His children. God wants to see us increase in every area of our lives. He wants to see us thrive, flourish, and succeed in life.

This year, I see God working on our behalf to open doors and bring opportunities that will advantage our lives for good. As you believe, receive this increase in Jesus' name! God is increasing you in value, grace, strength and worth. Your life will never be the same again, and with God, it can only get better and better as you live day by day by grace. It is only what He increases that is increasing. It is only what He has blessed that will be blessed. It is only what He keeps that will be kept. It is only what He has joint that will be joint. May this wisdom be understood. May this knowledge be impacted on our spirit man. Until the Lord keeps the marriage, the keepers keep it in

vain. Until the Lord grows the business, they that attempt to grow it will surely labour in vain.

Let him that is interested in good health know that exercising and eating right alone can never guarantee good health, good food cannot guarantee good appetite. A good bed does not guarantee good sleep. Let the Lord lead and grow all that you do. It is His blessing that advances His children, go for the blessing, go for the oil. King David said, “He anoint my head with oil and my cup runs over”. It is the oil on the head that determines what happens to the cup, school, marriage or business. Go for the blessing go for the oil!!

- ⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *It is only what He increases that will be increased.*
- ⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Father in the name of Jesus, I ask that you bless my life with increase. Help me have a fulfilled day today in Jesus name, Amen.*
- ⇒ **Further Reading:** *1 Corinthians 4:7, Philippians 2:13*

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THE EXAMPLE IS CLEAR

"So, He left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing."

Matthew 26:44



In this distressing moment, Jesus is faced with the weight of death, sorrow, and shame, yet despite the overwhelming circumstances, He chooses to pray, not just once or twice, but three times saying the same thing. This scripture highlights the importance of persistence in prayer. When everything else failed, Jesus knew that prayer must prevail. He did not give up even when His first and second prayers did not change the situation, instead He prayed again, and again, and again because prayer must prevail at all cost.

As believers, we can learn from Jesus's example. Why do we often get tired of praying? Why do we stop calling on the Lord when faced with life challenges? Jesus's persistence in prayer shows us that prayer is important when going through life storms. Prayer is not just a ritual or a formality or even a quick fix scheme; it is a powerful tool that brings about change at all times should we choose to try it out.

The Lord would not have recommended prayer to us if it did not work for Him. If He really asks us to pray always, it is because prayer works always. Prayer is indeed effective, may we take Jesus's example to heart. Let us pray, again, let us pray one more time, let us pray without ceasing. Prayer is never a secondary activity; it is not something you do when things are not working-out as planned. Prayer is our primary work and the highest of all our responsibilities. Prayer makes things happen, it is the key to unlocking God's power and provision in our lives.

So, can you pray today? Could you pray now? Take a moment to talk to the Lord about that matter again. Pray, and pray again, and again, and again. Remember,

prayer works, and with persistence and faith, we will see breakthroughs and miracles in our lives.

- ⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *Prayer is not just a ritual or a formality but a force that make the unseen seen.*
- ⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Dear Lord, it is my desire to pray and know You more this year. Help me have unwavering prayer life, in Jesus name, Amen.*
- ⇒ **Further Reading:** *Hebrews 5:7; Matthew 7:7,8*

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HOLD ON TO HOPE

"Anyone who is among the living has hope—even a live dog is better off than a dead lion!!" Ecclesiastes 9:4

There is hope for you, as it is said, 'It is better to be a live dog than a dead lion!'" This highlights the truth that as long as we have life, we have hope. No matter what challenges we face, what we have lost, or what difficulties we are currently experiencing, God has kept us alive for a special reason. His plan for our lives is not yet complete, and things can and will get better. We may feel like giving up, but this scripture encourages us to hold on to hope.

It's easy to lose hope when faced with difficulties, but our God is not just a good God, but also a caring God. He cares about every detail of our lives, and He wants to see us succeed in life. He wants to see us overcome our challenges, achieve our goals, and become our dreams. As long as there is life, there is hope for things to change for good. Let us hold on to this hope and not give up. Remember, it is not over until we testify. So, let us choose to focus on the hope that we have in God. Let us choose to believe that things can get better, that our circumstances can change, and that God can turn our lives around. Let us hold on to hope and never give up, because with God, all things are possible.

⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *As long as there is life, there is hope for things to change for good.*

⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Lord I depend on You today. Lead me and cause my day to be peaceful. Give me strength to live this day in hope and assurance that You are with me always, Amen.*

⇒ **Further Reading:** *1 Corinthians 15:19-22*

BEFORE YOU ASK, SAY THANK YOU

"Offer a thanksgiving sacrifice to God, and pay your vows to the Highest." Psalms 50:14



Thanksgiving is indeed a key that unlocks the next harvest. By expressing gratitude to God, we acknowledge His goodness and sovereignty over our lives. We recognize that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from Him. This acknowledgment is essential in our walk with God, as it helps us cultivate a heart of humility, dependence, and trust on God's abilities. A grateful heart will always receive more from the Lord or from men. When we express gratitude to God and to fellow men, we open ourselves up to receive even more blessings and favour. When we demonstrate that we value and appreciate His goodness, He responds by pouring out even more blessings upon us, this my dear friends is wisdom for living.

Remember, gratitude is a seed that produces your next harvest. It matters how you say thank you. When we sow seeds of gratitude, we reap a harvest of blessings, favours, and increase. Anyone who gives you anything in life has value for you, there's so many people that they could have given but it is just your turn to receive, hence they blessed you. What you do with what you have received determine your next blessing, be sincerely grateful. Some people will bless you with what they too are in need of, be grateful and open the next season of harvest.

⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *A grateful heart will always receive more from the Lord or from men.*

⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Dear Lord, thank You for the gift of life, thank You for making me see this wonderful day, in Jesus name amen.*

⇒ **Further Reading:** *1 Thessalonians 5:18*

YOUR WORDS, YOUR WORLD

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. Hebrews 11:3



By faith, we understand that what we see was framed by what we cannot see, which is the word of God. This wisdom requires faith because it challenges our natural way of thinking. We are accustomed to seeing physical things and attaching their existence to physical causes. The Bible teaches us that the physical world was created by the spiritual, invisible word of God. This truth has far-reaching implications for our lives. If we do not understand that our words have the power to frame and shape physical things, we will unconsciously shape our realities in ways that may not advantage us.

Jesus said, "The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life" (John 6:63). This means that our words are not just mere sounds; they carry spiritual power and life. What we say has the power to come to pass, whether positive or negative. Our words can either build or break us, and those around us. The Bible says, "Let the weak say, 'I am strong'" (Joel 3:10). The scripture encourages us to speak positively, even when we are feeling weak. By doing so, we can begin to see ourselves in a new light, and our words will become a powerful substance for transformation. Do not say what you are going through but rather what you desire to see. Remember words are seeds, be a wise farmer.

The bible says "by faith, we understand that what we see was framed by the word of God", can we stretch our understanding here? By faith we understand that the divorce was framed by our words, yes it was. We spoke about it before it become a reality. It is not in the integrity of God's nature for a farmer to plant mango and harvest bananas.

Our words, our world. If this wisdom is not understood, we will become victims in places where we were destined to be victors. We keep saying what we see and experience, not what we want to see and experience and wonder why we keep on seeing what we are seeing. To change your world, change your words.

- ⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** . *Do not say what you are going through but rather what you want to go through.*
- ⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Lord today I receive grace and peace, I decree and declare, my life is full of Your peace and beauty in Jesus name, Amen.*
- ⇒ **Further Reading:** *Proverbs 18:21*

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WHAT YOU BELIEVE MATTERS

"I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

Mark 9:24



This honest confession comes from a man whose son was demon-possessed. He was fully convinced Jesus had the power to deliver his son, but he wasn't sure it was His will to do it. The good news is that he went ahead and asked for help, we too are to do the same. There are moments in life where we believe God for something specific, and while we are believing and trusting, our minds might wonder around and we start thinking in the negative "what if this or what if that", at this stage we actually not sure again if it is His will to do it.

We should not believe in His power and yet doubt His will. Many people believe God can heal all manner of sicknesses and disease but they are not sure if it is His will to heal them. This is when they pray and say "Lord, if it is Your will, heal me". This is not the prayer of faith but of doubt. You actually believe in His power and doubt His will to heal you.

Our attitude towards sickness must be the same attitude toward sin, they both find solutions in the redemptive work of Christ. *The bible says "who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases", Psalm 103:3.* Since there is no sinner anywhere who is beyond God's redemptive power to save, therefore; there is no sickness anywhere that is beyond His redemptive power to heal. Jesus can heal ALL kinds of sickness and diseases. That is what the bible shows and teaches.

⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *Since there is no sinner anywhere who is beyond God's redemptive power to save, therefore; there is no sickness anywhere that is beyond His redemptive power to heal.*

⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Today, I receive healing of my emotions, my body, soul and any other sick areas in my life. I am healed in Jesus' name, Amen.*

⇒ **Further Reading:** *Psalm 103:3; Acts 10:38*

THE UNSEARCHABLE CAN BE KNOWN

Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.' Jeremiah 33:3



In the book of Jeremiah 33:3 God said, "Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." This verse is a powerful reminder that the unsearchable things can still be known. It is a call to prayer, an invitation to seek God's wisdom and guidance in our lives. Have you ever found yourself wondering why certain things are happening in your life? Have you ever felt a deep desire to understand the mysteries of God's plan for you? Perhaps you are struggling to make sense of the challenges that you are facing, or maybe you are seeking guidance on how to navigate a difficult situation.

The good news is that God is willing to reveal His secrets to us. He wants to share His wisdom and knowledge with us, but we must be willing to seek Him out in prayer. As the great evangelist John Wesley once said, "God does nothing but in answer to prayer." This profound statement highlights the importance of prayer in our lives.

Prayer is not just an option for believers; it's a necessity. It is the way we communicate with God, the way we seek His guidance and wisdom. When we pray, we are not just speaking words into the air; we are actually partnering with God to shape the course of our lives and the world around us. As Wesley's quote suggests, prayer is what allows heaven to interfere in earth's affairs. It is what gives God the permission to intervene in our lives and bring about change. When we pray, we are essentially saying, "God, I need Your help. I need Your guidance and wisdom. Please intervene in my life and bring about Your perfect plan."

So, let us take responsibility for our lives and for the world around us. Let us make prayer a priority, seeking God's wisdom and guidance in all we do. As we pray, let us expect great and unsearchable things to be revealed to us. Let us trust that God will answer our prayers and bring about His perfect plan for our lives.

- ⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *The best thing in life is to be in the will of God.*
- ⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Lord I call on You today, lead me and guide me. Reveal to me things that are affecting my progress in life, in Jesus' name, Amen.*
- ⇒ **Further Reading:** *Psalm 50:15; Isaiah 55:6*

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FAITH HAS A VOICE

"Because you have so little faith," He answered. "For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move.



Nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20

According to Jesus, the reason we are not getting what we want is not because of external circumstances or the devil, but because of our words and faith. Both faith and fear are expressed through our words, and Jesus says that if we have faith, we will speak positively. Here is wisdom for living, faith makes us say what we believe, rather than what we fear. It is faith that says "I am healed" even though you still feel the pain.

The question is, what are we saying today that is powered by our faith? Are we speaking solutions or complaints? Are we affirming our faith or expressing our fears? As Christians, it's essential to remember that our words have the power to transport spirits and realities. Nothing happens until words are spoken. So let us make a conscious effort to speak positively and affirm our faith. Let us navigate our words carefully, as they can give birth to negative situations. Instead, let us speak life, hope, and encouragement. Let us say, "I will be successful this year, I will be happy this year, I will achieve massive success in Jesus' name."

Remember, a voiceless faith is a weak and powerless faith. Let us speak our faith and watch our words transport us to a reality of success, happiness, and prosperity. The wisdom of the day is to talk solutions rather than complaints. Let us choose to speak positively, and let's expect great things to happen as a result.

As we go about our day, let us be mindful of the words we speak. Let us use our words to build ourselves and others up, rather than tearing each other down. Let us speak faith, hope, and love, and let's watch our words bring about a positive transformation in our lives and the lives of those around us.

- ⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *Faith makes you say what you believe, rather than what you fear or feel.*
- ⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Dear Lord, please help me not to focus on my problems more than I focus on the answers. Help me not worry today. Help me stand firm in faith knowing that this situation never came to stay but to pass and it is going away now in Jesus mighty name, Amen.*
- ⇒ **Further Reading:** *Proverbs 3:6; Matthew 6:28*

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WHY MANY STRUGGLE TO PRAY

Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

Mark 1:35



The moment prayer gets its true value in your life, you will find time for it. Until then, prayer may seem like a boring assignment or a heavy duty, but once you understand its true value, you will prioritize it. Jesus didn't just pray when it was convenient; He rose early in the morning before daylight, to pray. He made time for prayer and we should too. Christ never prayed because He was free but rather He made time to pray. Until prayer becomes our life, we will be frustrated with its results. Prayer is not just something we do; it's who we are. As believers, we are called to be people of prayer. Prayer is the lifeblood of our spiritual lives, and without it, we will struggle to thrive.

Prayer was meant to be to a believer what breathing is to a new-born baby. Just as breathing is essential for physical life, prayer is essential for spiritual life. No one wants to hear that a baby is not breathing, and similarly, our Heavenly Father is concerned about our prayerlessness. Take time to pray, take time to breathe, we live to pray and as we pray we live, this is truly wisdom for living. Remember, you will never rise above your prayer life because the height of your spiritual life is directly proportional to the depth of your prayer life.

So let us make prayer a priority by rising early in the morning like Jesus did and pray. Let us take time to breathe, to pray, and to connect with our Heavenly Father. As we do, we will experience a deeper level of spiritual life, and we will be empowered to live the life God has called us to live.

⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *Prayer is the lifeblood of our spiritual lives, and without it, we will struggle to thrive.*

⇒ **Prayer for the day:** Dear Lord, thank You for today's wisdom for living. Please help me master the power of prayer in Jesus name Amen.

⇒ **Further Reading:** Proverbs 18:21; Luke 6:45

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IT IS TOO LATE TO BE CONDEMNED

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Romans 8:1



The moment a person enters Christ Jesus as a place, that cancels all forms of condemnations and curses. Christ is a place where holiness lives, and when you enter Christ, holiness enters you. You are no longer defined by your past mistakes or sins; you are now defined by your position in Christ, we are the body of Christ. In Christ, the will of God is perfected. No wonder all the blessings of God in Christ Jesus are yes and amen, all is fulfilled in Christ. This means that every promise, every blessing and every good thing that God has in store for you is available to you in Christ. You are no longer a slave to sin, but a child of God, seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Do not allow anyone to condemn you, there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. Walk with this awareness, and let it shape your identity and your relationships. You are not defined by your past or your mistakes; you are defined by your position in Christ. You are not under a curse but a blessing, so walk with this consciousness. Let this truth and wisdom shape your thoughts, your words, and your actions. Your past is over; you are a new person in Christ, this is the wisdom of the day. Let go of your past mistakes and failures. Let go of your past hurts and pains. You are a new creation in Christ Jesus, and your future is bright.

⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *Christ is a place where holiness lives, and when you enter Christ, holiness enters you.*

⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Dear Lord, thank You for the gift of life, thank You for I have received the life of Christ and I no longer walk in condemnation. Amen.*

⇒ **Further Reading:** *Romans 15:13; Philippians 4:7*

BE STILL AND KNOW

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters." Psalm 23:2



God doesn't want you to live a troubled life. He desires for you to experience peace, joy, and rest. He wants to lead you beside the still waters, where your heart, soul, and mind can be stilled. In this place of stillness, you will find rest, refreshment, and restoration. A troubled person always makes troubled decisions that lead them into more and more troubles. But today, the Holy Spirit is leading you to stillness, which is peace in the heart and mind. The Lord said, "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Today's experience is for us to see that the scriptures are alive and God is really God. The stilled waters are also a symbol of a quiet life, a life that is free from turmoil, anxiety, and fear. That life is yours in Jesus name.

Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you, and you will never regret it. The Holy Spirit is the perfect Guide, who will lead you into all truth, comfort, and peace. He will show you the way to go, and He will empower you to overcome every obstacle and challenge. So surrender to the Holy Spirit's guidance today, ask Him to lead you and trust in His provision and care. Remember, God doesn't want you to live a troubled life, He wants you to experience peace, joy and abundance, with the Holy Spirit's guidance, you can have it all.

⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *Troubled people always makes troubled decisions that lead them into more and more troubles. Before you act think.*

⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Dear Lord, bless my day with wisdom and grace to make right decisions that will benefit me and people around me. Help me walk in Your peace in Jesus mighty name, Amen.*

⇒ **Further Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 3:10-13

PRAYER MUST RECEIVE ANSWERS

"God's prophet Elijah was an ordinary person, as we are. He prayed to God that it would not rain. He continued to pray and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. " James 5:17



When we pray and do not see the desired change in our circumstances, it is easy to get discouraged and doubt God's power or willingness to intervene. However, it is essential to examine our own beliefs and faith in the situation. Perhaps the change we are seeking is not in the external circumstances, but rather internal beliefs and faith. Maybe God is using the situation to refine our faith, to teach us to trust Him more deeply, or to reveal areas where we need to grow and change.

When we pray and do not see immediate results, it is crucial to check our own hearts and minds. By examining our own beliefs and faith, we can gain a deeper understanding of God's ways and His timing. We can learn to trust Him fully, even when we don't see immediate results. We can discover that the greatest change of all is the one that takes place within our own hearts and minds. If you think nothing is changing when you pray, you did not check well, you are part of the change that takes place when we pray.

⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *If you pray and nothing changes, check yourself, you might be the change that is taking place.*

⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Lord, help my prayer life to go beyond receiving answers to having a followership with You my Lord, Amen.*

⇒ **Further Reading:** *Philippians 4:6-7*

WHY PRAY?

The Lord detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him. Proverbs 15:8



Why must we pray? This is a question that many people have asked, and it is a valid one. Sometimes when we pray and do not see the results we are looking for, it can be tempting to wonder if prayer is even worth it. But the truth is, prayer is not just about getting what we want. It is not just about solving our problems or fixing our circumstances. Prayer is about connecting with God, about building a relationship with Him, and about trusting in His goodness and sovereignty.

When we pray, we are not just asking God to do something for us; we are also inviting Him to work in us and through us. We are asking Him to change our hearts, to give us wisdom for living, and to guide us on our journey of life. Even if we do not see immediate results from our prayers, that does not mean that God is not working. It does not mean that our prayers are going unanswered. It could simply mean that God's timing and ways are different from ours, which the bible is always clear about. We need to know that God is always working everything out for our good, even if we cannot see it right now.

So why pray if it doesn't always work the way to want? We pray because prayer is a way of acknowledging God's sovereignty and goodness. We pray because prayer is a way of surrendering our will to God's will. We pray because prayer is a way of trusting in God's promises and provision. We pray because prayer changes us, it changes our perspective, our attitude, and our heart. It helps us to see things from God's point of view, to trust in His goodness and to rest in His peace.

Finally, we pray because prayer is a way of partnering with God to bring about His will on earth. When we pray, we are not just asking God to do something; we are also asking Him to work through us and to accomplish His purposes.

So do not give up on prayer, even if you don't see immediate results. Keep praying, keep trusting, and keep seeking God's face. He is working, even if you cannot see it right now.

- ⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *Prayer is partnering with God to bring about His will on earth.*
- ⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *In the name of Jesus, I will not allow anything to take away my prayer life. In this season I will pray until my life changes for the good, in Jesus mighty name I pray, Amen.*
- ⇒ **Further Reading:** *Philippians 4:6-7*

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YOUR HEART DETERMINES YOUR HEALTH

"A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones."

Proverbs 14:30



Proverbs 14:30 says, "A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones." This scripture teaches us that peaceful hearts lead to healthy bodies. Please consider this wisdom: your heart determines your health.

Guard your heart above all else. Guard your heart more than your bank card, more than your phone, more than your money. Your heart controls your whole life, it is the wellspring of your emotions, your thoughts, and your actions. What you allow into your heart will ultimately shape your life. Man is indeed in life what he has chosen to become in heart.

Your heart is the centre of all realities, what you allow into your heart becomes your experience. If you allow fear, anxiety, and doubt to take up residence in your heart, you will experience a life that is marked by those emotions. If you allow love, faith, and hope to dwell in your heart, you will experience a life that is filled with joy, peace, and purpose. To be in heart what you want to see in your life is indeed wisdom for living. Choose to love, choose to forgive, choose to let go of all pain and bitterness. It is not good for your health to hold onto negative emotions, letting go of them is wisdom for living.

⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** What you allow into your heart will ultimately shape your life.

⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Lord help me live my life day by day by grace. Help me forgive those who hurt me . Set me free from bitterness, in Jesus name, Amen.*

⇒ **Further Reading:** Proverbs 28:25; Proverbs 29:25

NEGLECT OF PRAYER IS EXPENSIVE

"You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God" James 4:2



The above scripture reveals a profound truth about the human condition. We often struggle and strive to get what we want, but we neglect the most important thing: prayer. Today, many people are crying, complaining, and frustrated with life. They are wondering why their lives are not changing, why their businesses are not growing, why they are not getting the opportunities they desire. But God's answer to all these questions and cries is simple: neglect of prayer.

A businessman or woman may wonder why their business is not growing, despite doing everything they know to do but God still answers, "neglect of prayer." A young person may hope and long for a scholarship or bursary to further their education, but God's answer is the same: "neglect of prayer." We have not what we want because we do not ask God. The secret behind all our struggles is grossly displayed by our lack of seriousness in spiritual matters. We know that prayer is powerful, but we still struggle to spend quality time in prayer. What is holding us back? What is it that even after knowing the power of prayer, we still neglect to pray?

There must be something about prayer that the enemy, the devil, knows that makes him do everything possible to keep us away from prayer. He knows that prayer is the key to unlocking God's power and provision in our lives. He knows that prayer is the way to connect with God, to receive guidance, wisdom, and strength.

So today I ask, what is it going to take for you to pray? What is it going to take for you to prioritize prayer in your life? Don't neglect these questions, wisdom is asking. The answers to these questions have the power to transform your life, to bring you into a

deeper relationship with God, and to unlock the power and provision of God in your life. Let us not neglect this wisdom, but rather let us apply it to our lives, and watch as God transforms us and brings us into a deeper relationship with Himself.

- ⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** Gods' abilities are realised better through prayer.
- ⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Lord I pray that You give me strength to stand in the place of prayer and bring me into a deeper relationship with You, in Jesus name. Amen.*
- ⇒ **Further Reading:** *Luke 18:1, Luke11:58*

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WHILE MEN SLEEP

"But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way." Matthew 13:25



As believers we must watch and pray for the days are evil. The devil has programmed distractions and distress against many believers. The enemy is cunning and will stop at nothing to lead believers astray. I had a vision of how many demonic spirits were released this year, and it is alarming. The kingdom of darkness has unleashed a multitude of evil spirits into the world, seeking to destroy and deceive God's children. We must stay alert and pray, lest we fall prey to their schemes.

From last year December 2024, a time of increased temptation, with many people indulging in excessive food and drink consumption. Alcohol consumption increased, and people ate into gluttony, which is a sin. The accident rate doubled, and the rate of violence increased. Careless spending of money on worthless things also increased.

Here is the problem: while all these distractions were happening, many believers were neglecting their spiritual disciplines. Prayer decreased, giving to the Lord's work decreased, spiritual discipline (fasting) decreased. Now it is as if many believers are still sleeping, unaware of the enemy's schemes.

I'm not just talking; I speak by revelation. The Lord spoke to me, and I'm sharing this wisdom with you. There is a 2025 plan already happening in the kingdom of darkness against distracted believers remember it is while men sleep that the enemy comes and plants his seed. Many believers will wake up one day, only to realize that the enemy has planted many evil seeds during their spiritual slumber. Don't let this

TESTIMONIES

TESTIMONY 1

I suffer from general anxiety disorder; I fail to control my mind sometimes and I've been having a lot of attacks recently. The anxiety can be triggered by a lot of things including sudden noise, pressure, being in an uncomfortable situation and a number of things and it gets to be difficult to avoid all that in a single day. Usually when it happens, I try to relax, by listening to music, praying, listening to the word, drinking water and a number of things or breath control but it can all be difficult to do. Today the anxiety started midday when I was traveling and I couldn't control it until you prayed for me pastor... immediately I started breathing heavily, my hands stopped shaking and a feeling of relaxation just kicked in and I am free. I am free, I feel in control of my body

Exgratia Chidoko, Zimbabwe

TESTIMONY 3

Shalom man of God.

My wife is currently expecting and yesterday suddenly she couldn't walk because the pain was too much each time, she wanted to move her left leg. When she slept, she had a dream in which she saw herself coming to your house and you gave her a word of prophecy, one was that she always feels pain in the stomach which is true, then you said you have pain on your left leg she said yes... that's when you prayed for her. And by God's grace she woke up healed. I believe that one way or the other you always pray for us that's why God has sent his healing angel to heal my wife. God bless your ministry.

Anonymous

TESTIMONY 2

Hello Pastor my name is Romaine, I was having heart problems and you prayed for me. I used to feel my heart beating very fast and I used to have blackouts and collapse but since you prayed for me I've been okay I haven't had these symptoms, I went back to the doctor and they did an ECG and chest x-ray and he said my heart is normal it is now beating very normally and my chest x-ray was very clean nothing is wrong anymore, before you prayed for me he said my heart was beating 2 times the normal rate but now it's beating normally, I want to thank God for this miracle and thank you for praying for me

Romaine Bakali

TESTIMONY 4

Shalom.

From June I was having a strange ringing in my right ear, which caused me not to use my right ear when answering the phone because I could not hear, when pastor Justin Chiwala prophecy to say someone with the ear problem, I didn't even pay attention, then the ringing



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happen to you! Stay spiritually awake and alive, for your enemy, the devil, did not go on holiday. I have shared wisdom with you; do not forget to share it with others too.

Do not wake up only to realize that you have lost your crown of glory. I pray for spiritual awakening in Jesus' mighty name.

Let this be a wake-up call to all believers. Let us not be caught sleeping, unaware of the enemy's schemes. Let us stay vigilant, praying and studying the word of God, that we may not fall prey to the enemy's traps. Let us stay focused on our spiritual disciplines, that we may not lose our crown of glory this year.

Remember the enemy is cunning, and he will stop at nothing to lead us astray but we are not ignorant of his evil plans. We are aware of his plans, and we will not fall prey to them in Jesus mighty name. We will stay spiritually awake and alive, praying and fasting, that we may not lose our crown of glory. This year, your glory must manifest in Jesus name.

⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *Prayer is such a vital part of staying on track with Gods' plan*

⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Lord, help me stay focused this year, help me overcome all the plans of the devil against my destiny, this I pray in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, amen.*

⇒ **Further Reading:** *John 15:7; Colossians 4:2*

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A PRAYING MAN IS A DISCIPLINED MAN.

"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving." Colossians 4:2



This scripture emphasizes the importance of persistence and consistency in prayer. To pray well is to pray continually. Prayer was never meant to end; the language of prayer is to always pray, meaning praying without ceasing. The protocol of true prayer is praying always, this means that prayer should be a continuous and ongoing part of our lives. It is not just something we do when we feel like it or when we need something; it is a way of life and life itself.

The secret of prayer is praying more in the secret than in public. This means that our private prayers should be more frequent and intense than our public prayers. Take time to pray to the Father who is in the secret. He sees and hears our private prayers, and He rewards them openly. Prayer needs a firm character because the evil one, the devil, fights it with all his might. He knows the power of prayer and will do everything he can to distract us from praying, but a praying man is a solid man, a praying man is an overcoming man, a praying man is a disciplined man.

Here is wisdom for living: in the beginning prayer is for all, the weak and the strong. However, at its prime, prayer is for the disciplined soul. The needed consistency in prayer is mostly achieved by the disciplined soul. Are you disciplined?

⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *Prayer is for the disciplined soul.*

⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Today I pray for discipline to making progress in my prayer life in Jesus name, Amen.*

⇒ **Further Reading:** *Proverbs 23:7*

WORDS ARE TRANSPORTERS OF SPIRITS

"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

Matthew 12:36-37



Words are not just mere sounds or vocalizations, they are things, realities, events, and circumstances in a spiritual format. The Bible says, "And the word became flesh" (John 1:14). This means that words have the power to create, to manifest, and to bring into being. God holds man accountable for every idle word he speaks because words have the power to release undesired spirits into action. Words are transporters of spirits and every time we speak, a spirit migrates. Our words give mobility to spirits, which is why God holds us accountable for every word we speak.

Both blessings and curses are spiritual forces that move through and by words. One can be blessed or cursed by using words. If we will be condemned, it is by what we say, if we will be justified, it is also by what we say. This means that our words have the power to determine our destiny, to shape our reality, and to influence our circumstances, therefore, watch what you say. Say what you would love to see, for you will eventually see what you say." This means that our words have the power to create our reality. If we speak positively, we will attract positive circumstances. If we speak negatively, we will attract negative circumstances.

Using our words wisely is essential for living a life of purpose, joy, and fulfilment. This is wisdom for daily living indeed. We are blessed people, never to be cursed so we have to get this right and walk wisely. The trap of many destinies is unchecked words. Words that we spoke in anger or words that we spoke while hurting. The enemy will

always push us to say things that we do not mean. The devil cannot wait to see our words become our reality. This is wisdom for living: words become things, watch what you say. Jesus said, "My words are spirit and life" (John 6:63). This means that His words have the power to create, to heal, and to transform.

Our words have the power to shape our reality, to influence our circumstances, and to determine our destiny. Let us use our words wisely, speaking positively and attracting positive circumstances. Let us watch what we say, remembering that words become things. This is wisdom for living, and it is essential for living a life of purpose, joy, and fulfilment.

- ⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *Say what you would love to see, for you will eventually see what you say.*
- ⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Thank You Lord for the gift of righteousness, I am no longer a slave to sin, I am right with You and I walk in the newness of life in Jesus name, Amen.*
- ⇒ **Further Reading:** *Proverbs 24:16; Psalms 103:3*

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ENJOYING YOUR LIFE

"Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy." 1 Timothy 6:17

This scripture reveals a profound truth about God's desire for our lives. Can you believe that God is not against you enjoying your life? In fact, He wants you to enjoy life to the fullest just as the Bible says. The struggle, the stress, the sicknesses, and all the hardships you are going through are never God's blessings to you. This is why they are all coming to an end now in Jesus' name. God wants you to experience a life of joy, peace, and abundance. As Jesus said in John 10:10, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

Start thinking, believing, and speaking out in a way that aligns with God's desire for your life. Say to yourself, "God is blessing me with all things to enjoy, no more stressing." Notice that He is blessing you with all things - good health, good marriage, good house, good car, good money, and everything else you need to enjoy life. All these blessings are coming to you now in Jesus' name. Open the eyes of your faith and start seeing yourself living the best days of your life. This is wisdom for living - seeing yourself living a blessed life because if you see it by faith, say it by faith, you will live it experientially. Words are faith boosters, so say the right words to live the right life.

Remember, your words have the power to shape your reality. So, speak positively, and declare God's blessings over your life. Say, "I am blessed with good health, good relationships, and abundant resources. I am living a life of joy, peace, and purpose."

As you speak these words, you will start to experience the reality of God's blessings in your life.

God wants you to enjoy life to the fullest. He wants to bless you with all things, so you can live a life of abundance and joy. Start thinking, believing, and speaking out in a way that aligns with God's desire for your life. Open the eyes of your faith, and see yourself living the best days of your life. This is wisdom for living, and I have made it available to you now.

- ⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *God wants you to experience a life full of joy, peace and abundance.*
- ⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Thank You Lord for blessing me with sound health and peace, I am living a life full of joy and purpose in Jesus name, Amen.*
- ⇒ **Further Reading:** *Proverbs 24:16*

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ASKING IS WISDOM, GUESSING IS FOOLISHNESS

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "Isaiah 55:8



Many times, we spend more time worrying than praying. We complain more than we confess His word, but when we feel stuck let us remember that His thoughts are not our thoughts, meaning, He is not stuck. God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts, and His ways are higher than our ways. When all that we know to do fails, may we find the grace to be found at the feet of the Master. He alone has ways that never fail, He has ways that always lead to happiness, His ways are not our ways, and His thoughts are not our thoughts. But if we can only ask Him in prayer, He will reveal His ways to us.

Here is wisdom for living: why guess your way when God longs to reveal it to you? Asking is wisdom, and guessing is foolishness. Which way are you taking today? Will you try to figure things out on your own, or will you ask God for guidance and direction? Asking God for guidance is not a sign of weakness, but rather a sign of wisdom. It shows that we recognize our limitations and our need for God. When we ask God for guidance, we are saying, "I do not know what to do, but I know that You do. Please show me Your way."

Guessing, on the other hand, is a sign of foolishness, it shows that we think we can figure things out on our own, without God's guidance. But the Bible says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end, it leads to death" (Proverbs 14:12). This means that our own ways and thoughts can lead us astray, but God's ways and thoughts will always lead us to life and happiness. Let us ask God for guidance and direction, rather than trying to figure things out on our own.

⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** Asking is wisdom, and guessing is foolishness.

⇒ **Prayer for the day:** Lord help me enjoy what I have while I trust You with my tomorrow, help me find and fulfil my purpose in life oh Lord, in Jesus' name, Amen.

⇒ **Further Reading:** Psalm 138:8; 1 Corinthians 10:31

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IF LIFE WAS FOR SALE

“And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.” Acts 17:25



Imagine if life was for sale. Who could afford it? The demand would be vastly immense, and the price would be sky-high, making it accessible only to those who are financially rich. But life is not for sale, It is a gift from God, and we should be thankful for it. Imagine if good health had a price tag. How many people might never afford to have it? Good health is a blessing from God, and we should be grateful for it. We should take care of our bodies, which are temples of the Holy Spirit, and thank God for the good health we enjoy. Imagine if appetite was for sale. You would need to buy it first before you could buy food. But appetite is not for sale, it is a gift from God, and we should be thankful for it.

The list goes on and on. We have so many blessings in our lives, and we often take them for granted. We forget to say thank you to God for all the good things He has given us. The trouble with many people is that they are no longer grateful to God for His blessings. They take everything for granted, forgetting that everything they have comes from God. The life you have is a blessing from God. Learn to say thank you. The good health you have is a blessing from God so learn to say thank you. Gratitude is cute.

⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *Learn to say thank you. Gratitude is cute.*

⇒ **Prayer for the day:** *Lord I am grateful for life and for every good thing that I have received in this month, thank You so much for providing even when I did not ask, Amen.*

⇒ **Further Reading:** *1 John 4:18; 1 Corinthians 2:12*

A MAN WITHIN A MAN

"But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." 1 Peter 3:4,



This scripture talks about the inner man, the spirit man, who is hidden but not unreal. Apostle Peter calls him the "hidden man of the heart." He is living and ever active, and he is the one who is responsible for our greatness in this life and in the life to come. Today, ask the Lord to reveal to you the real you, the man inside you who has no fear but faith. All you see is not all there is; there is beauty and greatness trapped inside you. Don't doubt the process; things are getting better, and soon, very soon, you will testify.

This inner man is the one who is born again and knows God. He loves God and desires more of God. He is the one who loves prayer and the study of the word of God. Feed him, and he will take care of the rest. The inner man is the one who is responsible for our spiritual growth and development. He is the one who helps us to overcome our fears and doubts, and live a life of faith and obedience to God.

As we feed our inner man with the word of God and prayer, we will begin to see changes in our lives. We will begin to experience the power and presence of God in a new and fresh way. We will begin to live a life of victory and triumph, and we will be able to testify to the greatness of God. May we remember to feed our inner man every day by taking time to pray and study the word of God. Let us seek to know God more intimately and to live a life that is pleasing to Him.

- ⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *Your inner man is the one who is born again and knows God.*
- ⇒ **Prayer for the day.** *Thank You Lord for today's blessings and for such a great and blessed day. Lord grant me the grace to walk in a way that glorifies You and not my flesh, in Jesus name, Amen.*
- ⇒ **Further Reading:** *John 14:13-14; 1 John 5:14-15*

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THE MIND OF CHRIST

"For 'who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?"

But we have the mind of Christ." I Corinthians 2:16



Spiritual truths will never make sense to human reasoning. Our limited minds cannot fully comprehend the limitless wisdom and knowledge of God. However, as believers we have been given the mind of Christ, which enables us to think, reason, and understand spiritual truths in a way that transcends human limitations. In the mind of God, you have the mind of Christ, this means that you have been given the ability to think like Christ, to reason like Christ, and to understand spiritual truths like Christ. No wonder God expects you to live like Christ, walk like Christ, talk like Christ, because you have the mind of Christ.

This is so important for us to understand, since our mind is the spiritual battleground and the factory of all life's realities. Our thoughts, emotions, and decisions are all shaped by our mind, and our mind is either aligned with God's thoughts and ways or it's aligned with the world's thoughts and ways. A failed life is a product of a defeated mind. As a man thinks, so is he. If our thoughts are negative, critical, and defeatist, we will live a life that reflects those thoughts, but if our thoughts are positive, hopeful, and faith-filled, we will live a life that reflects those thoughts.

Since we have the mind of Christ, we need to let go of suicidal thoughts, thoughts of depression, thoughts of defeat, thoughts of failure, thoughts that tell us we're not good enough, not beautiful enough, not wise enough, not educated enough. These thoughts are not from God, and they will not produce a life that honours God.

Since thoughts become things, if we desire to see change, we should be willing to relook at how we think. We need to renew our minds with the Word of God, and we need to learn to think like Christ.

The mind of Christ is the mind that tells you, "It will get better, you will succeed, you will be established, you will marry well, you will travel, you will be accepted, you will get that job." The mind of Christ is the mind that is filled with hope, faith, and confidence in God's goodness and provision. Here is wisdom: today, pick the right thoughts. Since thoughts become things, make sure you are spending your time thinking on things you want to see and not the other way round. You have the mind of Christ, think right.

- ⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *A failed life is a product of a defeated mind.*
- ⇒ **Prayer for the day.** *Thank You Lord for today's blessings and wisdom for living.
Help me have a positive mind to look at my circumstances with faith and hope.
Amen*
- ⇒ **Further Reading:** *John 14:13-14; 1 John 5:14-15*

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TODAY'S PROMISE IS TOMORROW'S TESTIMONY

"And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled that which he spake with his mouth to my father David, saying... 2 Chronicles 6:4



The Bible is clear on this matter: God is in the business of doing what He said. He is a God of His word, and His word is His bond. It is an honour to have God's word (the Bible), which gives us evidence that God indeed does what He said He will do. God will surely do with His hands what He said with His mouth. His word is not just a promise; it is a prophecy of His actions. To know what He said is to have a prophecy of His actions. Today's promise is tomorrow's testimony.

If God said, "You are the head and not the tail" (Deuteronomy 28:13), that is what you will eventually become. If God said, "I will bless the works of your hands" (Deuteronomy 28:12), that is what He will do. What you believe is what you will see manifesting in your life. We do not see to believe; we believe to see. Faith is not about seeing with our physical eyes; it is about seeing with our spiritual eyes. It is about trusting in God's word and promises, even when we can't see them with our physical eyes. If you can believe, you will see the glory of God before the end of this month. Believe in His word, and you will see it manifesting in your life. We have the wisdom of God's word, which teaches us to trust in His promises and to believe in His goodness.

⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *To know what He will do is to know what He said.*

⇒ **Prayer for the day.** *Dear Lord, I look to You for courage to act out my faith today. Guide me and lead me in Jesus name, Amen.*

⇒ **Further Reading:** *Hebrews 11:6; James 2:14*

VICTORY OVER OUR ENEMIES.

"The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven." Deuteronomy 28:7



There is an anointing that brings to you that which belongs to you. This anointing is the power of God that breaks every yoke and brings freedom and prosperity. The Lord is causing your enemies to be defeated, those that rose up against you are coming down before your eyes in Jesus' name. Anything that bears your name is coming to you speedily in this month. This is your month to celebrate, to rejoice, and to experience the goodness of God. You will experience good health, financial stability, peace of mind, stillness of heart, and joy overflow in Jesus' name.

I see people from different walks of life blessing you and calling you blessed. You will be a blessing to others, and others will be a blessing to you. You will experience a harvest of blessings, an overflow of goodness, and a tsunami of favour. This is not just a promise but a prophecy, it is a declaration of God's intentions to bless you, to prosper you, and to give you a future and a hope. So, receive this word, believe it, and confess it. Say it "I am blessed, I am prosperous, I am favoured, and I am victorious in Jesus' name." May this wisdom guide you, direct you, and empower you to live a life of purpose, joy, and fulfilment..

⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *Until you say something, nothing changes.*

⇒ **Prayer for the day.** *Dear Lord, I stand on the authority of Your word and bind every power of darkness against my destiny. I release blessings and favours over my life, in Jesus name, Amen.*

⇒ **Further Reading:** *Luke 10:19*

YOUR HEART, YOUR SOURCE

"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life." Proverbs 4:23



Your heart determines your life. It is the control centre of your being, and it influences every aspect of your life. Guard your heart above all else, guard it more than your bank card, more than your phone, and more than your money. Your heart is more valuable than any material possession, and it deserves to be protected and guarded. Your heart controls your life. It is the source of your thoughts, emotions, and actions. What you believe in your heart will ultimately determine the course of your life. At first, we might not want to believe that we are in life what we have believed in our heart but the truth is, man is indeed in life what he is in heart. To improve your life is to beautify the heart.

The state of your heart determines the quality of your life. If your heart is filled with love, joy, and peace, your life will reflect those qualities. But if your heart is filled with bitterness, anger, and unforgiveness, your life will reflect those qualities as well. Your heart is the centre of all realities, and it is essential to guard it against negative influences.

A good man is good because of his good heart, and a bad man is bad because of his bad heart. Jesus said, "A good man from the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things" (Luke 6:45). This means that what we produce in our lives comes from the treasure of our heart. If our heart is good, we will produce good things. But if our heart is bad, we will produce bad things. You can't have a bitter heart and produce good things. Things in life precipitate from our heart, if our heart is good, good things will come into our lives, if our hearts are peaceful, peaceful things will come into our

lives but if our hearts are bitter that too is what we will attract into our lives. To improve your life is to better your heart.

- ⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *Your heart controls your life.*
- ⇒ **Prayer for the day.** *Dear Lord, please help me keep my heart in accordance to that which I desire to experience in life, In Jesus name, Amen.*
- ⇒ **Further Reading:** *Hebrews 10:25; Psalm 133:1*

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SHINE OVER DARKNESS

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." This scripture emphasizes the power and presence of light in the midst of darkness. John 1:5



There is something in light that is not in darkness. Light has the ability to illuminate, to make visible, and to reveal. It shines brightly, casting out shadows and revealing what was previously hidden. Light makes things appear, it brings clarity and understanding, allowing us to see things as they truly are. The Bible calls the believer the light of the world. As a light shines, be visible, be seen, be noticed in Jesus Christ's name. As a child of God, you have the light of Christ within you, and it's time to let it shine. Darkness cannot stop light from shining, no matter the size of the light. You will not be stopped from shining. You have a purpose, a destiny, and a message to share with the world. Don't let the darkness of fear, doubt, or uncertainty hold you back. This is your year of supernatural advancement.

Shine, shine, shine. Let your light be seen by all. Do not hide your talents, your gifts, or your passions. Let them be visible to the world. Have a consciousness of what God is doing. He is making you visible. He is shining His light through you, and it is time to let it be seen. Don't be afraid to stand out, to be different, and to shine brightly in a world that often seems dark and uncertain. Remember, you are the light of the world. You have a responsibility to shine, to illuminate, and to reveal the love and light of Christ to the world.

⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** *God is shining His light through you.*

⇒ **Prayer for the day.** *Lord help me stand firm in that which you have declared over me and let me walk in the light of my purpose, in Jesus name, amen.*

⇒ **Further Reading:** *Matthew 7:7*

LAZINESS HAS CONSEQUENCES

"A lazy person always wants to have more, but he will not get it.

If a person works hard, he will have more than he needs."

Proverbs 13:4



The problem with laziness is that it feeds on greatness. A lazy man can never be great, and a great man can never be lazy. This is a fundamental truth that cannot be ignored. Laziness is a hindrance to achieving greatness, and it's essential to recognize this and make a conscious effort to overcome it. I pray for you that God will help and grace you with a heart of diligence in all your affairs. Diligence is the key to achieving greatness, and it's essential to cultivate this quality in our lives. Prayer is a powerful tool that can help us overcome laziness and develop a heart of diligence.

Prayer kills laziness, but laziness kills greatness, this is a profound truth that highlights the importance of prayer in our lives. When we pray, we are seeking God's help and guidance, and this helps us to overcome laziness and achieve greatness.

You will eventually become your prayer points, just be diligent. This means that if you pray consistently and diligently, you will start to see the answers to your prayers manifesting in your life. Repetition is the mother of all greatness, do it over and over until you become good at it.

Do it until you are known for it. This means that consistency and persistence are essential for achieving greatness. When you repeat something over and over, you start to develop a level of expertise and proficiency that sets you apart from others. Laziness doesn't feed well. A desire that is not worked upon can never produce results but frustrations. This means that if you do not put in the effort to achieve your desires, you will only end up feeling frustrated and disappointed. It's essential to recognize that

laziness is not a viable option for achieving greatness, and it is crucial to develop a heart of diligence and persistence. Laziness is a hindrance to achieving greatness, and it is essential to overcome it by developing a heart of diligence and persistence. Prayer is a powerful tool that can help us overcome laziness and achieve greatness. Remember, you will eventually become your prayer points, just be diligent, and repetition is the mother of all greatness..

- ⇒ **Wisdom for the day:** The problem with laziness is that it feeds on greatness.
- ⇒ **Prayer for the day.** *Lord teach me how to walk in Your forgiveness. Help me leave my past and focus on the future with You, in Jesus name, Amen*
- ⇒ **Further Reading:** *Matthew 7:7; 2 Kings 20:2-3*

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