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Start your day with Christ consciousness  
and be refined unto God's goodness

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**Blessings.**

## **DAY 1**

**TOPIC: YOU ARE FORGIVEN!**

**TEXT: Ephesians 1:7**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;"*

The text above shows us something very crucial to our faith; we have forgiveness of sins. The word "have" shows only one thing to us: the forgiveness of sins is a believer's possession in Christ Jesus. Therefore, it is not something he will have in the future. Rather, it is something he has now. Now, in Christ Jesus, the believer has forgiveness of sins. He is the forgiven one.

Jesus makes us know this in the book of Acts when he appeared to Paul on his way to Damascus. He emphasizes the same words in our text-verse.

*Acts 26:18*

*"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."*

Jesus says that "forgiveness of sins" is received the moment people are turned from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God. The phrase "turn from darkness to light" is descriptive of believing. As soon as a man believes in the gospel of our Lord Jesus, he receives forgiveness of sins. It becomes his possession in Christ. It's not a forgiveness that lasts until the next sin the man will/may commit. It's an eternal forgiveness by the blood of Jesus.

Let not the devil incite thoughts of condemnation to you via the words of men who are rooted in deep ignorance about the grace of God. Lift your holy hands as you worship God with all boldness. Talk to God with all confidence, with no trace of fear in you. You are the beloved of God. You are the forgiven one!

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## **DAY 2**

### **TOPIC: YOU HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE**

**TEXT: John 8:12**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”*

Jesus convincingly spoke in the verse cited above that, although He is the light of the world, only those that follow him will not walk in darkness. A man that follows Jesus is a man who has accepted to believe and trust Jesus. Here is Jesus assuring such a man that has chosen to follow him that at no point in time will he ever be left confused. He will always be informed about the “how”, “where”, “what”, and “when” of every matter that concerns him. This implies that a believer in Jesus will never be left without direction.

With this simple truth as our foundation for today’s devotional, it is therefore not ideal for a believer to pray that God should come and lead him. He’s rather supposed to pray so as to know what direction God is leading him to take. This is because God is constantly leading a believer has Jesus had earlier promised. In fact, Paul later affirmed the same in Romans 8:14

You see, that a man is led of God is proof enough that he is a son of God. A believer may at one point or the other appear confused or clueless in his mind but he is never confused in his spirit for he always knows what to do; he always does! In case you’re in a confusing situation today, all you need to do is to involve yourself in spiritual activities that will give your spirit a voice over your clouded mind. All of a sudden you realize that you have clarity.

**Confession:** Jesus is my shepherd; I am his sheep. I hear His voice; I follow his voice. The voice of a stranger I do not follow. I am in the light; I do not walk in darkness. There is clarity in my part, I am not confused! I function by the spirit of God and I am receptive to His leadings.

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**Further Study:** John 10:1-30

## **DAY 3**

**TOPIC: GUARD YOUR HEART**

**TEXT: Proverbs 4:23**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

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

The heart is the seat of the intellect, emotions and will. It is from the heart that actions are carried out. Our actions stem out of the contents of our heart; and as a result of this, there is the need for us to guard our hearts above all else.

We are to guard our hearts by keeping God’s word on center-stage in our hearts. Above all else, let the truth of God’s love and word fill your heart. We live in a world that is often opposed to the truth, but we must know the difference between facts and truth of God’s word. The truth of God’s word produces transformation. Let your mind be fixed on that.

Guarding your heart also involves renewing your mind continuously with God’s word. Whatsoever things that have virtue, we are admonished to meditate on them.

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**Further Study:** Philippians 4:8

## **DAY 4**

**TOPIC: THERE IS A POWER AT WORK IN US**

**TEXT: Ephesians 3:20**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*“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 Apostle Paul, by revelation, gives us a clear information in the text above: there's a power that works in us. The word rendered as “power” in the text above is the Greek word “dunamis”. It refers to a miraculous power. Much more, it speaks of something that's a miracle itself. The word rendered as “worketh” is the Greek word “energeo”. It refers to something that's efficient, active, and operative. In other words, this power never goes to sleep. It's an ever-constant, ever-working, and ever-producing power.

Paul opens up the book of Ephesians by letting us know the capability of this power.

*Ephesians 1:19*

*“And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,”*

This power at work in the believer is the same one which raised Christ from the dead. It is exceedingly great, and mighty. That's the power at work in us! So, the believer never has a scarcity of power; for there is a miraculous power that is efficient, active, and operative within him.

O, what confidence and assurance we have when we know there's a mighty power at work in us! We are not ordinary men; we are power houses! We are assured of this ever-constant, never-failing, ever-producing power within us, and we go forth dispensing this power with great miracles following.

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## **DAY 5**

### **TOPIC: THE GLORIOUS COMPANY**

**TEXT: Acts 4:23**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*'And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.'*

In our text, there was an incident that happened to the Apostles. The healing of the lame man at the gate called beautiful brought about an opportunity to preach the gospel to multitude by the mouth of Apostle Peter and John. However, the Priest and Sadducees were dissatisfied and aggrieved by what was done by the Apostles. Hence, they flogged them and further threatened them not to preach in the name of Jesus. The bible records that being let go, they went to their own company. This company of theirs was the gathering of fellow saints who could lift up their voices and pray.

The believer is not hopeless. The believer is not a loner. He is a member of the body of Christ. The believer is accepted in the beloved. He is a full-fledge member of the family of Christ. When faced with circumstances, we are to follow the example of the Apostles. We are never to forget that we have a company where we can pour out our mind and get the right response to such challenges. After the apostles prayed, it ended with a sound of victory and rejoicing.

Beloved, choose to maximize the company of fellow believers, for amidst them is rejoicing forever more.

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## **DAY 6**

**TOPIC: WITHOUT CEASING (1)**

**TEXT: Acts 12:5**

**Written by: HARRISON AYINTETE**

*Acts 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.*

Often times, prayer requires much dedication, patience, endurance and unfailing fervency. The text of our consideration shows us how the early church prevailed in prayer via endurance and much patience.

The Apostle Paul had been put in prison, in the terror grip of soldiers (four quaternions).

If anyone had been to a Nigerian prison, perhaps for a visit or otherwise, the vivid reality wherein the Apostle Peter found himself would be more comprehensible to our minds. Beyond the dread of the prison walls, is also the sorrow and anguish that befalls the beloved of the imprisoned folk, the fear of losing such a fellow, the sorrow of not seeing such fellow, the hatred that rises within, driving one to do unspeakable things, especially now that it's obvious the Apostle Peter was not imprisoned for any wrong, rather he was imprisoned for the good he had preached and demonstrated in the name of the Lord.

In the midst of this anguish of the soul, this attack against the church as a whole, this terror, this dread imposed by the king of that time, the highest echelon of power, the church prayed! O, what a glorious way to take charge against evil, to subdue the authority of a man yielding to the devil, to show the power of God beyond sealed walls, ammunitions and soldiers!

The church prayed! Today, I charge you, to know that in spite of the helplessness in any situation, we as a church can yet do something, we can yet exercise dominion, we can yet unleash angelic (supernatural forces), we learn from the early church today, who rose victorious in prayer, even against the highest force in government. We see victory again and again, as we pray!

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## **DAY 7**

**TOPIC: NO OTHER NAME**

**TEXT: Acts 4:12**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”*

Many religions of the world affirm the existence of God but deny the salvation which is by Jesus Christ, the son of God. In the bid to get to God, many have made for themselves idols either in persons or objects. They worship these gods hoping in them in they would be saved.

It is clear in all scriptures that there is no other name whereby the world can be saved except through the name of Jesus. The intent for the birth of Jesus is to take away the sins of the world. This was fulfilled in His death and resurrection, where He was offered up as the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. If any man accepts Jesus’ sacrifice for his sins, such a man is eternally saved.

Brethren, let us be more assured of the saving power in the name of Jesus. Whoever believes or accepts Jesus as his saviour is saved. There is no other way to salvation. Man-made idols cannot save a man neither can the works of a man save him. The only legal name that assures a man of salvation is the name of Jesus Christ.

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**Further Study: John 3:36; John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:5-6**

## **DAY 8**

**TOPIC: FORGET THE PAST**

**TEXT: Philippians 3:13-14**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“13 Brethren I do not count myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are before. 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”*

Most times we let the mistakes and wrongs we did in the past get to us. We make statements such as; “If only I had married the right man or woman ... If only I had gone to the University ... If only I had moved to another state or country ...”

Dwelling on the past doesn't do anyone much of good, rather it robs us of today's joy. If anyone was to dwell on his past and allow all of his wrongdoings get to him, it was Apostle Paul. He persecuted the Church day and night, until he encountered the Lord Jesus on his way to Damascus. Right there, he received forgiveness for his sins, and he could boldly say he was letting go of his past and reaching unto things that are ahead.

Beloved, God takes no account of your sins (Hebrews 10:17). You needn't remember them either or keep them in reserve so you can loathe over them. Like Apostle Paul did, forget your past and the wrongs done to you or even the ones you did to others and move ahead to better things. Your past is your past! Don't let it rob you of today's joy. God's given you a victorious life in Jesus Christ, so you got to take hold of that. Hallelujah!

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**Further Study:** Hebrews 6:1

## **DAY 9**

**TOPIC: WITHOUT CEASING (2)**

**TEXT: ACTS 12:5**

**Written by: HARRISON AYINTETE**

*Acts 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.*

The early church was relentless. This kind of endurance doesn't come from some secular motivation. It will not come from some fake spiritism; this kind of endurance is rooted in the reality that our prayers have effects!

From my personal experiences while praying, many times, we get tired, just speaking, especially as we pray in unknown tongues; many times, we get wearied, it seems quite boring at some times, at least not as sensually stimulating as some other activities, maybe watching movies, playing console games, etc.

Many times, we watch movies for hours and it doesn't seem like the time is far spent, especially if this is a movie we are immersed in. In contrast, when we pray, time seems to drag behind, the hour seems to be stuck. Thus, to pray ceaselessly demands certain concentration on the activities of our prayer; we must believe our prayers are working, for indeed, they are.

It's worthy of note that the church prayed until they saw the release of Peter physically, as he stood before the house knocking at the door and a dear Rhoda opened for him.

Such is an example for us, to pray in assurance that our words are not just incoherent mutterings or blabbing, to pray with a depth of certainty, that our prayers are causing angelic reactions to our good, that our prayers are causing chains to be broken, release to be made, wonders to be seen, power to be displayed.

Only one result can we see; and it is same result as the early church saw in the case of the Apostle Peter, there was victory, a release, supernaturally, beyond the works of a man, beyond the doings of any one! Our prayers work, thus we pray the more!

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## **DAY 10**

**TOPIC: THE BLESSEDNESS OF PRAYING**

**TEXT: EPHESIANS 6:18-19**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; 19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,”*

Prayer is one of the privileges that a believer has as a way of enjoying the vitality of the fellowship he has with the father. Amazingly, prayer is also a responsibility for a believer in Christ; the bible and particularly the epistles are full of instructions for believers to pray either individually or amid saints while fellowshiping.

As simple as the act of praying is, one may be quick to lose grip on the importance of praying; hence, such soon forgets that prayer is God’s wisdom given to the man in Christ. To neglect praying is to choose to walk in foolishness by throwing away God’s wisdom. Practically speaking, a believer will not know what he is missing until he returns to the act of praying. The place of prayer is the place where believers become bold in the use of the abilities they already have in Christ. A typical example is the story of the early disciples in Acts 4:31. After they had prayed, they had more boldness to profess the word, even before the authorities that threatened them.

Have you been so engrossed that you have forsaken the place of prayer? It is time to return! Whenever we don’t pray, we leave events to time and chance; we give the devil the chance to use the precious times that we could have redeemed for his evil schemes. Yield to this call today and walk in boldness!

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**Further Study:** Acts 4: 1 -32

## **DAY 11**

**TOPIC: IT'S A MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION!**

**TEXT: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-19**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*“18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.”*

Many have set their foot on a wrong mission. They do exactly the opposite of what God has sent us to do. Often do we hear people shout into their megaphones and microphones: “you wretched sinner, God is against you! Very soon, God's wrath shall be poured out upon you!”

However, this is not what we have been sent to do. We have not been sent to shout death and condemnation into the ears of people. Not at all! We have been called as “preachers of reconciliation.” What is the message of reconciliation? It is very clearly seen in 2 Corinthians 5:19; “...that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them...” Hallelujah! The message of reconciliation is that God is not imputing men's trespasses unto them.

We are not to shout death and condemnation upon people. What we shout in every corner and every place is life and righteousness. We are ministers of the new covenant; preachers of righteousness. We have received this wonderful ministry from the Lord. It's a ministry of reconciliation!

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**Further Study:** 2 Corinthians 3:6; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

## **DAY 12**

**TOPIC: HONOUR YOUR PARENTS**

**TEXT: Ephesians 6:2**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

***“Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)”***

Honouring one's parent as seen in the text above is not a mere instruction that should be trivialised or done away with. It is an instruction that is paramount to the believer. The word honour comes from the Hebrew word meaning „to be heavy or to give weight“. In other words, it means to regard someone seriously, or to offer profound respect and importance to a person or anything. The opposite of honouring someone is trivializing them; treating them as if they don't matter.

Parenting is a system ordained by God with the purpose of guiding, providing and nurturing children in the way of the Lord. It is seemingly natural to honour people when they are good and when they deserve to be honoured, just as it is not easy to honour someone who has hurt you deeply. But, the believer is not to honour his or her parent conditionally. We don't honour our parents because they deserve it. We honour them because the nature of the gospel is that God gave us what we don't deserve.

Do you find it difficult to honour your parents due to some hurt they have caused you? Let the word of God heal your heart today. Love for a hurtful parent doesn't come from our own abilities; it comes from the supernatural love of Jesus who died for us even while we were undeserving sinners (Romans 5:8). Let go of the pain. You are a love being. Honour your parents.

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**Further Study: Colossians 3:20; Ephesians 6:1**

## **DAY 13**

### **TOPIC: A SELF-PROPELLING POWER**

**TEXT: MARK 4:37-39**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*“And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. 38- And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? 39 -And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.”*

Today, we are considering our Lord Jesus Christ as He demonstrated power by calming the storm by the words of His mouth. It is worthy of note that this miracle is beyond the natural ability or power of man. Even the people were astonished at what He did.

Another thing that must be noted is that the power by which Jesus calmed this raging wind is at work in the believer. The Apostle Paul used the word “working” to qualify the power at work in the believer in his epistle to the church in Ephesus. The word translated as “working” in Greek is the word “*energeo*” which means “*active or self-propelling.*” This means that the power of God in us is not passive. It does not need to be charged like a rechargeable battery; it is self-propelling.

Even though Jesus was asleep in the boat, the power in him was active. Jesus’ consciousness of the power at work in Him brought about this astounding miracle.

Beloved, stay conscious of God’s power at work in you, the power is self-propelling.

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**Further Study: Ephesians 1:16-19**

## **DAY 14**

**TOPIC: WE MINISTER THE NEW TESTAMENT!**

**TEXT: 2 CORINTHIANS 3:5-6**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*“5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; 6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.”*

The Bible is clear on what God has enabled us to minister; it's the new covenant and not the letter. Many have erroneously preached that the phrase “the letter” here refers to the words in the Bible. But, that's not true! For, it is by the words in the Bible that we are able to renew our minds and thus are transformed. What does "the letter" refer to then? We'll find our answer in the next verse 2 Corinthians 3:7:

*“But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:”*

The letter is the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones. It's the old covenant; the Law! That's the letter! It ministers death. It doesn't minister life. No, not at all! Beloved, God has qualified (enabled) us to minister the new covenant. It's what we have been called to do! The new covenant is the ministration of the Spirit. It ministers righteousness and life. It's God's will for us to minister the new covenant. It gives him great joy to see us walk in his will for us. Every time we minister righteousness and life to people, we are assured that we have not strayed away from God's will for us. We are confident of this: “yea, in his will we remain still; executing his plan with all fervency.” We are able ministers of the new covenant!

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**Further Study:** 2 Corinthians 3:5-18

## **DAY 15**

**TOPIC: NOT TO CONDEMN, BUT TO SAVE**

**TEXT: John 3:17**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

***“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world: but that the world through him might be saved.”***

The above text lets us know that God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn the world; rather he was sent that anyone who believes in him might be saved.

Most preachers portray God as an unloving entity that sent Jesus to condemn the world for their sins, hence making some persons scared of going to God for fear of their faults and weaknesses being exposed.

In John 8:12, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. He did not come to bring to light our failures; rather, he is the light that shows us how perfect we are before God because his blood has washed away our sins. His light reveals how spotless we are because of his perfect work on the cross.

So when you approach the Father, you go boldly; knowing that he doesn't condemn you but sees you as his righteousness. Hallelujah!

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**Further Study: 1 John 4:14**

## **DAY 16**

**TOPIC: STAGGER NOT!**

**TEXT: ROMANS 4:20-21**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*“He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.”*

One thing that is so desirous in the attitude of Abraham to the promise of God is that he was fully persuaded that God was going to fulfill His promise.

God promised to bless Abraham (Genesis 17:2-7). The epistles clearly reveal that this promise of the seed refers to Jesus. And much more, as many as have received Christ are partakers of the blessings of Abraham. The blessing here does not refer to the physical prosperity of Abraham but the promise of the Holy Ghost. By this we see that the promise of God to Abraham is fulfilled in Christ, and that the believer is the substance of this promise.

We, having the Holy Ghost, also hope for the resurrection of our bodies. We must believe that this (the resurrection of our bodies) is sure. God promised us and he will surely make it happen. We are not to be disturbed whether we will make rapture or not. The rapture, or in the proper sense, the resurrection of the body is for the saints. We rejoice in this hope. We don't doubt it. For he that started the good work in us would surely finish it.

Dearly beloved, stagger not. Stand firmly in the hope that you have in Christ. It is a glorious hope.

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**Further Study:** Hebrews 6:14-15; Philippians 1:6

## **DAY 17**

**TOPIC: PRAY FOR GOVERNMENT**

**TEXT: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2**

**Written by: HARRISON AYINTETE**

*“1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, [and] giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and [for] all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.”*

Apostle Paul admonished Timothy (his son in the faith) to make praying for leaders in government a priority, for the sake of peace which will also favour the preaching of the gospel (godliness).

This exhortation is clear; God doesn't love the killings, anarchy, sufferings, poverty etc that plague the world; for He wills that peace reigns in our nations. When the evil one stirs war, death, terrorism etc in our countries, we are not to fold our arms and keep mute, we are to pray, and use our spiritual authority to influence the happenings around us.

We should note that this prayer is for the sakes of the gospel, not greed, or sentiments, or political factions. In our present world, it's not strange to find preachers become prayer contractors for politicians, for money sakes. This is wrong and shameful. Our prayers are based on God's agenda for the world; that all men may hear the gospel, receive it and be saved.

We must see the woes that befall our nation as the devil's wiles to hinder the movement and reception of the gospel. We must pray and see glorious results follow!

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## **DAY 18**

**TOPIC: THE BELIEVER'S LOVE WALK**

**TEXT: MATTHEW 5:44-46**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?”*

In our daily activities, we encounter lots of people with varying cultural, social, and religious backgrounds. Such varying backgrounds make people have different ideologies and perspective about life. This is the major reason why we cannot but have misunderstandings with people around us once in a while. If we do not take care, such misunderstandings may eventually lead us into picking offenses with fellow humans. In fact, some believers take it up to the level of keeping grudges and hence making fellow humans their enemies.

It is paramount at this point to yield to Jesus' counsel to the multitudes in the text above. Jesus instructed multitudes who were yet to have the Holy Ghost within them to love their enemies and pay good to those who do evil to them, how much we who have the Holy Spirit within us? In fact, Jesus emphasized in Matthew 22:36-40, that the whole law and the prophets is anchored on love.

As a believer, one of the things you must know is that offences may arise anytime, but you must never allow them to stay with you. You must never react with offence anytime anyone offends you. Such times are the best of times to just walk in love. Remind yourself of how bad a sinner you were, yet God forgave you without waiting for you to ask for it. Remind yourself that you're a love being! Hatred is not your nature, you are born of love! Be deliberate about meditating on these till such offence cannot find a spot to stay in you!

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**Further Study:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

## **DAY 19**

**TOPIC: STAY CHRIST-CONSCIOUS**

**TEXT: ROMANS 8:6**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

***“For to be carnally minded is death: but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”***

It is common knowledge that what we are conscious of is what we manifest. God wants us to stay conscious of who we are and what we have in Christ Jesus.

The enemy's trick is to distract you and keep you focused on your condition; but glory to God, we have been made conquerors through Jesus' finished work. You might be sick in your body; you might even feel the symptoms of a disease and already have a doctor's report. But beloved, God desires that you be in health and prosper, he's willing to heal you, be conscious of that.

Your business might be facing rough times and you might be at the verge of losing all you've ever laboured for. But beloved, be conscious of God's favour that's upon you and see your business make outstanding progress.

You might have wayward children for whom you have done everything humanly possible so that they will do right, yet still everything seems not to be working. There's a power at work on the inside of you to turn every situation around for your good. Speak God's word over your children's lives by making positive declarations daily and you'll see the changes that you seek.

Every single time of the day, you've got to be conscious of the power of God on your inside. Never lose sight of who you are in Christ. Glory to God!

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**Further Study:** Ephesians 3:20

## **DAY 20**

### **TOPIC: YOU TOO SHOULD RAISE THE DEAD**

**TEXT: 1 Kings 17:21-24**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. 22 And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. 23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. 24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth.”*

The resurrection of the Zarephath woman's child is a proof that God does not delight in the death of children who have barely lived on earth. Much more, God isn't the one responsible for their deaths. This same miracle of raising the dead, as it happened through the hand of Elijah, occurred many times in scriptures. Other instances happened through the hands of Elisha, Jesus, Peter and Paul.

Beyond all reasonable doubts, only the Spirit of God made it possible for life to return into a lifeless body. It should also be noted that, not until Jesus had risen, no servant of God that lived prior to that time had the indwelling presence of the Spirit. Yet, the resurrection of dead bodies was a reality to them. In our day, the promise of God has been substantiated in the Holy Spirit.

Moreover, we have been sealed with him! Hence, whoever made the miracle of resurrection of dead bodies possible is now fully resident in us. This further implies that at any point in time, the power to raise dead bodies is always available with a believer; he is a mobile resurrection dispenser!

Any time you see a premature death, be proactive enough to call such dead bodies back to life! Resurrection is not an uncertainty to us, for God is always sure! In Him is yes, and yes alone.

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**Further Study: 2 Kings 4:18-37**

## **DAY 21**

**TOPIC: LIKE PASSIONS**

**TEXT: JAMES 5:17**

**Written by: HARRISON AYINTETE**

*James 5:17 “Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.”*

The Apostle James makes a good example of Prophet Elijah, he elucidates to us a very profound truth; Elijah was a man of like passions, a man subject to like circumstances, subject to like temptations, subject to like frailties.

Many times, when we read the scriptures, especially the acts of the Prophets of old, we wonder what manner of men they were, what supernatural adventures they walked, what wonders they wrought and in our modern, civilized world, we may not be in touch with their personalities, we may even feel the circumstances they were in was favorable to their faith, or they were wired up differently.

The Apostle James defeats that notion very loudly, the prophet Elijah was a man of like passion, a man subject to like-feelings, like-fears, like-circumstances, but he prayed! He prayed! He prayed! The bible says he prayed EARNESTLY!

His prayer was so steadfast, it affected the weather, it affected the topography, and it affected rainfall, not just for a day or two but a couple of years.

Look what example we have in prophet Elijah, a man subject to like passions, but changed the course of life via prayers, this solidifies our confidence, our victory, our hope. Today as we pray, we are assured of the miraculous, we are assured of the supernatural, we are assured of glory!

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## DAY 22

### TOPIC: BELIEVE WHEN YOU PRAY

TEXT: Mark 5:25-29

Written by: MAY AYINTETE

*“And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood, twelve years, and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, when she heard of Jesus came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, if I may but touch his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightaway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.”*

The woman that was mentioned in the above text had an earnest desire to be healed of her long-term disease. She probably had heard a great deal about the miracles that Jesus performed wherever he went; how he showed compassion on people and healed them. Hence she had an unwavering confidence in Christ's healing power. She pressed through the crowd and wouldn't take no for an answer. She kept her focus on Jesus.

Though there wasn't any connection between the touch of Jesus' robe and the cure that she sought but she thought to put her faith to work. Her faith was only appropriating what Jesus was willing to give. It produced an image in her mind of being made whole. She kept saying in her heart “if I may but touch his clothes, I shall be whole.”

Beloved, when you pray, what you say about God and his word matters. Declare the finished work of Christ. See your needs met. See yourself and your family whole. Mark 11:23 says “...whosoever shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.” When you pray, create pictures in your heart of those desires you want met.

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**Further Study:** Hebrews 11:6

## **DAY 23**

**TOPIC: LOVE IS THE KEY!**

**TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1**

**Written by: HARRISON AYINTETE**

*“I Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become [as] sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.”*

The Apostle Paul admonishes us to pursue love, seek after charity (love), and be fervent in our manifestation of love. He lets us know the importance of this in the use of spiritual gifts. When we see physically impotent folks, are we moved with compassion?

When we see people in confusion, are we moved with love to give them a word of knowledge or wisdom that will give them a light, a hope, an assurance of God’s goodness? When we meet people who are not saved, our Muslim friends, atheist friends etc, are we moved with compassion for their eternal end? Are we moved with love to preach to them and activate spiritual gifts that will make their coldness give way to the love in Christ?

When we meet people who are starving and hunger, do we seek to meet their physical needs and exhort them to honest labour; ignite hope and faith in them that they may be on their toes, to live an abundant life which God wills for them?

Apostle Paul unveils to us that our first passion shouldn’t be to speak in tongues or interpret or heal etc. Our passion should be to edify ourselves in God’s love (Jude 20-21) and edify others. We are to be pulsated by God’s love, not a desperate attempt to show off or to impress, for spiritual gifts are the expression of God’s love to us and the world. Let’s be zealous with love and we shall always have cause to bless lives with God’s gifts within us.

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## DAY 24

**TOPIC: NO CONDEMNATION**

**TEXT: ROMANS 8:1**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

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

The word “condemnation” in this text is not talking about not feeling guilt when one has done something bad. The Greek word translated as condemnation here is “*katakrima*.” It refers to “an adverse sentence, verdict or eternal damnation.”

The present reality of the believer is that he is no longer condemned by God. He has passed the condemnation of death and he has received justification unto life. This truth is not conditional. The latter part of that text is not to say that the man in Christ will not be condemned if only he walks after the Spirit and not after the flesh. There are no “ifs” in this matter. It only explains further that the man in Christ walks not after the flesh but after the Spirit. In verse 9 of our text verse, Apostle Paul emphasized more that the believer is not in the flesh, but in the Spirit.

That the believer is no longer condemned by God does not mean that his conscience cannot blame him when he does something wrong. However, this blame or condemnation is not from God. A believer’s conscience has been purged by the blood of Christ to serve the living God. The believer is never to forget that even if his heart blames him, God is greater than his heart. This implies that the word of God which is “NO MORE CONDEMNATION” is greater than what the heart speaks.

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**Further Study:** John 5:22-24; 1 John 3:20; 1 Corinthians 6:17

## **DAY 25**

**TOPIC: TOTALLY FORGIVEN**

**TEXT: COLOSSIANS 1:14**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“...in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins...”*

God does not keep any record of our sins; however grievous they are or they might be because Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross was sufficient enough to pay for our past, present, and future sins.

Most people have the impression that it is only the sins that they committed right from when they were born until the day they became born-again that are forgiven. So right after they become born-again, they begin to confess their sins daily because they think if they don’t, they’ll never be forgiven.

There’s nothing anyone can do to wash away his or her sins that Jesus hasn’t already done on the cross. It is not by our weekly confession in church on Sundays. We have redemption through his **blood**.

You’ve got to be consistent in your believing that you have total forgiveness because of Jesus’ blood. So, instead of being conscious of your sins and condemn yourself every single time you commit a wrong, just thank the Lord for his perfect sacrifice on the cross that’s cleansed all your sins and live a victorious life. Hallelujah!

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**Further Study:** Romans 3:25; Romans 8:1

## DAY 26

**TOPIC: HUMILITY**

**TEXT: 1 TIMOTHY 6:3-4**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*“If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,”*

The bible was written by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost and it is translated into different languages for the reader's comprehension. While it is good to look up bible words from the English dictionary, it is however important to know that the right meaning of the words used in the bible are understood better by reading them in the context which they are used.

It is very clear from our text that the man who consents not to the doctrine of our Lord Jesus is proud. Hence, the word humility has a contextual meaning which is agreeing with the word of God. Many believers have a dangerous attitude of not agreeing with what the word of God says about them. When the word says “as He is so we are on earth,” they still see themselves as inferior to God. They call themselves slaves of God when God has made them joint heirs with Christ. Their motive for doing this could be in the bid to be humble. The word of God is clear that when we agree with the word, then we are humble. Jesus' humility was revealed by him accepting his equality with God.

As you study the word today, choose to be humble by agreeing with what the word says about you as a believer. The true reality about who you are is seen in Christ, to disapprove this is to be proud.

**Confession:** I am who God says I am. I do what the Word says I can do.

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**Further Study:** Philippians 2:6; John 10: 30-33

## **DAY 27**

**TOPIC: NEVER IGNORE PROPHECIES**

**TEXT: ISAIAH 55:10-11**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper [in the thing] whereto I sent it.”*

Prophecies are God’s spoken words to us! They come to us in spiritual meetings and fellowships of the brethren. Many times, we can be tempted to lose sight of the potency of prophecies, and disregard them as though they were man’s mere words. Although prophecies are often given by men, we must never forget that they are inspired of God whose knowledge is not limited to the confines of time.

Prophecies are so powerful that the whole story of man’s redemption in Christ is a play out of God’s prophecy in Genesis 3:15. Even though it seemingly took long, God kept the integrity of His word. No wonder Paul instructed Timothy never to neglect the gift he received by prophecy (1 Timothy 4:14). He also instructed the Corinthian Church never to neglect prophesying.

In several portions of the bible, the potency and the eternal strength of God’s word is emphasized again and again (Numbers 23:19; Psalms 12:6). In the midst of several challenges and difficulties that try to suggest God’s word as a lie, you must never forget that God is not a man that he should lie. His eternal personality is anchored on the integrity of his word! If he has promised, he’s ever willing, able and faithful to perform it! He will never deny himself. His word has never failed; it won’t start failing with you. Lay hold on those prophecies you have ignored, and never stop trusting.

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**Further Study:** Psalm 119

## **DAY 28**

### **TOPIC: GOD MAKES A WAY OF ESCAPE**

**TEXT: 1 Corinthians 10:13**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”*

Temptations are common experiences of every believer. At one point or the other in our lives, we might be misconstrued, abused, slandered and the likes. We experience those because we live in a fallen earth and any man that doesn't encounter such is already in heaven with God.

The above text tells us that though we encounter temptations, God is faithful to make a way of escape for us. He's got an immutable character of keeping his promises to his children. Physically speaking, we might not have the capability to overcome trials and temptations but glory to God, we have the Spirit of God on our inside, and He is more than willing to help us overcome any situation and come out stronger.

God promises to provide a way of escape for the believer when he faces temptation in order for the believer not to fall into sin (Psalms 125:3).

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**Further study: Psalms 23:3**

## **DAY 29**

**TOPIC: VAIN IN ITSELF**

**TEXT: Ecclesiastes 1:2**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*“Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.”*

Human needs are insatiable. Therefore, the pursuit to acquire wealth and material things is endless. Such material things like houses, cars, clothing, shoes and so on, are needed and important for physical upkeep in this world of ours. But the believer is not to be overtaken with the pursuit of these things as he knows that they have no eternal value.

King Solomon upon all his wealth and accomplishments still counted all to be vanity. Even though it is not wrong to be materially successful, it is wrong to be driven by material success. Apostle Paul warned Timothy against the love of money. He clearly stated that the love of money is the root of evil. Hence, the burning and intense desire to gather up wealth all to oneself is not a believer’s character.

The right use of our material wealth and accomplishments is for the propagation of the gospel. We must note that the gospel is potent in itself and does not require money to make it valid. However, there would be a massive spread of the gospel if individuals can commit their incomes to this course. This attribute was recorded of the early church.

Upon this knowledge, it is important for us to adhere and stay with God’s word. The word of God is truth and life. Let the word of God guide the use of whatever material things we acquire. For a material thing is vain in itself but yields eternal rewards when used for an eternal purpose.

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**Further Study: 1 Timothy 6:9-10; Proverbs 1:19**

## **DAY 30**

**TOPIC: WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THE GOSPEL?**

**TEXT: Matthew 28:19-20**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*“19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen”*

It is the Lord's desire that we go into all the nations of the earth, and make disciples of all men. The grace which we have all received is a call to responsibility and not otherwise. Now, that we have freely received the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the accompanying benefits, our paramount goal must be to get others saved. We must ask ourselves very sincere questions such as: “What am I doing with the gospel?” By asking this question, we'll be able to do more if we have started doing something, and to start doing something if we have been doing nothing.

Reaching all the nations of the earth starts by witnessing to one person at a time. You don't necessarily have to be able to travel to another country. Before you crave travelling to another country, what have you done in your neighbourhood? How about your school, your office, and so on? What have you done in these places? Now that you understand that it is only through belief in Jesus' sacrifice on the cross that a man is saved, sanctified, and perfected forevermore, what are you doing with that knowledge? Are you putting it to use by teaching others who are uninformed like you were at one time? Or, are you just accumulating knowledge for no purpose? Getting correct information as regards what Jesus has done for us is good. However, this must be to an end; that we may be able to teach others also.

Dearly beloved, what are you doing with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ? Are you making the savour of his name manifest by preaching the gospel in all places? Get responsible with the gospel today by preaching the good news of Jesus, and see the lives of men transformed.

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