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elcome to new and existing readers and recipients of this 'AFD Monthly Teaching Publication'. The theme for this August is

'THE PATH TO AUGUST YOUR LIFE IN DIGNITY'.

THE PATH TO AUGUST YOUR LIFE IN DIGNITY

"The Achievers' Gracious Act That Enables Living A Dignified Life"

As always thanks to the recipients who have given us feedback and blessed testimonies of God's gracious acts in their lives, thanks to the Monthly TEACHING Newsletter; Also, thanks to those who have sown gracious seeds into this ministerial work in order to advance the kingdom and to keep the enemy at bay. I pray you know and understand this gracious word of King David in 1 Samuel 30:24 "... but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike." meaning that we share the gracious blessings that accompany this work in the Lord. Amen!

I pray that God keeps inspiring, revealing and empowering you all; to quench your thirst and feed your hungry being with His truth and righteousness through this sound and unadulterated 'AFD Monthly TEACHING Newsletter' of His grace. By your continuous feedback and testimonies we are inspired to aspire, to fuel and keep the flames of the gracious altar burning, trusting God the more to bring this month edition to you and many others.

May I say that we graciously covet your prayers as we trust God's grace to help us continuously to stand in Christ's stead; to keep God's living Word lively and readily available and reachable until Christ returns. Amen!





SCRIPTURAL READING

Psalms 16:11 "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

Proverbs 4:18 "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day"

John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Psalms 37:23-24 "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand."

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PROPHETIC DECLARATION

Firstly, know that God wants you to have a dignified life; hence He wants to august your life in this month of AUGUST. A life that is complete and engrossed with worth in all situations and circumstances. A life full of grace, without limit and bounds in order to endorse, enact, insure, assure and authenticate that REDEMPTION is not only real but is true, vital and legal to God. In order to endorse this great month, the good Lord has given me a prophetic word of grace for this month. It's taken from:

Psalms 16:11 "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

Proverbs 4:18 "But the path of the [uncompromisingly] just and righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines more and more (brighter and clearer) until [it reaches its full strength and glory in] the perfect day [to be prepared]" (Amplified).

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I pray that as you turn into this month of August, being the eighth of the year, that it shall be the beginning of months for you. A month in which you will live and reign in the path of majesty, in dignity, eminent, revered, admired, venerable and lordly; A life where all things are under your control while you reign in the path of dominion. May you spend time in God's presence that He might order your life to greatness and peace – Jeremiah 17:12 "A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary."

Unlike Adam, I pray that this honour of being justified by the deeds of Christ as in Romans 5:1-2, your path shall ever shine and shine brighter and clearer and brighter until the full glow of you is shown around that all may see your great eminence of God; and then glorify our Father God, the Father of our saviour-King and Lord Jesus, whose presence is your source of life and grace. Amen!

May this month of number eight being August, turn your shame to fame, your disdain to honour and glory, your failures to success, your setbacks to stepping stones, your disappointment

to appointment; may your present lamentable situation and circumstance become your positioning for greater heights in life and godliness.

I pray that the good Lord will order your step, uphold you and help you to put on the same kind of spirit as that of Joseph of the twelve; who after hearing that Pharaoh wanted him, instead of going as he was in disdain, sorrowful and in a battered prison uniform, rather went to shave his beard, exchange his prison clothes with a dignified robe; assured himself in God that when he got to the palace of pharaoh, a place of honour, eminent, dignity, revered, he would not return to prison again which eventually was his story. Even though he knew that he was in prison he did not imprison himself as a prisoner, meaning that the prison did not have him, because the eminent one - Jehovah-Adonai - lived in him – Genesis 41:12-16.

PREAMBLE

August, being the eight month of the year represents a new beginning. It is the eighth of the Julian and Gregorian calendars and one of the seven months that is 31 days long. The name August means inspiring reverence, admiration, of supreme, dignity or grandeur, majestic, venerable, eminent, grand and lordly. In line with the theme, to august therefore means to be dignified, to be revered, to be admired, to be majestic, eminent, venerable, grand and more.

Genesis 1-2:3 gives the wonderful acts of God in creation of the planet earth and of all that is on earth, as summed in Psalms 24:1-2. From the scripture we see that by the sixth day God had created all His intended creation including man whom He also empowered to oversee all created creation; and on the seventh day God rested. **When God rested on the seventh day, what then happened on the next day being the eight?**

This is what I believe and conclude, that on the eight, man's new day was dawn, that is born to begin; meaning the eight was the beginning of man to start taking responsibility from the rest of God, to exercise his eminent authority to be fruitful, multiply, replenish the earth, subdue it and reign and live in majestic splendour, grandeur and dominion as in the scriptures – Genesis 1:26-28.

The eighth day was such a day of great influence and significance of honour and dignity, for man to take the chance

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and opportunity accorded him by the uncreated creator God to enhance his path of life in the path of divine responsibility on earth. It was a dawn day of becoming God's representative and ambassador on earth according to the scriptures – (Psalms 115:16; Isaiah 45:11-12; 2 Corinthians 5:20)

Do you recall your first time of going to school, college, university that you so much deserved and cherished, how well you prepared and dressed for it. Or starting that precious job, how you started it on a very good note with majestic show that you were around and capable. Or going for that first or special date with that special person, how much you gorgeously accorded yourself with such great value. Think of the situations that you dignified, accorded respect and honoured. This is what it means to august an occasion and precisely, to august this month of AUGUST!

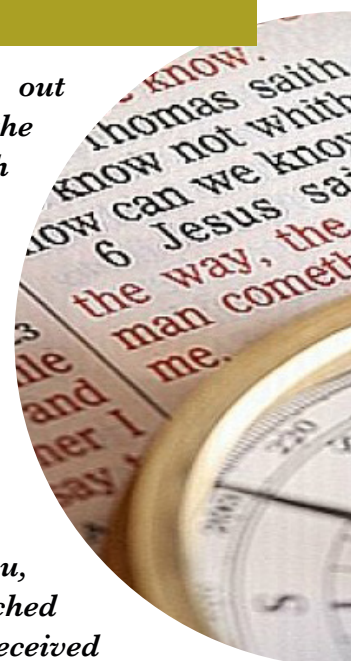
This is what makes Apostle Paul say, I dearly and earnestly magnified or dignified my ministerial office such that no man would disdain or take his calling and ministerial office for granted. Meaning, I august my office of calling – Romans 11:12-14.

I can therefore conclude that the number eight is the dawn number of opportunity to make a start and of a new day for man's new beginning. When God rested, mankind began in a great fashion, fashion of chance and opportunity, fashion of dignity, being revered, admired, majestic, eminent and venerable. You need to believe again in yourself in God to live and reign dignified. This is the month of AUGUST; august it again!

THE PATH ... THE WAY

Acts 9:1-2 "And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, 2 and desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. 3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven"

Galatians 1:11-24 "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12 For I neither received





it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: 14 and profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, 16 to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: 17 neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. 18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. 19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother. 20 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not. 21 Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia; 22 and was unknown by face unto the churches of Judæa which were in Christ: 23 but they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. 24 And they glorified God in me."

Acts 19:8-10, 22-24 "And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. 9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one

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Tyrannus. 10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks . . . 22 So he sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Timotheus and Erastus; but he himself stayed in Asia for a season. 23 And the same time there arose no small stir about that way. 24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen"

The path to august our life can also be likened to as the way to august our life. This means the path or way to live dignified in our life as achievers of Christ. The Christian faith was once called the way. Followers of the faith were called people of the way by critics who wanted to undermine Jesus Christ and the followers of this faith in God through Him. They considered the way or people of the way as intending to influence or redefine life as they claimed to have known it by sense knowledge hence there was a very strong stir, criticism and opposition to the way.

When you summed up Acts 9, Galatians 1:11-24 and Acts 19, we see how Apostle Paul, a one-time activist and an opposition of 'the way' became an instrument of use by the Lord to reach out and confront those against this way which he once opposed when he found the way, that is, the path to life and path of life. In his own words in Galatians 1:13-14 - "For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: 14 and profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers".

I hope that this months' AFD edition will not create such a scare. For this cause I will be considering the theme in these formats:

1. THE WAY TO AUGUST: WHAT'S THIS LIFE
2. THE WAY TO AUGUST: THE WORTH OF LIFE
3. THE PRINCIPLE ESSENCE: THE PATH TO LIFE
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There is a great reason to know what life is and to know also there is a difference in path to life and path of life. I pray that the sharing in this edition will help to enhance our faith and life with God.

THE WAY TO AUGUST

WHAT IS THIS LIFE

James 4:13-17 "Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: 14 whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. 15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. 16 But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. 17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

Luke 12:15 (13-21) ". . . And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? 15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. 16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully . . ."

WHAT IS LIFE, WHAT IS OUR LIFE WORTH AND WHAT CONSTITUTES THIS LIFE?

When you look at the world around you, whether in your vicinity or in the various media formats – [written (books, newspapers and magazines), spoken (television, radio) or Internet (wired or wireless - social media or other websites formats)] - it's obvious that we all have a craving for a good and dignified life. Sometimes at the end of the day, be it a good news day or a bad news day, the question is, 'Is this life worth living'. Sometimes when you do an evaluation of yourself and how much you think you have left to live for, you may then ask, 'What will become of me and all that I so much labour for in this 'LIFE' anyway?

It is because of these life matters that James 4:13-17 then asks, what is life or what is your life or what is life worth. People make several plans each day, even for future dates without a real sense of thought about what is life, who owns and determines this life that we so much cherish. More so, when you think that life have favoured you with substances which most people articulate to having a great, successful and achievable life. The holy writ concluded saying that life is as a vapour which appears with beauty and glory and splendour in the morning but disappears at the appearance of the sunset; hence the writer enjoined us with the need to firstly seek the one that owns and determines life, lest our act to life and act of life will be tantamount to evil

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doing and being proud and arrogant. No arrogant person has a place with the creator God – Luke 18:13-14; Isaiah 2:10-12; 1 Peter 5:5-7.

Apostle James, the writer of James 4:13-17 must have understood very well what Jesus said in Luke 12:13-21 especially verses 15. Jesus said that a man's life or real life is not measured or determined by the abundance of his possessions.



This is very shocking to hear when we consider the modern day's act of human pursuit to be a celebrity in all human endeavours as a symbol of achievement or success. That does not mean that possession in terms of prosperity is abhorred by the scriptures or by the Lord Jesus, simply put, having them or not having them is neither here nor there regarding man's real life.

Ecclesiastes 9:9-12 "Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun. 10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. 11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all. 12 For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them."

THE DIVERSE KINDS OF LIFE

A PERSONAL CHOICE

Romans 5:17 "For if by one man's offense death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)"

Revelation 5:9-10 "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth"

James 3:14-15 "But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from ABOVE, but is EARTHY, SENSUAL, DEVILISH. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from ABOVE is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy"

Romans 5:17 and Revelation 5:9-10 indicate that we have been made (note that it has already happened) and empowered to reign in Life.

What sort of life? One may ask if this is true or just one of those Bible statements of faith?

Whatever question it is, one thing is sure and that is, the act of life and doing life is real and real to all man born under the sun. God wants us to reign in life – Deuteronomy 30:14-16, 19-20. However, what kind of life is God's intent for you and how can one reign in life with all the joblessness, family breakdowns, relationship deteriorating, business closures, terrorist acts and world economy meltdown and more which surround us today in the world. It all depends on the kind or nature of life you have and are living.

There are four major 'Greek' translated words for 'Life' of which I want us to consider three of them, probably that will help you weigh in your spirit man – subconscious person - what kind of life you have and you've been living and how to consider what is expected of you to make you reign in life in all things and over all circumstances as an achiever in Christ Jesus. I know this by reason of grace in the Lord, will help you to tend towards God and will also enable and empower you to have life and reign in life.

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ZOE (GRK)

THE GOD KIND OF LIFE

John 10:10 "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly"

1 John 5:11-12 "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son; He that hath the Son hath life: and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life"

2 Corinthians 4:10-11 "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh"

The Zoe Life – God kind of life - speaks of the nature and person of God. The kind of life that God offers, embedded in us through Christ Jesus when we are born into the kingdom which will invariably affect the way we speak, what we say and how we do things, view things and conclude on things. The way we make choices and decisions in life depends on this God given kind of life if we must actually live to reign in life. It is the life in the realm of the Spirit – empowered Spirit of God. This is the life that you receive – eternal life – when you get born of God, it is the consciousness of what you have received and have in Christ that sets a new pedestal for your lifestyle in the kingdom. This life is based on inspiration, revelation and empowerment knowledge of God.

PSUCHE (GRK)

THE SOULISH (SENSE) KIND OF LIFE

of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil"

Romans 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God"

Romans 8:5-9 "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his"

The Psuche life – Soulish kind of life – is the life that is lived within the five senses of man – the sense to feel or touch, taste, hear, see and smell. This is the kind of life based on sense knowledge which sometimes constrains us to a laboratory and scientific test and some gimmicks approval for it to be an authentic life. This is the life that multitudes want to live on and still expect God to bless it. Hence the scriptures indicate how much we need to have our senses sensitized by the word of God if we may find the chance of obtaining God's will to enhance us reigning in life as in Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 5:14 and Romans 8:5-9.

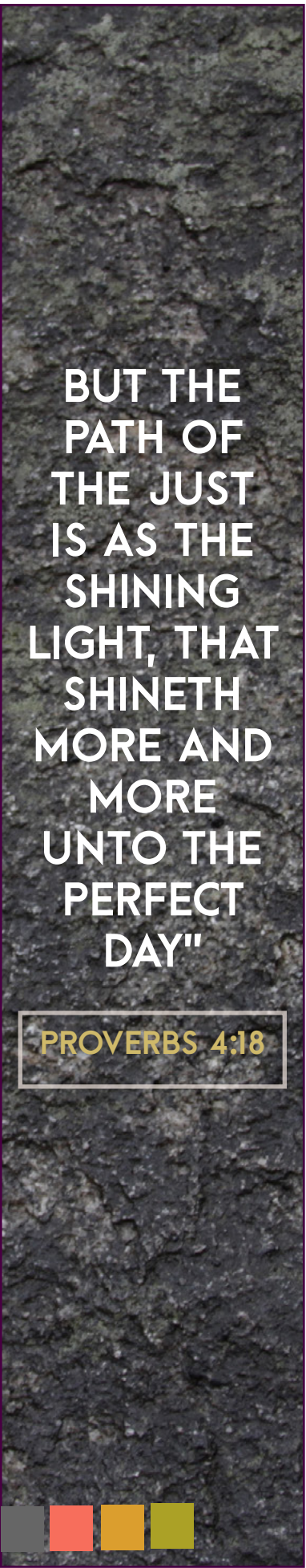
The life of the senses is the life that is completely ruled by our emotions, circumstances and detects of our environment. Here carnality operates, we walk by sight as the Holy writ says and those in this realm can't please God and can't reign in life by God. Those who live by sense knowledge are people who live by the direction of their mind, their intellect, their emotion – the human or natural influence. God wants us to have a sanctified, transformed and renewed mind which permits His word to enable us to both live and reign in life.

BIOE OR BIOS (GRK) THE BIOLOGICAL KIND OF LIFE

Acts 17:22-29 "Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwells not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply

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they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device"

James 3:15 - 17 "But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from ABOVE, but is EARTHY, SENSUAL, DEVILISH. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from ABOVE is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy"

The Bioe or Bios – Biological life – speaks of livelihood or manner of life or behaviour. There are lots of people today who by the way they live their life, it seems that they just exist rather than having and enjoying a life at all. Their life can be equated to the life of plants, animals or other created creatures. The Bioe life is a life built on mere human existence in which the sub consciousness and soul – mind or intellect, emotion and will – are not being involved in making decisions in their day to day life and activities.

In this realm of the biological kind of life, anything comes and goes with no worth attached to it. It's for this reason of a mere life as Bioe that makes people not to have instincts of God but seek other means of life and living life as in idolatry, magic, necromancy and such likes, since they can't fathom God. In life, even in some places called Church (we know who they are anyway), in their church life also, people are being modelled on how to live, talk, behave, answer questions, and make decisions without individual wills involvement. How can such a person have life, live life and reign in life? Know today that a mere 'manner of life or behavioural life' doesn't determine a man's destiny, only by the eternal life – God's kind of life - in a person is what determines his destiny.

This biological kind of life is the life wherein people equate their life to that of their pet. I have heard people say how they have more faith in their pet than in their spouse. As unbelievable as this may sound, it happens, hence a very befitting and dignified life and at death will be given to a pet than to some human life.

THE WAY TO AUGUST

THE WORTH OF LIFE

Matthew 6:25-34 "Therefore I tell you, stop being [a] perpetually uneasy (anxious and worried) about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; or about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life greater [in quality] than food, and the body [far above and more excellent] than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father keeps feeding them. Are you not worth much more than they? 27 And who of you by worrying and being anxious can add one unit of measure (cubit) to his stature or to the [b]span of his life? 28 And why should you be anxious about clothes? Consider the lilies of the field and [c]learn thoroughly how they grow; they neither toil nor spin. 29 Yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his [d]magnificence (excellence, dignity, and grace) was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and green and tomorrow is tossed into the furnace, will He not much more surely clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not worry and be anxious, saying, What are we going to have to eat? or, What are we going to have to drink? or, What are we going to have to wear? 32 For the Gentiles (heathen) wish for and crave and diligently seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows well that you need them all. 33 But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides. 34 So do not worry or be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have worries and anxieties of its own. Sufficient for each day is its own trouble." (Amplified) (Parallel Reading - Luke 12:13-34)

This is your month to appropriate your REDEMPTION rights and privileges wholly and completely to ensure that you live a wholesome life. God wants you to live a wholesome life; a life that is effectual and efficient, meaning a life of actualising productivity and maximising your God given opportunity to resource in terms of - Time, Effort and Finance.

Worry and anxiety are as result of fear. Fear is the devil's policing agent that goes about confronting, harassing and intimidating us in our day to day activities and efforts in achieving the basic necessities of life - Food, Clothing and Shelter. As important as they are, they are not the absolute life givers and sustenance that we deem them to be. In spite of any noble intention of

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achieving these basics, crime and corruption stem from the desire to achieve by any means possible.

These matters - Food, Clothing and Shelter - are costing individuals and nations huge bills today because of craving for even more than one need and to make this happen in one's life by every available chance and opportunity. People and governments are exploited in a bid to have, hold and hoard. Even within families, you find individuals and groups undermining each other in order to prove a point or even have more than the other. But think about it – are these the issues that give life?

Matthew 6:25-31 brings us to a place where we can realise that which is important and make decisions on how we see food clothing and shelter. The questions being put before us in verses 25 -27 are whether being concerned about matters of living a fulfilled and exciting life are more important than worrying on matters of food and drink in all our plans, purpose and pursuits. Also, if matters that make our body healthier are not more vital than the clothes that we crave for.

Many years ago, I remember being so fixated on how "stuff" was placed, positioned or looked after. When I say 'stuff', I mean furniture, clothes, food, household items etc. This focus and fixation on stuff may cause a breakdown in family communication and is no healthy way of living a fulfilled life. Simply because a man's life is not measured by the abundance of what he possesses as we see in Luke 12:13-34. In other words, a man's worth is not merely in the power he controls or in the accumulation of material wealth about him.

The objective of this months' theme, "The Path of Life", is to lead us to those important choices of life that the heavens consider more important. God wants you to have a wholesome life; a life of grace in your whole spirit, soul and body as 1 Thessalonians 5:23 and Hebrews 4:12-13 would want us to know.

Today, I make this prophetic declaration that:

"This day in this month, you will discover God and His essence and worth in life for you in such that the way you do life that contradicts His divine plans, purpose and pursuit for you may be reordered; and that your recovery will come to be as a result of you coming to His knowledge of the path of life; such that you will live of life that Christ Jesus offers you in Redemption and not live for life as in 1 John 5:11. That you might receive His wholesome life in your whole spirit, soul and body according to 1 Thessalonians 5:23; It's of such that you can succeed where others have failed, you may achieve where many have given up

hope, you may become in life where many can't be and you may be fulfilled and complete in God as in the Holy write of Genesis 26:1-5, 12-14 and Philippians 1:6 accordingly; I do pray that you may accomplish in life way beyond your thoughts, prayers and imaginable comprehension to what men may also intend or set for you; as the good Lord locates you, place you and crown you of His life as in Ephesians 3:20-21. May this day in this month become for your good and worth, and to have God's life in you and to have it overflowing as in John 10:10, Ephesians 2:10 and John 17:3 in Christ Jesus name, Amen!"

THE PRINCIPLE ESSENCE THE PATH OF LIFE

The principle essence of this months' theme which is "The Path to AUGUST Your Life in Dignity" is 'The Achievers' Gracious Act That Enables Living A Dignified Life" and is geared to inspire, reveal and empower knowledge and understanding that can help every Kingdom faith achievers, to august their life accordingly.

This is the month in which you can step up your position in the Lord to actualise and experience wholeness, completeness, perfection and maturity in grace and in all things that pertain to living life and godliness as God created and intended us to be.

2 Peter 1:2-4 "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

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

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God in redemption as 2 Peter 1:2-4 and Ephesians 2:10 indicate, has by His divine act of creation and power made available all things, which include food, clothing and shelter as explained in the worth of life and living above earlier. Our living the wholesome life and staying godly will not be obstructed if we follow His path of life. Many times the eagerness to have the basic matters for living has derailed many in the kingdom from the basic matters of life; and instead of enjoying God's gracious abundance as in John 10:10, we struggle through life despite all those things that are within our reach anyway, because we have missed the actual path of life which the Lord has created us to walk in it - Ephesians 2:10 (Amplified).

There is a great difference between 'The Path for life' and 'The Path of Life'.

The path for life is our own making of life's path which can short live us, cause us to perspire, stress us up and drain us eventually without the expected peace of mind and the joy of having it all in terms of the basics - food, clothing and shelter. Hence there are many rich or well to do folks committing suicide today and others into drugs and all sorts of drunkenness and excessive vices despite all they claim to have worked, celebrated, inherited or acclaimed by force as path for life. This essence for life is limited, can be crushing on its own, can be frustrating as it's an illusion and confusion of all sorts. It can wear us out in the pursuit to have it all. We need the path of life to sustain the path for life if we must have a reason to be truly fulfilled and complete with wholesome living as God has created us to be in Christ Jesus.

The path of life is the life divinely arranged as the pathway to experience a wholesome life, full of peace, sound mind, complete and fulfilling in spite of all things, such as: Food, Clothing & Shelter - Romans 8:35-39; Matthew 6:25-34. A life governed and ordered by God for the good of all in Christ Jesus; and it's a life without prejudice or vices to make one what one is born of God to be. The source of sinews of the being is of God and not of man as the following scriptures indicate – Ephesians 2:10 (Amplified), Proverbs 20:27; Job 32:8; Job 33:4 and Genesis 2:7; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16.

This life refreshes from within, that is, inside out, by the indwelling Spirit of creation that created the human spirit and not by the bottles of champagne or class that we belong to. This human spirit is created to submit to God, serve Him and worship Him in spirit and truth – Isaiah 28:9-12; Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 3:3 and John 4:24. When we live and walk

in the path of life which is of Christ, living the path for life will become stress-less, worry-less and yoke-less; it becomes a life with complete fulfilling with sound mind and peace in the Holy Ghost as Romans 14:17 says "for the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost".

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Philippians 1:21 "For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better." (NLT)

Acts 17:28 "For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring."

Apostle Paul in the letters of Acts 17:28 and Philippians 1:21 indicates strongly what it means to have life and live or what true life and wholesome living is on this side of heaven. He indicated that we all in essence live, move and have our being in God and true living of life is living of God, in and for Christ. His package of REDEMPTION for us indicates how we need to understand this path of life and wholesome living in order for our faith to be effectual and efficient – Philemon 6.

This AFD AUGUST 2015 Edition will offer the path of life for you as the Psalms 16:11 above indicates. The Intention is for you to know and understand the difference between the path of life and the path for life and to be able to have a reason to live a wholesome life.

Psalms 16:11 being the context scripture from where the theme of the month is also being built up has two major principles of the path of Life which we will be looking at solely in this edition. These principles and essence are:

- Principle 1: In His Presence is the fulness of Joy and
 - Principle 2: At His Right hand there are pleasures for evermore.
- Kindly follow suit and be blessed accordingly, amen!

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Mark 1:35 "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

Luke 9:28-29 "And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. 29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering."

Hebrews 5:7-9 "So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. 6 As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. 7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; 8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."

Today everybody wants to succeed, excel and live a wholesome life. But life is far more than by chance and effort pursuits. In the kingdom of God there is a way and law of life – Romans 8:2; the way and law of life through which things works for those who belong to the Kingdom of God. The way and law of life that God has set as a pattern to make us live and walk complete, perfect and mature; to bring us to fruition in all life endeavours and in our cause on earth. A way and law of life to make complete and fulfil in all that concerns us in Christ and the kingdom - Philippians 1:6; Colossians 4:17.

To enhance our cause in life on earth and in order to have a fulfilling and complete good, there is something we learn from the life of Christ Jesus in humanity; that is, in order to actualise a wholesome life on this side of heaven.

1 John 4:17 "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world"

Matthew 6:10 "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Jesus in humanity was a man that cherished God's presence at all times. His cherished yearn of God's presence is the marked principle of the path of life. In order to experience the path of life with God we must cherish God's presence. Jesus at the dawn of His ministerial work on earth made the disciples to understand that their first primary job was to be with Him, and after that, He could send them forth to preach the gospel, heal the sick people and do the good and great work of God as indicated in scripture below.

Mark 3:13-15 "And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. 14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, 15 and to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils."

Jesus knew that until they had the life they could not preach the life. That until the disciples understood what the path of life entailed, they could not give such hope and grace to others. You can only offer eternal virtue that will make a unique difference on earth to someone else if you have it. It is through such experiences and convictions of the path of life through being in Christ Jesus' presence that embolden Apostle John in his epistle writings. He was bold to make known his assurance and conviction of faith. He preached the same to others in order for their joy to be full as in the scriptures below.

1 John 1:1-4 "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; 2 (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) 3 that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full."

Jesus had to live His life in 'the path of life', which is, through being always in God's presence as shown in Mark 1:35 even though He is the son of God as indicated in Hebrews 5:7-9; It was in walking on this path of life in humanity that enabled Him to experience a wholesome, complete, fulfilling, matured, perfect sound mind and in peace in His earthly ministerial

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cause. The scripture writing of one of such experiences of Christ Jesus was in Luke 9:28-29 (28-36).

This experience of God's presence, the scripture refers to as the mountain of transfiguration. As He was in God's presence, the grace and glory of the living Father God overshadowed Jesus and those that were with Him. An experience that the disciples with Him where in awe of and then resolved to build a tent there and forgo the life on earth. That gives us a glimpse of the awesomeness of being in God's presence. Today, with the indwelling Holy Spirit in us we can experience God's presence anytime, anywhere and anyhow. *Let's give it a go!*

Moses had similar experiences in many ways in the course of His ministerial walk with God on earth. One such moving experience is in Exodus 24:9-18, where the Lord told him how he would build the tabernacle or the temple of worship. Today it's becoming rare to see ministers and Christians in leadership spend sufficient time in God's presence to get direction on how to build the people (temples of the Holy Ghost) that the Lord had committed into their hands to look after them well – Proverbs 27:23. In order to experience uniqueness in life – marriage, business, career, governance and more - you must walk in that path of life wherein you can spend time in – God's Presence – to accomplish what you are made to be in Him – Ephesians 2:10 (Amplified)

IN HIS PRESENCE THE FULNESS OF JOY

Psalms 16:11 “. . . In thy presence is fulness of joy. . .”

John 15:10-12 “If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.”

1 John 1:1-4 “. . . 4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.”

1 Peter 1:1-9 “. . . Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

from the dead . . . 8 whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 9 receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.”

Joy is a feeling of great pleasure and happiness; remarked or expressed in other words as delight, great pleasure, joyfulness, jubilation, triumph, exultation, rejoicing, happiness, gladness, glee, exhilaration, ebullience, exuberance, elation, euphoria, bliss, ecstasy, transports of delight, rapture, radiance; enjoyment, gratification, felicity; cloud nine, seventh heaven, ravishment, jocundity, “whoops of joy”, humorous, joyousness, pleasure, source of pleasure, delight, treat, thrill and more.

One great remark I have known of God in life and ministry is that he wants to see His children happily blessed and with joy indescribable. If in the world, governments at all levels want their staff, representatives or ambassadors and all who work on their behalf to be well treated and looked after, God will not be foreign in dignifying with joyfulness His people who spend quality time in Him and with Him – 2 Corinthians 5:20.

Another great remark of being in God’s presence as the path of life is having and living joyfully. This is as indicated in Psalms 16:11. 1 Peter 1:8, 1 John 1:4 and John 15:11 to show how much God’s intent is for us to be joyful. Unspeakable and indescribable joy for you all the time is God’s intent; be it in being single in a relationship, marriage, career, business, gospel ministry, governance and more. God wants you to experience joy. God’s kind of joy, which is as a result of you being available in His presence; walking in the path of life as God had offered us all in Christ Jesus, the Lord.

To buttress this resultant effect of being in His presence, which is the – fullness of Joy - let’s consider two important acts of grace to give us such an effect.



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• WAITING UPON THE LORD

Isaiah 40:31 "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Romans 12:6-8 "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 7 or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness."

Waiting on the Lord is a great act of faith. In God's presence is the way to access the life of God that offers the fullness of joy. Waiting could be in the form of fasting and prayers – Matthew 6:5-18. We do know that fasting does not change God or his will, but it brings us to a place where God can transfigure us to be receptive of the fulness of His grace, blessings, deliverance, mercy and joy forever more – Malachi 3:6 and Isaiah 58. There is a tremendous fullness of joy, power and great result when such events happen in our Life. Fasting and prayers as a way of waiting on the Lord is to make one readily available for God's blessing and grace.

Isaiah 40:31 says that they, that is - whoever waits upon the Lord's presence shall experience the following:

- They shall renew their strength
- They shall mount up with wings as eagles
- They shall run, and not be weary
- They shall walk, and not faint.

Having your strength renewed every day will elevate you from stress to rest. Eagles stretch out in response to the movement of the wind. The wind symbolises the Holy Spirit. The eagle effortlessly flies above mountains of limitations simply because they don't flap their wings but mount (stretch) it out knowing the direction of the wind. In the same scenario, through waiting upon the Lord, the Holy Spirit elevates you. Hence you can run in faith not being weary as one that is beating the air and having no results as Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 9:26, but as the one who walk in faith and does not faint – John 3:8; Jeremiah 12:5; Proverbs 24:10 and Luke 18:1.

Finally on this act of waiting is when considering God's given plans, purposes and pursuits in your life as indicated in Romans 12:6-8. Whether you are called into spiritual ministry or called into any form of career in life, by the virtue of being a child of God, you will always need the grace to do the services required, hence the need to wait on the Lord for the enabling grace. Waiting upon the Lord will save you from stress, struggle, complaints, murmuring and such likes in your field of services to God and humanity. I therefore challenge you today to see the need to wait in the Lord's presence that you might obtain the fullness of joy, and to be able to offer joyful services to God and mankind in return.

• TARRYING AT THE WINE

Proverbs 23:29-30 "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? 30 they that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine."

Acts 2:1-21 "... 12And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? 13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. 14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judæa, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: 15 for these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. 16 But

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this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. . . “”

Psalms 104:15 “And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man’s heart.”

Tarrying in God’s presence has sometimes been misinterpreted to mean only tarrying for the Holy Spirit as the Lord Christ Jesus said in Acts 1:8 and Luke 24:49 which eventually were for that moment and not for all time - (another subject of thought).

However, in the context of the theme, tarrying here is about you spending time with the Holy Spirit, the chief director and executor of God’s purpose on earth through His Church, that is, you and I – Romans 8:1-27; John 14:8-21; 16:12-15. The Apostle in receiving the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, were likened to have being drunken with the new wine which Apostle Peter in response to their ignorance to their experience in Acts 2:1-21 indicated that they have just being baptised with Holy Spirit of promised as in Joel 2:28-31 as in other scriptures accordingly - Luke 24:49; John 7:37-39; Luke 11:9-13.

The Apostles honoured their first experience as we see in Acts 1:8, however in the course of time in life and ministry had to tarry again in the wine as Acts 4 would indicate. Acts 4 experience was to receive the boldness and grace to keep them keeping on in their God given plans, purposes and pursuits as a group, and to receive the enabling power and instruction to deal with their circumstances at that time. So, tarrying may not necessarily mean for a time but something we can do from time to time as occasions warrant us to in order to refresh the grace of the wine, in us, upon and with us. This shows that once baptised does not mean filled forever, but requires staying with the wine over and over again to accomplish divine plans in and through us that we may have the kind of results apostle received as thus here:

Acts 4:31 “And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.”

Ephesians 5:18-21 “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is

excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."



In the psalmist's writing in Psalms 104:15 indication of the WINE, OIL and BREAD can be deduced to mean that the Wine symbolises the Holy Spirit, the Oil as the Anointing and the Bread as the Word of God; Which in essence when you consider Christ's experience of tarrying in the Father's presence, it was an act led by the Holy Spirit as Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-21 indicates.

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit, the Wine, which is a symbol of the Father's presence that He might receive the oil and bread as the book of Matthew and Luke indicated. From the Lord Christ Jesus' experience and the outwork of that experience in His life and ministerial work on earth, we can learn of the importance of tarrying in the wine, the Holy Spirit. This exemplifies how we can receive grace from the Father God as touching the various areas of our life as it affects God's plans, purposes and pursuits.

We can't be engaged in God's work and not have continuous fellowship with God the Holy Spirit, the chair of God's plans, purposes and pursuits on earth in all of human phases of doing life and godliness. It pays to draw near to God as He will draw near towards us.



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James 4:8 "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded."

Proverbs 23:29-30 gives us a powerful understanding of the transformation and resultant effect that takes place when one tarries at the wine. From the negative implication of tarrying on the wine as in the scripture of Proverbs stated, we can see what the positive effect could be when we tarry on the Holy Spirit, the wine that Psalms 104:15 says it makes our heart (spirit being) glad and joyful.

This is reiterated in *Ephesians 5:18-21* "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

I pray you begin today to make friendship with the Holy Spirit, day by day, and not just once for all life time. Keep the friendship evermore as Jesus did, the Apostles did and many more did. Amen!

PRINCIPLE ESSENCE 2

THE PATH OF LIFE AT HIS RIGHT HAND

Psalms 16:11 "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: . . . At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

Ephesians 1:15-23 "Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, 16 cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 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, 21 far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head

over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

Ephesians 2:4-8 "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God"

Hebrews 12: 2 "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Further reading - Luke 22:69; Acts 2:33; 5:31; 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 6:7; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 10:12; 1 Peter 3:11).

The scripture has several usages of the term in KJV translated as "right" and or the "right hand" most importantly in reference to God. In some cases it's about speaking of what is right to wrong, and to what be just or what conforms to an established expectation, and to a place of honor or authority. An example as to what is right or right hand that can be typified is in the case of sharing an inheritance and the appointment of grace. This could be drawn as what Jacob in Genesis 48:13-14 did when he put forth his right hand to divide the blessings to Joseph's sons – Ephraim and Manasseh - before he died.

Being at the right hand of God could be likened to when a person of high position in life put someone on his right hand and gives them equal honour with himself and recognises them as possessing equal dignity and authority. This is what it means for us in being a heirs and joint-heirs with Christ Jesus as in Romans 8:16-17. This is also what the Apostle Paul writes of Jesus Christ in Ephesians 1:19-21 and of us in Ephesians 2:4-10 sitting in high places with Christ Jesus at the right hand of God our Father. Here we see God exalting Jesus above all others by seating Him at the right hand of the Father. This is what makes Philemon 6 a memorable scripture because it gives insight and foresight on how our faith can be effectual in us walking in the path that acknowledges all that Jesus has done in us to enable us to actualise the fullness of God in our lives.

The term "God's right hand" in prophecy refers to the Messiah to whom is given the power and authority to subdue His enemies as Psalm 110:1; Psalm 118:16 and Matthew 22:44 indicate. In Matthew 22:41-45, Jesus questions the Pharisees about who they think the

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"Christ" or the Messiah is.

Matthew 22:41-45 "While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? Whose son is He? They say unto him, The Son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make Thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call Him Lord, how is He his son?"

The position of the Messiah is at God's right hand. The fact that Jesus Christ is at the "right hand of God" was a sign to the disciples that Jesus had indeed gone to heaven. In John 16:7-15, Jesus told the disciples that He had to go away and He would send the Holy Spirit. So the coming of the Holy Spirit in the upper room on the day of Pentecost as in Acts 2:1-13 was positive proof that Jesus was indeed in heaven and seated at the right hand of God. This is confirmed in Romans 8:34 where the Apostle Paul writes that Christ is sitting at God's right hand making intercession for us.

Therefore, what we can say is that at "God's right hand", the Messiah, the LORD Jesus Christ, He is of equal position, honor, power and authority with God as before humanity - John 1:1-5, 14. The fact that Christ is "sitting" as indicated in Ephesians 1:20 and Ephesians 2:6 refers to the fact that His work of redemption is done and we His church has He highly exalted to sit with Him at the right hand of God the Father in the heavenly places. It thus means that being at God's right hand is being with Christ. Being with Christ is being righteous; and it indicates our being able to acknowledge and receive in fullness the righteousness of God as done in us by Christ Jesus as indicated in the scriptures below.

2 Corinthians 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Romans 5:17-21 "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21 that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord"

Righteousness exalts, it positions one for God's grace and blessings - Proverbs 14:34. The kingdom of our God is about righteousness, that is, our being able to stand tall and stay strong in the Lord and in the power of His Word and in the position wherein God has set us free in Christ Jesus our Lord – Romans 14:17. A position of identification with all that Christ has done in us that gives us the right to stand before our God without wrath, shame or guilt; It is where we are able to withstand the enemy of our faith in Christ Jesus thereby not giving him the room to accuse us and to hinder us of our place in God through our Lord Jesus Christ – Ephesians 6:14. If you've wandered away from Christ, it's time to return now in order to experience the grace of God by being at the right hand of God as the scripture intends for you in Psalms 16:11.

AT HIS RIGHT HAND PLEASURES FOREVER MORE

Psalms 16:11 "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: . . . At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

Luke 12:30-32 "For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. 31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. 32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Psalms 35:27-28 "Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. 28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long."

John 10:10 "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

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

God wants us to have pleasure and not pressure. Have you noticed that people use the phrases I am stressed, I'm under pressure, I am emotionally drained etcetera in order to emphasise that they may be undergoing a challenging time in their life? These phrases have been overused to an extent that leaves them misunderstood. We as God's children who want to achieve things as achievers in

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Christ must come to the understanding that when we stand at the right hand of God we are certain that the Lord's good will come to us. We don't need to make our case appeal to men but to stand on the unadulterated and uncompromising word of God that has such power to enable us have pleasure in the midst of pressure, stress and more.

Luke 12:30-32 and Jeremiah 29:11 give us a very great remark of the Father God heart and thoughts towards us; it's – fear not, that is worry not and do not be anxious for your life and living as one without hope and life in this world because, - the Father's pleasure is to give us the good of the Kingdom as we seek Him first. This profound statement is strong enough to take any person from stress to rest, from failure to success, from disappointment to appointment, from shame to fame and from a beggarly receiver to a giver. To enhance this statement of grace, Psalms 35:27-28 indicates that God does not only want us to give us pleasure, He also takes pleasure in seeing us succeed in life. He wants to see us triumph and win in life.

When God stands by you in all plans, purposes and pursuits, why should you worry or be anxious of how your life will go. Therefore, wake up from your stupor and see the glorious future that the Lord has in plan for you when you walk in His path of life for you as He has ordained – Ephesians 2:10.

John 10:10, helps me to conclude this section, that is, to let you know that God has given you a super abundant life through our Lord Jesus Christ. He wants you to have life and have the pleasure that accompanies life so that you can enjoy His grace. All you need to do is just to walk in the Path of Life as in Psalms 16:11 and Ephesians 2:10, then the rest is of God to bless you accordingly at His pleasure as promised.

PATH OF LIFE

IT'S ABOUT WHOLESOME LIVING

1 Thessalonians 5:23 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Hebrews 4:9-13 "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. 12 For the word of

God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

Isaiah 28:9-12 "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: 11 for with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. 12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear."

There is place of rest for the people of God as God rested – Genesis 2:1-3. Moreover, God wants His children to have a wholesome life and not being crushed, just as it's written in 1 Thessalonians 5:23 and Proverbs 18:14. God wants to see your whole being – spirit, soul and body enjoy wholesome living until Christ returns. Hence the way we do life as God's children must be in line with the path of life that He has set before us in the Holy writ by the Holy Spirit to make it all possible for us – Mark 9:23. Our Lord is not pleased when we have sound spirit but troubled in our mind and sick in our body; or great in our body but sick in our spirit and battered in our mind; or great in our mind but hopeless in our spirit and hospitalised in our body. The Lord God wants to see you wholesome indeed, hence the need to walk in the path of life He has set before us to make it possible.

From Hebrews 4:9-13, we know that there is a place of wholeness, a place of rest for the people of God. But it equally exhorts us to labour, that is, make faith effort to enter into this rest of wholeness, which is made possible by the Word of God. The same scripture says that God's Word has the power to diagnose our spirit, soul and body in such a way that we can be able to do and make life wholesome as earlier explained from 1 Thessalonian 5:23. It is your prerogative to labour and feed on the Word of God and to enrich your whole being – spirit, soul and body by the wholesome Word; and in such a state of wholesome feeding that you can make yourself walk in the path of life with ease wherein the blessings of God lie, that is - the good success, as endorsed in the following scriptures but not limited - Joshua 1:8; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Thessalonians 4:11 and 2 Timothy 3:14-17.

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To ensure that one is able to have refreshing rest that is wholesome, you need the Blessed Holy Spirit to lead you in this path of life. Those who are led by the Holy Spirit are the children of God, Romans 8:14-16 tells us. One major private life to give attention to strongly as to enjoying God's presence and being at His right hand, is praying in the Spirit. That is the refreshing that Isaiah 28:9-12 wants you to know and understand, as the scripture says that it's with stammering tongue shall the Lord speak to His people so that they may hear Him audibly and articulately. When you are weak and tired, when your body is frayed and you seem so weak in mind and emotion to continue, praying in the Spirit (speaking forth in tongues) is the way back to stay in tune with the heavens; and to keep up in the Father's presence to receive grace for a wholesome life and living in trouble times – Proverbs 18:14; 1 Corinthians 14:4, 15, 39. Praying in the Spirit will edify, booster and synergises your faith and keeps you strong in holy and righteous path of life, prepared for the Lord's gracious works in and through you.

Jude 1:20 "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost"

Jude 1:20 "But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith [[a]make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], praying in the Holy Spirit" (Amplified)

Ephesians 6:18 "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

Ephesians 6:18 "Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people)" (Amplified).

THE WAY TO AUGUST

THE PATH TO LIFE

John 14:5-7 "Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? 6 Jesus saith unhim, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. 7 If ye had known me,

ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him”

1 John 5:11-12 “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 10:10 “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

1 Timothy 2:5 “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus”

Acts 4:12 “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”

1 Timothy 3:16 “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”

Every one today, including the atheist seems to want to live even without ageing if that could be possible in the physical body or in hu-man nature. Man is a spirit being, he has a soul (the consciousness of the mind or intellect, emotion and will) and lives in humus - that is the body – 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 4:12-13. The body which is humus is subject to metamorphosis including death. The man that is in the body - humus - which makes man a hu-man being is firstly spiritual. It lives by the breath of God unlike the body that lives by oxygen. Because the man is the true being and not the humus, it's very life is what makes life dignified. Outside it there is no life in any human being.

Proverbs 20:27 says that the spirit of man is the candle or sensor of the Lord in man which searches and gives feedback to God and God to man as clearly put in this format “

The spirit of man [that factor in human personality which proceeds immediately from God] is the lamp of the Lord, searching all his innermost parts” (1 Corinthians 2:11) - (Amplified). Jobs 32:8 and Jobs 33:4 helps to indicate this life

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that man has by saying that there is a spirit in man; and it's the breath of God in that spirit of man that gives man life; the wisdom and understanding to also live and do life. The Scriptures further say in Romans 8:9-11 that any man that does not have the Spirit of God in them has no life in them, they simply exist irrespective of who they are and what they seem to be worth in the sight of men.

To august the life, we need to know the path to that life otherwise it will be disillusioned to such when the reality of who owns and determines this life shows up. 1 Timothy 3:16 helps to make an absolute conclusion without any form of controversy along with John 14:5-7 and 1 John 5:11-12 and John 10:10 and 1 Timothy 2:5 and Acts 4:12; that JESUS CHRIST is the path to life and the path to august one's life. Jesus is not one of the ways or paths, but THE way, THE path.

Actually He is the very life and the one under heaven that all that craves after God need to have an encounter with in order to have a meaningful living. Christ is the record of God to all mankind. He is the salvation that all mankind craves for every day. He is the life and the path to a dignified and eminent life. Outside Him, all forms of life are in crisis. Christ in you is the only reason to glory, that is to be dignified, honour and worth living for the heavens to reckon on. – Colossians 1:27.

Jesus is this life and this life that He is and offers is eternal life which is called ZOE in Greek as previous discussed in another headline. This life is the life that makes you who you are, for which you are created - man; it is a life of abundance in God through Christ Jesus the Saviour and Lord. It is the life whose source is God and it gives life to the human spirit when it connects or reconciles its way to God through Christ; who is the mediator, that is, the in-between agent for God and mankind.

1 John 5:11-12 indicates that he that doesn't have Jesus, has no life, that is, the God kind of life - Zoe, the life of divinity, the life that is by the breath and inspiration of God, the life beyond and more than humus that is by oxygenation.

The path to august your life in essence is that, that will give eternal worth, dignity and conclusion is the life whose path or way to life is by Christ Jesus as Apostle Paul will say in Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me;" Much more, as he will declare affirming his wholeness to the complete life as in Philippians 1:21 "For me

to live is Christ [His life in me], and to die is gain [the gain of the glory of eternity]" (Amplified).

Until a man's life has found the path to life which is Christ and in Christ, there is no charity good or religious fortitude or creed in practice that will make such have Zoe; the life of God, breathed in, upon and with the human spirit. Also the path of life is of no worth and equally meaningless when the path to life in one's being is undermined no matter the religious oblation and rights that one tends to observe.

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Luke 2:52 "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."

Proverbs 21:16 "The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead."

Proverbs 13:15 "Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard."

Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Proverbs 16:25)

Proverbs 16:7-8 "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. 8 Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right"

The path of life is the life styles that ensures, insures and authenticates ones path to life in order to august the life. Everyone wants a dignified, eminent, lordly, revered and fabulous life but wouldn't want to walk or follow the path of that life. It is not enough to know and have the path to life, one needs to live the path of that life so that goods may come unto one. In life, our yesterday, today and tomorrow is as a result of the life path that we tread on knowingly or unknowingly.

The secret of your life lies beneath those things that you earnestly treasure and follow after to shape what you are and what you become in life.

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Luke 2:52 indicates how Jesus in humanity increased, His increase was not by accident but that He followed the path of life that would increase and multiply Him, so that He would not be static in life – Luke 2:41-50; Mark 1:35. He knew that it was not enough to claim that He was Jesus Christ the son of God. He understood that under the sun and in humanity, in order for God's four dimensions of graceful life to become actualised in His life, He needed to follow the path of Life as Hebrews 5:7-9 declares of Him. And God's intent is to see all mankind walk in that path of life in order to ensure the path that august their life with Him.

Proverbs 21:16 and Proverbs 13:15 indicates that a good understanding of this path of life will attract favour but that those who choose to neglect it, their ways are hard. For anyone who wanders away from understanding this path of life will remain in the past; more or less among the dead, people of no usefulness, obscure people and not people of dignity, reverence, eminence and lordly. Such can't actually august the four dimensions of life.

Acts 18:24-27 "24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. 25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. 26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. 27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace"

It was this good act of understanding that ordinary Church members Aquila and Priscilla, who knew the path of life in the way of God and had to expand the understanding of the way of God to Apostle Apollos; even though Apostle Apollos was bold, mighty, eloquent and charismatic or motivational in modern days terms. He knew that he was limited in knowledge and understanding in the path of life for his august positioning, and that having a half understanding is worse as ignorance – Acts 17:30-31. Thank God he was humble enough to know the path of life, which eventually boosted his life and ministerial call. Will you be humble enough to know and understand!?

However, Proverbs 16:7-8 and Proverbs 14:12 indicates that

when ones way, that is, path of life is according to God's, He makes even ones enemy to assist and favour your cause of life and to achieve your desires in life. How many times have we seen people you don't agree with working for your good; even when they don't like you especially when they have what you need to make your life simpler and easier, God will make them friends for your good. It's all possible because I have seen it many times in life and ministry except when one walk in ones ways that seemly look good when indeed it is self, ego and not God. Definitely, such projects will not materialise and when they seem to be there they fall with time, because it's all man-made paths of life and not the God's Path of life.

Psalms 16:11 "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

Proverbs 4:18 "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day"

Psalms 37:23-24 "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand."

When our path of life is aligned or more or less derived from God's path of life we will shine and blossom in glory and pleasures in the fulness of God. That's what Psalms 16:11, Proverbs 4:18 and Psalms 37:23-24 convey to us. That God has the path of life and when the just in Christ follow that path and order, there is no darkness that will comprehend the light of their glory and dignity – John 1:5; Colossians 1:27. Ours part is to align to God's path of life; His part is to make us shine and be dignified with the pleasures of life.

WHAT THEN CONSTITUTES THIS PATH OF LIFE WE WANT GOD TO AUGUST US WITH!

Since we know in part, teach and preach in part hence I am only laying out some part that will enhance our being in the path of life in the principles that will be enumerated below – 1 Corinthians 13:9-10, 12. That does not mean until we have all or live each bit the Lord will not august your life. They are not commandments but are principles that might enhance you to achieve your life dreams in whole or part. God may work with one principle or two or lots or all depending how He is leading you in the path of life. We can't stick God to any of our intended plans. He knows our frames and knows how he deal

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with us individually - Psalms 103:13-15; Isaiah 30:21.

This is just a guide principle, only God and you can walk out the path as He deals with you in the path He has designed for you; hence we should not be jealous, bitter or envious or copy anybody in life because we are dealt with uniquely by the Lord.

1

KNOW GOD PERSONALLY & SERVE HIM THROUGH THE LORD JESUS

John 17:3 "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent"

Acts 20:20-21 "and how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, 21 testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

Daniel 11:32 "And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits."

2

LEARN TO WAIT IN HIS PRESENCE UNTIL YOU FIND YOUR PATH WITH HIM

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Proverbs 4:18 "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day"

Isaiah 40:31 "but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Mark 3:13-15 "And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth

unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. 14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, 15 and to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:”

3

DEVELOP A GODLY SENSE OF EXERCISE TO GROW YOUR FAITH IN GRACE

1 Timothy 4:7-8 “But refuse profane and old wives’ fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.”

2 Peter 3:18 “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.”

Jude 20 “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost”

4

LIVE IN FAITH & NOT IN FEAR

Luke 12:32 “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom”

Habakkuk 2:4 “Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.”

Romans 14:23 “And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.”

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

Hebrews 2:14-15 “Forasmuch then as the children are

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partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

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LIVE A LIFE OF DILIGENCE

Proverbs 22:29 "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men."

Proverbs 10:4 "He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich."

Proverbs 12:24 "The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute."

Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

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LIVE WITH A PLAN, PURPOSE & PURSUIT IN LIFE IF YOU MUST POSSESS

Proverbs 21:31 "The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the Lord"

Proverbs 16:1-3, 7, 9 "The plans of the mind and orderly thinking belong to man, but from the Lord comes the [wise] answer of the tongue. 2 All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirits (the thoughts and intents of the heart). 3 Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed . . .

7 When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him . . . 9 A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps and makes them sure." (Amplified)

RESPECT YOUR PATH OF LIFE BY UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES OF LIFE

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 11 “To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter or purpose under heaven: . . . 11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He also has planted eternity in men’s hearts and minds [a divinely implanted sense of a purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun but God alone can satisfy], yet so that men cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

Ecclesiastes 8:5 “Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing; and a wise man’s heart discerneth both time and judgment.”

Ecclesiastes 9:10-12 “Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. 11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all. 12 For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.”

Genesis 8:22 “While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease”

Psalms 90:12 “So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”

1 Chronicles 12:32 “And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.”

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LOYALTY TO EVERY SERVICE IN YOUR PATH OF LIFE

Proverbs 27:17-19 "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend. 18 Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured. 19 As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man."

1 Kings 19:20-21 "And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee? 21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him."

Luke 16:10-12 "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. 11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?"

Romans 12:3-8 "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 7 or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness"

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LIVE TO MAINTAIN HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS ON YOUR PATH OF LIFE

Proverbs 18:24 "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

1 Corinthians 15:33 "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners."

2 Corinthians 6:13-18 "Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged. 14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

John 13:14-15 "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."

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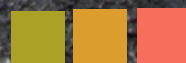
LIVE HUMBLY BEFORE GOD AND MAN IN YOUR PATH OF LIFE

Micah 6:8 "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

1 Peter 5:5-7 "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be

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clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7 casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

James 4:10 "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up"

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STUDY TO KNOW GOD'S WORD FOR YOURSELF

2 Timothy 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

2 Timothy 3:14-17 "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 15 and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Matthew 22:29 "Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God"

Hosea 4:6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." (Isaiah 5:13-15)



LIVE A FASTED & PRAYERFUL LIFE AS
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Matthew 6:5, 16 "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward . . . Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward."

Matthew 21:22 "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Luke 18:1 "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint"

Mark 1:35 "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

Luke 9:29 "And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering"

Matthew 7:7-11" Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven

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MAINTAIN THE HOLINESS WATCH IN YOUR DAILY PATH OF LIFE

Hebrews 12:14 "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord"

1 Peter 1:14-16 "as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: 15 but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy"

Romans 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Jude 20 "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost"

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LIVE DAILY BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR PATH OF LIFE

Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Ephesians 1:13-14 "13 in whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, 14 which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

John 14:15-17 "If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16

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And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you”

Romans 8:1-2, 9-11, 26-27 *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death . . .*

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you . . .

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

FINALLY

Psalms 16:11 *“Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”*

Proverbs 4:18 *“But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.”*

When we walk in the path of life, our path as the justified of the Loud, will ever keep shining until the job, the day, the expectation is done. God wants you to experience wholeness, be able to live and accomplish things in life, live a fulfilling life and be completely awesome. This is what Christ has done for us. I do believe that as the justified one in Christ, that you can make your darkness come to light by walking in the path of life

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wherein Christ has made you free and free indeed. Proverbs 23:18; Philippians 1:6.

I trust God that through this AFD AUGUST 2020 EDITION you will lay hold of your rights and privileges in possessing your promised blessings in REDEMPTION as you walk in the path of life that God has made available for you in Christ Jesus the Lord and Saviour. For to this end you will bring all things under your feet and control in enjoying and becoming what you are born of God to be in Christ Jesus. Meditate on the two scriptures below as I conclude on this month theme.

Isaiah 64:4 "For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him."

2 Corinthians 2:8-16 "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

A reminder once again that a man's ignorance is his own mountain and the knowledge of the truth will set him free. Hence I am leaving you with this AFD AUGUST 2020 EDITION newsletter for your perusal and as a guide of grace to give you food for thought. I therefore commend you to take time to ponder and meditate on them in prayers (Acts 20:32).

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However, this month's theme will be expanded in due course of the SERVICES & TIMES in all our meetings through the Month/year in "Scripture Pasture" Study and "Pastoral Messages & Ministrations".

I gladly welcome you, your friends and family to be with us in Fellowship and Worship. I promise you that you can never be the same again as you ponder over the truth of the unadulterated, inspiring, revealing and empowering living word of God. I pray that God revitalizes and rejuvenates you and all that is about you; so that you may become the very best of which God has created you to be in your daily journey of Destiny Moulding, Life Transformation, Dignity Restoration and Kingdom Faith Establishment, Community Social Enrichment & Development and Readily Prepared - Awaiting The Lord's Glorious & Majestic Return.

Until I come your way again or hear of you, have an amazing, majestic and awesome month designed for you in AUGUST 2020. which is entitled **THE PATH TO AUGUST YOUR LIFE IN DIGNITY!** "The Achievers Gracious Act That Enables Living A Dignified Life"

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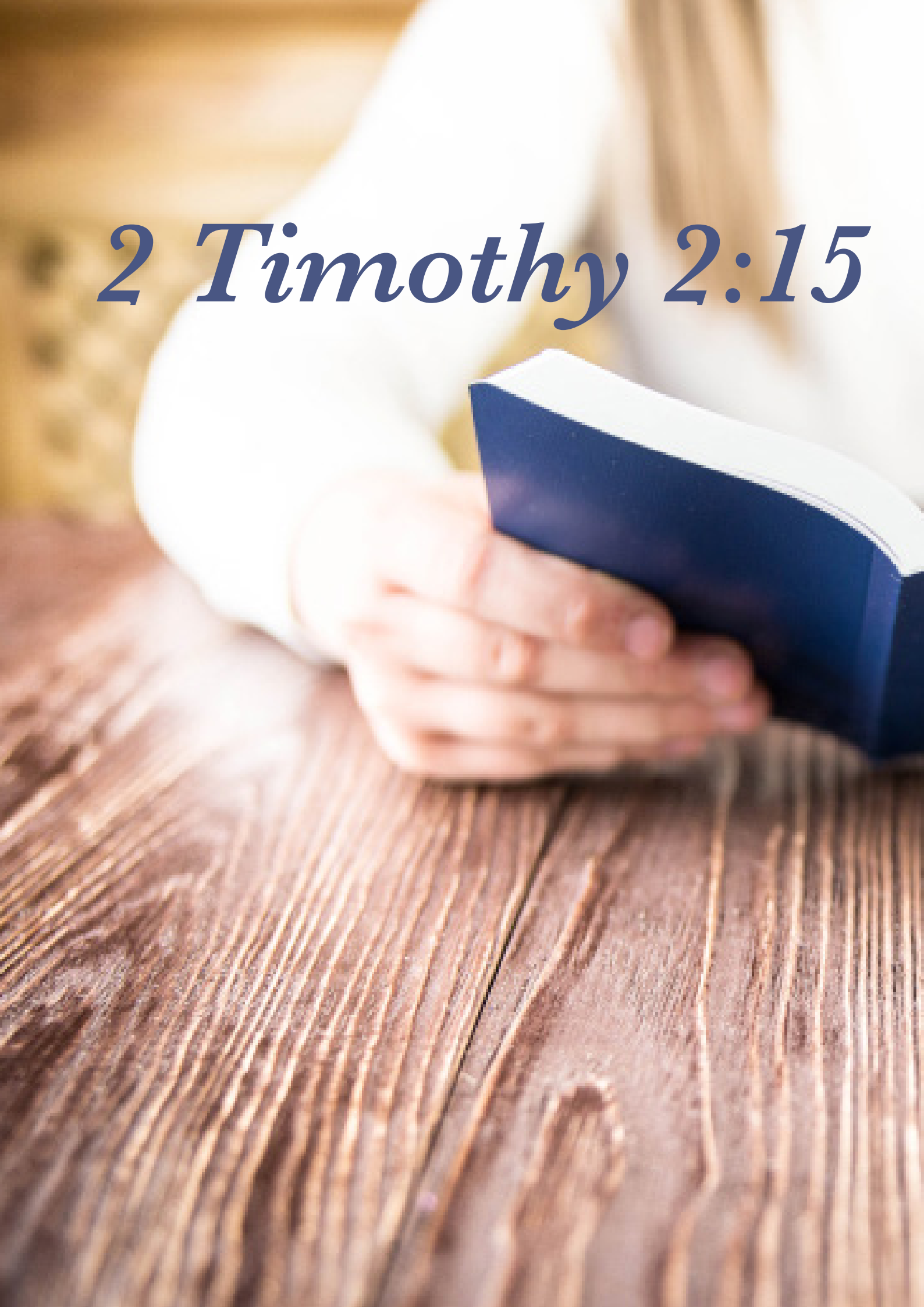
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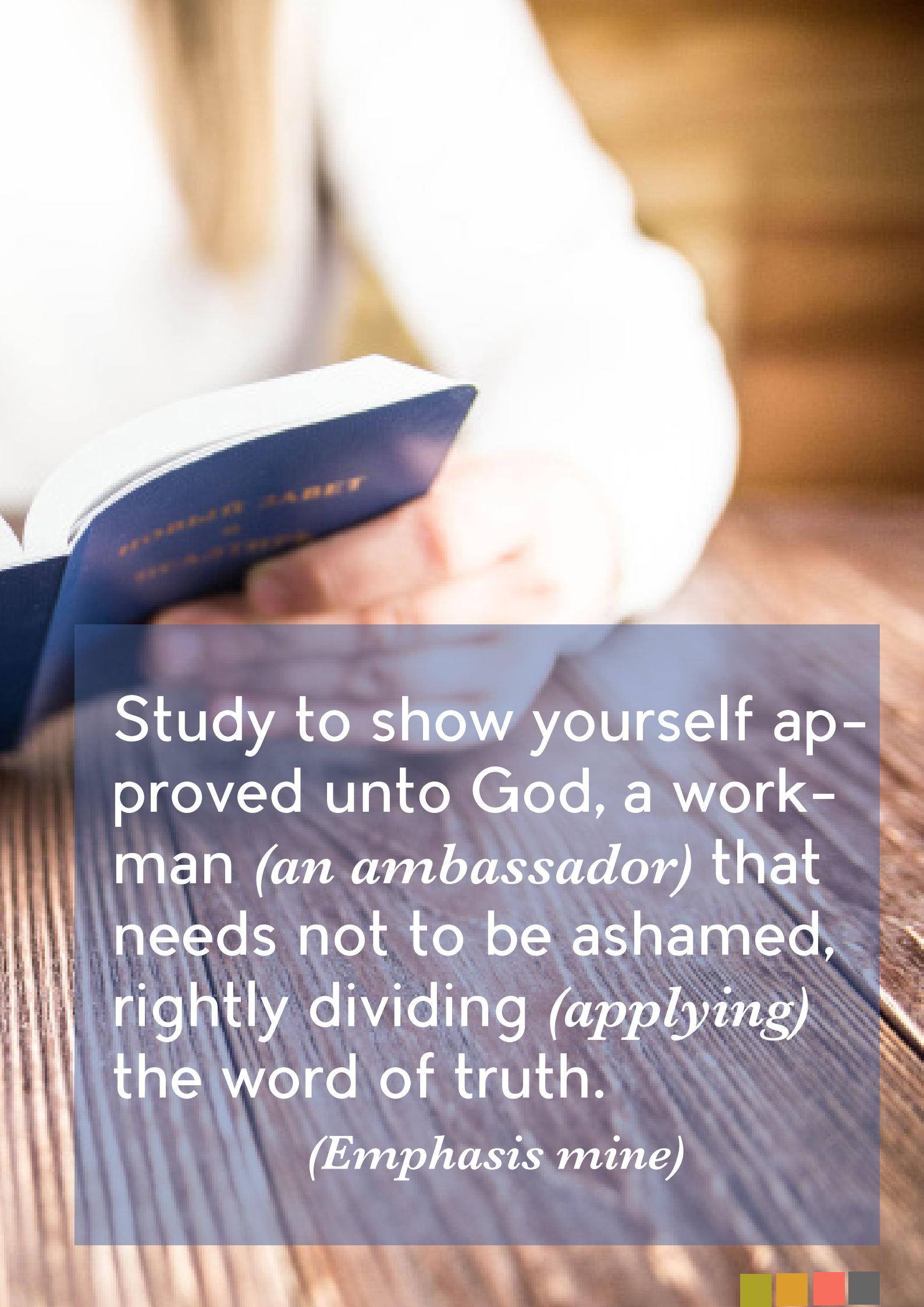


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2 Timothy 2:15



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Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman *(an ambassador)* that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing *(applying)* the word of truth.

(Emphasis mine)



“What *do you* KNOW?”

God moves in your life according to what you think and believe. It is through the Word and in spending time in His presence that we get to know God intimately. This then governs our thoughts and beliefs.

PROVERBS 4:5 ... Get skilful and godly Wisdom, get understanding (discernment, comprehension, and interpretation); do not forget and do not turn back from the words of my mouth. (Proverbs 4:5 AMP)

2 Peter 1:3 ... For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue). (AMP)

Everything that you need will come through what you know - through the knowledge that you have.

Or put it this way, the knowledge that you do not have will limit that which God can do in your life.

If I were to represent you in a court of law, I had better know my law. You may be innocent but if I cannot defend you according

to the understanding of the law of the land - you are doomed. People have been acquitted just because the prosecution may not have had the sufficient knowledge and not because of innocence.

In a similar way - when you know what the Word of God says about an issue that you are going through, you know how to benefit fully through prayer, through what you say and what you do.

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God according to Hebrews 11:1. What is not of faith is sin the Bible says.

Romans 14:23 ...for whatever is not of faith is sin.

It is what you know that will set you free. You need to understand that without your cooperation, the enemy cannot do anything to you. This involves putting on the whole armour of God ready as would a horse before the day of battle. It is not about scrambling to put it on when you see the enemy approaching. It may be too late then. Live ready in the knowledge of His Word.

Proverbs 3:13 ...Happy (blessed, fortunate, enviable) is the man who finds skilful and godly Wisdom, and the man who gets understanding [drawing it forth from God's Word and life's experiences], (AMP)

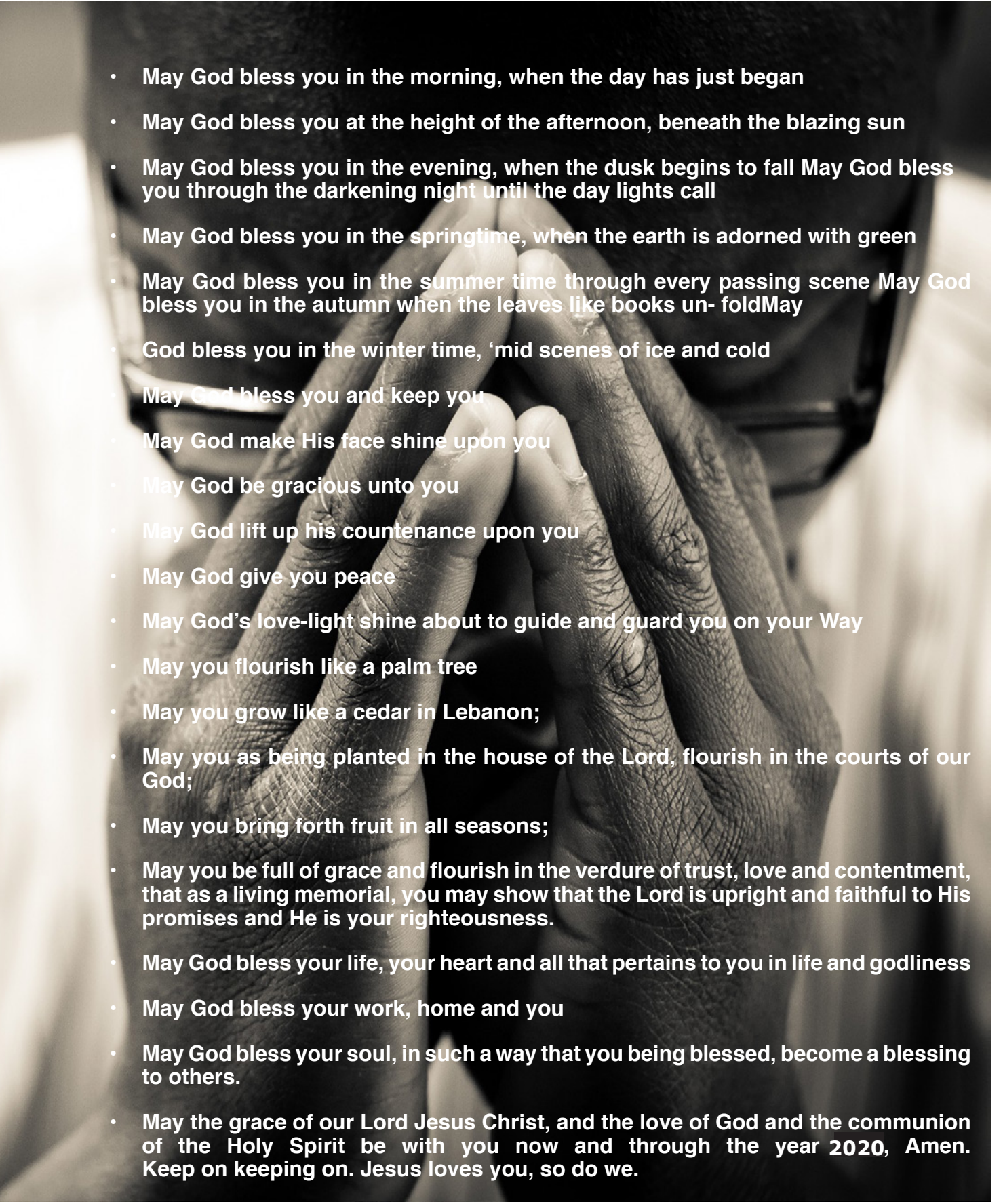
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HEARTFELT Prayers

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- May God bless you in the morning, when the day has just began
 - May God bless you at the height of the afternoon, beneath the blazing sun
 - May God bless you in the evening, when the dusk begins to fall May God bless you through the darkening night until the day lights call
 - May God bless you in the springtime, when the earth is adorned with green
 - May God bless you in the summer time through every passing scene May God bless you in the autumn when the leaves like books unfold May
 - God bless you in the winter time, 'mid scenes of ice and cold
 - May God bless you and keep you
 - May God make His face shine upon you
 - May God be gracious unto you
 - May God lift up his countenance upon you
 - May God give you peace
 - May God's love-light shine about to guide and guard you on your Way
 - May you flourish like a palm tree
 - May you grow like a cedar in Lebanon;
 - May you as being planted in the house of the Lord, flourish in the courts of our God;
 - May you bring forth fruit in all seasons;
 - May you be full of grace and flourish in the verdure of trust, love and contentment, that as a living memorial, you may show that the Lord is upright and faithful to His promises and He is your righteousness.
 - May God bless your life, your heart and all that pertains to you in life and godliness
 - May God bless your work, home and you
 - May God bless your soul, in such a way that you being blessed, become a blessing to others.
 - May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and through the year 2020, Amen. Keep on keeping on. Jesus loves you, so do we.

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THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD 7.30PM - 9PM

THURSDAY

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER 7.30PM - 9PM

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