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The Revelation that Changed My Life



After just graduating from university, I had moved away from home and was minding my own business, enjoying friends, and working in the pharmaceutical industry. Life was good! For a young man, I was making good money and was healthy and strong. I had no reason not to be happy and optimistic about my future.

I had grown up in Sunday school and had given my life to Jesus when I was 10 years old, but I had not taken time to cultivate any kind of personal relationship with the Lord. I was basically doing my own thing!

It all changed one day when I received a package in the mail from my mother. Inside was a Bible, with the following words written inside:

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

“In those days when you pray, I will listen. You will find me when you seek me, if you look for me in earnest.”

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (TLB)

It was the verse that would change my life! As I read the personal handwritten note from my mother, the reality of these

words immediately struck me! I ran back to the bedroom, fell across the bed, and began to cry. In that moment, the impact of this truth became so apparent to me. I remember thinking,

“GOD HAS A PLAN FOR ME? THAT MEANS THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIFIC THAT HE HAS CREATED ME TO DO! IF THAT’S TRUE, THEN WHY AM I CONTINUING ON WITH MY OWN PLAN WITHOUT GIVING ANY CONSIDERATION FOR WHAT HE HAS PLANNED FOR ME? IF I WERE SMART, I’D TAKE TIME TO FIND OUT WHAT THAT PLAN IS!”

It was this revelation that set me on a quest to discover the plan of God for my life and to fulfill His purpose. I began to seek and call out to God for HIS PLAN. It didn’t all happen overnight, but things began to change. He began to orchestrate things in my life to help me get moving in His plan. He allowed me to be exposed to people, places, and truths which would help me greatly! As a result, I found myself doing things that I never had any idea that I would do—things that were never part of my own plans or thinking! I was discovering God’s plan!

I want THAT PLAN!

Growing up I was never much interested in going to church or so-called “religion,” but once I discovered that The Creator of the Universe had already made plans for me, everything changed! I became intensely interested. I wanted to know what I had been created for! If God had made plans for me, I wanted to know what they were!

If God had made plans for me, then just picking my own vocation or simply working hard and “doing my best” wasn’t good enough anymore. I wanted THAT PLAN! I would later learn that going to church was only part of God’s plan for my life, but it didn’t end there! There was so much more!

As a child, I remember when spring break or vacation break was coming and my friends and I would conspire together about all of the things we wanted to do with our free time. All of this was well and good until I got home and excitedly told Mom about our plans. More often than not I would hear these words, “*But your father has already made plans for our vacation.*” My father had already made plans!

The same is true for each one of us today. Our Heavenly Father already has plans! He has taken the time to lovingly prepare a pathway and to chart out a course for each one of us to follow. This is not to be confused with “religion” or with merely going to church. God has plans! If only we will come back to Him and consult with Him about those plans!

These verses tell us that when we pray to God, He will listen to us. We will find Him when we seek Him earnestly, with all of our heart. I found out firsthand as a young man that if you mean business with God, He will mean business with you! God’s plan is real! As this revelation hit me, my quest began to discover God’s plan.

Why I Wrote This Book

For many years I never realized God had a plan for my life. I can honestly say that I didn’t know! Maybe no one ever told me, or more than likely, I wasn’t paying attention when they did! But once I found out, it was game on! Likewise, many people I encounter today don’t even know God has already made plans for them. They’ve never heard that **GOD HAS A PLAN!** They may have heard this verse in Jeremiah and can even quote it, yet it’s not a working reality and a pursuit in their lives. That’s one reason I wanted to write this book. I want you to be well aware of God’s plan!

It's impossible for us to cooperate with something that we are not aware of.

I've also witnessed much confusion about how to cooperate with God's plan. Many people wrongly assume that whatever happens to them in life is God's plan, as if He is just sitting back in heaven pushing the control buttons for everything that happens in our lives, both good and bad. But nothing could be further from the truth!

It wasn't long after discovering the reality of God's plan that I learned how GOOD God's plan was! It was "*a plan for good and not for evil.*"

I also learned that His plan would not happen to me automatically just because I was alive and was God's child. It was something that I needed to PURSUE, and to pursue aggressively!

I learned that there was a good God to submit to and a bad devil to resist!

I learned about the necessity to walk and live by faith, and that even though God had already set good things before me, it was up to me to CHOOSE those things and then hold fast to them!

I have written this book to stir your heart and awaken your faith to the reality of God's plan. What's written here are just some of the things I have discovered so far. They have been a blessing to me in the pursuit of God's plan, and I pray they will be the same for you!

There really is a plan! It's real! And it's a good plan!

— Joseph Kack

The “Big Picture”



This revelation “*The Reality of the Plan of God*” would be incomplete if I didn’t take time to FIRST clarify God’s GENERAL PLAN for all mankind, everywhere. It’s only as we embrace God’s general plan that we will be able to successfully locate and grasp His SPECIFIC PLAN for our own lives.

What is God’s general plan?

GOD’S PLAN IS FOR ALL MEN TO BE SAVED AND RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE (SALVATION)

GOD’S PLAN IS FOR ALL MEN TO BE SUPERNATURALLY EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

GOD’S PLAN IS FOR ALL MEN TO GROW UP SPIRITUALLY AND DEVELOP SPIRITUALLY (SPIRITUAL GROWTH)

With this framework in mind, you can see that it would be impossible to realize or fulfill God’s plan for your life without first receiving the salvation that He so freely offers. Scripture reveals to us that God desires ALL men to be saved. He is not willing that any should perish! Not a single one! His plan and desire is that all would repent and come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Jesus already came and died on the cross as a ransom for ALL MANKIND so that whoever believes in Him and calls upon Him will have eternal life! The eternal sacrifice for humanity

has already been made! The sin debt has already been paid! Jesus has risen victorious! [1 Tim 2:4-5; 2 Pet 3:9; Jn 3:16; Rom 10:13; 2 Cor 5:21]

THE FIRST STEP in understanding the reality of God's plan is to receive Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. Apart from Jesus, no matter how good a person's intentions may be, and no matter how hard he may try, he will remain a spiritual "outsider" when it comes to all the good things God offers and has made ready. That's why it's **VITAL** to receive Jesus Christ into your life! **It's impossible to walk in God's plan for your life apart from receiving His Son Jesus.** [1 Jn 2:23]

This is God's Plan! What? **SALVATION IS GOD'S PLAN!** For this reason, **an integral part of God's specific plan for your life is going to ultimately involve God positioning you to bring the message of His saving grace to those who have yet to receive it.** [Mk 16:15-16] God wants to use our lives as a witness and testimony of His goodness to those who don't yet know Him through a personal relationship with His Son Jesus Christ.

In like manner, **God's plan** for all those who have received His salvation is **THE SUPERNATURAL EMPOWERMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.** Yes, this is God's plan for all! Jesus was very strong and clear to set the precedent from the beginning when He commanded His first disciples to "*wait for the Promise of the Father*"—the Holy Spirit—before they attempted to do anything for Him. Jesus Himself knew firsthand that He was able to fulfill His calling and live a supernatural life because the Holy Spirit was upon Him. [Jn 1:32; Lk 4:14,18; Acts 10:38; Jn 5:19]

This is God's plan! What? **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD'S PLAN!** Without receiving **God's plan**—the fullness of the

Spirit of God—it is impossible to maximize your life as a witness for God and fulfill the greater measures of His good plan. [Acts 1:8] This precious gift of the Holy Spirit remains available for each and every believer in Jesus who is willing to humble themselves and receive. [Lk 11:13]

Lastly, **God’s plan** is for all men, once saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, to begin to GROW UP AND DEVELOP SPIRITUALLY. For a natural child, physical growth happens somewhat automatically with the passing of time. But for us, as God’s spiritual children, spiritual growth doesn’t happen automatically. We must give ourselves to those things which will facilitate our growth. [1 Pet 2:2; Eph 4:11-14] **God’s plan involves spiritual growth and discipleship.**

In order to realize God’s plan for your life, you must give yourself to a life of learning and application. This is real discipleship. It’s only as we apply the Word of God in our lives will we grow and develop spiritually. [Jas 1:22; Lk 6:47-48] **This spiritual growth is necessary in order for each one of us to fulfill God’s specific plan for our lives, a plan which also involves the training and discipleship of others.** [Matt 28:19]

As you are reading this, I hope you can see that not only does God want His general plan to be a reality in your life personally. But then, He also desires that as you grow up spiritually, you will play an ever-increasing role in His general plan being accomplished in the lives of others!

Without this “big picture” understanding of God’s GENERAL PLAN, you will never be able to grasp a complete and accurate picture of His SPECIFIC PLAN for your life. God’s specific plan for your life can never be fulfilled apart from God’s general plan, but rather it will further facilitate it!

The Reality of the Plan of God has been written to help you to go further in that specific plan. **It's your particular part of God's big picture plan!**

This is really what God's plan is all about! Each one of us receives salvation, is empowered by the Holy Spirit, and then commits to a life of spiritual growth. But unto what are we growing? What's the purpose of our growth and development? We are growing and developing so that each one of us can offer our own unique supply and contribution toward the furtherance of God's general plan...

...that all men may be saved

...that all men may be empowered by the Holy Spirit

...that all men may grow up and develop spiritually,
taking their place to be a blessing to others!

As I'm writing this, I realize that there are many out in the world who are not yet saved. Likewise, there are many Christians who have not received the empowerment of the Spirit that God offers. What does this teach us? Does it teach us that it's NOT God's plan for these people to be saved and then empowered by the Spirit simply because they are not? No. What it does teach us is the sobering reality that **God's plans, whether they be general or specific, do not automatically come to pass just because God has planned and desires them.**

He has given us, as believers, the wonderful privilege and responsibility of sounding forth and propagating the good news of the gospel of Christ!

And He has given all mankind the sobering place and privilege to CHOOSE LIFE and to CHOOSE HIS PLAN, if they so desire.

God will never violate the right He has sovereignly bestowed upon us, as mankind, to choose our own path. [Deut 30:19; Jn 1:12] God has done the hard part, the part which only He can do.

He has sent Jesus to pay our sin debt.

He has poured out the Holy Spirit.

He has set pastors and ministers in His body to facilitate our growth and spiritual development.

And now He has left us with the easy part. Yet, ironically, it's the part which only we can do, making it of equal importance.

Our part is to CHOOSE HIM.

Our part is to CHOOSE THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Our part is to CHOOSE A LIFE OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

Our part is to CHOOSE HIS PLAN!

As we choose these, we will begin to walk out the details of God's specific plan for our lives. But this specific plan can only be understood within the context of His general plan. *The Reality of the Plan of God* is a discovery of God's plan and how to cooperate with His specific plan for your life to the glory of God!

How to Use This Discovery Guide



This book and material was designed to **feed your faith** concerning God’s plan for your life and also to help you to **continue to navigate down the specific pathway** that He has prepared for you. I believe that the Holy Spirit has helped me to record this content in such a way that it will serve His purposes and be a blessing to you!

As with anything in life, what you put into this material will determine what you get out of it. Jesus taught that “the measure of thought and study you give to what you hear” will determine what you get out of it. [Mk 4:24; AMPC] We know that it’s the doers of God’s Word that walk in His blessings. [Jas 1:22] For this reason, I have included a **“FOR ACTION & REFLECTION”** section at the end of each daily entry.

As you are working through this simple yet life-changing material, **I would encourage you to TAKE YOUR TIME.** There’s no need to rush through it. Although some portions will speak more strongly to you than others, each and every daily entry explores a component of God’s plan which alone could radically alter your life. So, take your time and ENJOY exploring the reality that God has a plan for your life.

Approach this material prayerfully. Ask your Father God to give you “the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, and that the eyes of your understanding

will be flooded with His light.” Ask the Holy Spirit to live big on the inside of you as your personal Helper, Teacher, and Guide. And then...expect God to speak to you! Expect Him to reveal Himself to you! Expect Him to deal with you! Expect Him to show you whatever is necessary to help you experience more of His good plan! The Holy Spirit will bring you deep, but only as deep as you will allow Him.

I would highly recommend that you **approach this material with your Bible and also with a personal notebook and pen.** Take time to look up whatever verses you want and even some of the supporting scriptural references in their original context. You may want to even purchase a new “Plan of God Notebook” or to even open a newly designated section in your existing notebook. As you go through this material God will speak to you, but it’s important for you to make note of what He highlights to you. These highlights are your personal keys to success and progress and are not to be forgotten!

As you go through the daily content, **take time to write down your thoughts and reflections.** Write down anything that speaks to you specifically. Write down answers to the action/reflection questions. Write down anything you want! But it’s important to write something.

There is something about writing things down that solidifies things inside of us. This can be helpful whether you are writing down a revelation that you see or even if you are writing down a question in your own heart that still needs answering. God wants to answer your questions, settle your doubts, and remove your fears as you seek Him! All of this is part of the discovery of His plan.

I believe the revelations and truths presented here will build inside of you from day to day as you apply yourself to them.

But no matter how you decide to personally use this material, please do enjoy and be blessed! This has been especially prepared with you in mind!



31-Day Discovery Guide

Day 1

The Plan of God is Real!

*“For I know the PLANS I have for you,”
declares the LORD,
“PLANS to prosper you and not to harm you,
PLANS to give you hope and a future.
Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and
I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when
you seek me with all your heart.”*

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)

I want to share some thoughts with you about the plan of God and the REALITY of that plan.

There really is a plan of God for your life! This is not something that a preacher made up for his own purposes or for his own benefit. This is not just a message to comfort and soothe your soul when life becomes difficult. This is something that God has already declared concerning your life!

“I know the plans I have for you,” DECLARES The Lord. This is something that God has already spoken forth concerning you, if you will only receive it.

God has PLANS! He has plans for YOU. He has plans for your church. He has plans for your family. If you are called

to business, He has plans for your business. **God is The Great Planner and He has made some plans!**

God's plan is not something you need to try to figure out. It's not for you to guess and wonder about. Through Jesus Christ, you can go directly to the Father God and ask Him about that plan. You have an invitation and a blood-bought right to come boldly to God's throne of grace for yourself!

Included in God's plan are FOREORDAINED WORKS AND PROVISIONS just waiting for your pursuit and discovery. Such as...

- GOOD WORKS and ASSIGNMENTS prepared before the foundation of the world
- All the WISDOM that you will need to carry out that plan
- All the PROVISION necessary to fulfill that plan
- DIVINE CONNECTIONS and RELATIONSHIPS required to fulfill His plan

Wherever you find yourself today, I want you to know that THERE IS MORE FOR YOU, only to be found as you discover the reality of God's plan.

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION *Day 1*

Is God's plan a living, working reality in your life? Is it something that is regularly part of your thinking and factors into your decision making? Up until now, how would you rate "the reality of the plan of God FACTOR" in your life from 1-10?

When was the first time you remember getting a revelation that God really has a plan for your life? Where were you? How old were you? In what ways has your life changed since then as a result of that revelation?

Day 2

God's Plan is Shalom

*For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,
says the LORD, **thoughts of peace** and not of evil,
to give you a future and a hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)

God's plans and thoughts for you are those of PEACE.

This word "peace" is from the original Hebrew word SHALOM, which can be translated with the words "peace, health, and prosperity." It also describes COMPLETENESS, where nothing is missing and nothing is broken in your life.

This is what God has planned for you!

*Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright;
For the future of that man is peace (SHALOM).*

Psalms 37:37

Through faith in Christ Jesus, God now sees you as "the blameless man."

You don't need to settle for a life of only pursuing money and temporary earthly pleasures. You can acquire all the money in the world, but if you are sick in your body, stressed out, and your relationships are broken down, you are living far short of

what God has planned for you. His plan for your life is a plan of TOTAL WELL-BEING, money included!

God has already made provision for you to have this kind of life. And where can all this be found? It can only be found in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and with the pursuit of His plans.

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION *Day 2*

What have you been expecting lately? Is it really “shalom”? Or have you somehow allowed your expectations to be lowered?

What you expect is what you will attract! So, let’s raise our vision and expectation to match what God has promised us—SHALOM. Let’s expect that! And let’s continue our steadfast pursuit of HIS PLANS!

Day 3

You Never Need to be Afraid of God's Plan

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

Many people are afraid of God's plans because they don't know His character and His nature. This often makes it difficult for them to offer themselves willingly and freely to Him.

GOD IS A GOOD GOD! All that He plans and all that He does is good. [Jas 1:17; Ps 119:68; Ps 100:5]

It's important for us to be fully persuaded of God's character and nature. God is good! And let's not forget: GOD IS LOVE.

*He who does not love does not know God,
for GOD IS LOVE.*

1 John 4:8

LOVE would never plan something bad for you. He will never, ever harm you! He has not planned destruction for your life. If LOVE makes a plan for you, you can trust LOVE'S PLAN!

YOU NEVER NEED TO BE AFRAID OF GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE. In fact, in order to discover greater measures of His plan, you will need to more fully abandon yourself to Him, knowing full well that you can trust Him with your life and with your future.

Jesus is standing at the door knocking. [Rev 3:20] He wants to come in and fellowship with you. He wants to reveal the next parts of His specific plan for your life. It's as if the Lord is saying this to each one of us: *"I've prepared it all for you, but will you let Me take you down that path?"*

Remember, God is a perfect gentleman. He won't force you to do His will. He will knock at the door of your life, but it's up to you to open the door. He won't knock the door down! He won't force His way inside your life. He loves you enough to honor your own free will and choices, even when they are bad choices. It is important that we willingly offer ourselves to Him!

Giving yourself to the will and plan of God is one of the most intelligent things you could ever do! Once you get a revelation of how good God is and the reality of His plan, you won't want anything less! You will hear yourself saying, *"Whatever it costs, I want Your plan!"*

And here's some good news: Because God is good, if you learn to do it right, His plan won't cost you your health or your family. God's plan will lead you into good health and will ultimately help your family! It's the thief (Satan) who comes to steal, kill, and destroy. But God's plan is for you to experience life, and life more abundantly! [Jn 10:10]

What will God's plan cost you? It will cost you laying aside your own agenda and fleshly desires to be a part of something that is eternal.

Day 3**FOR ACTION & REFLECTION**

Take a moment right now to lift your hands in thanksgiving and reaffirm to your Heavenly Father that you believe in His good plan for your life, and that you trust Him with your life and with your future.

Nothing shall separate you from His love!

Day 4

God's Plan Brings True Satisfaction

*They are abundantly satisfied
with the fullness of Your house, and You give them drink
from the river of Your pleasures.*

Psalms 36:8

Nothing will satisfy you like God's plan!

The devil and the world's system through which he works will make you all kinds of promises, only to leave you broken, empty, and in a worse condition in the end.

God's plan has just the opposite effect! If you will stay with God and with what He has planned and purposed for your life...if you will keep moving down the pathway He reveals to you, you will end up ABUNDANTLY SATISFIED!

*They shall not build and another inhabit;
They shall not plant and another eat;
For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days
of My people, and My elect shall long enjoy
the work of their hands.*

Isaiah 65:22

I'm not talking about a temporary, momentary, fleshly satisfaction. I'm referring to a deep-down satisfaction that makes you say, "*It is well with my soul!*"

One of the devil's biggest lies is this: "*If you follow the plan of God, you will have to do without.*" Wrong! According to the words of Jesus, anything that we are required to give up for His sake and the gospel is coming back to us one-hundredfold in this life. [Mk 10:29-30]

The truth is: you won't miss out on anything good in the plan of God. Real satisfaction can only be found in God's plan for your life. You may miss out on some sinful opportunities that look pretty good for the moment, but you can be sure there is a "sting" at the end of that road. The wages of sin is death, and if you persist in sin, eventually it has a payday that you surely will regret! [Rom 6:23; Jas 1:15]

*The backslider in heart
will be filled with his own ways, but
a good man will be satisfied from above.*

Proverbs 14:14

Jesus said that his "food" was to do the will of the Father and to finish His work. [Jn 4:34] What was He talking about? Among other things, food is something that SATISFIES. Clearly Jesus found great satisfaction in pleasing the Father and doing His will, and you will too! This is what you have been created for!

As you pursue God's plan for your life, you will find yourself doing things that deep-down you just know you were created to do. You will find that there is a grace, anointing, and ability upon your life to do those things. And it will bring satisfaction that can't be found in any other place, doing any other thing!

*With long life I will satisfy him,
And show him My salvation."*

Psalm 91:16

The plan of God is "SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!"

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION *Day 4*

Are you satisfied deep down? It's good and healthy to be honest with yourself so that you can find the real answers that the Lord wants to provide as you seek Him sincerely. If you aren't completely satisfied, go back to your Creator and let Him lead you to His path of abundant satisfaction.

Take a moment to look up these verses and feed your faith about God's desire to abundantly satisfy you!
[Ps 103:1-5; Ps 107:9; Ps 145:16; Ps 91:16; Prov 14:14]

Day 5

Before the Foundation of the World

*who has saved us and called us with a holy calling,
not according to our works, but according to His own
purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus
before time began*

2 Timothy 1:9

God's plan and purpose for your life has been prepared and made ready for you from before the foundation of the world, "*before time began.*" Not only has God set a specific purpose for your life, but He also has given you grace to accomplish that very purpose!

That's good news! You no longer need to rack your brain to come up with something to give your life purpose, meaning, and significance. God has already designed you for a specific purpose and plan before you ever took your first breath!

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you
a prophet to the nations."*

Jeremiah 1:5

This was not only true of Jeremiah. It's also true of you! God has ordained you for a specific purpose as well. Most probably,

He hasn't called you to be a prophet like Jeremiah, but you can be sure that He has called you to something! You were created for a purpose—His purpose!

Walking in the plan of God doesn't mean you have to be a full-time church worker or that you need to try and be a "religious person." Most importantly, God wants you to have a real and personal relationship with Him! Everything you will ever "do" in life in line with your purpose will flow naturally out of your relationship with Him.

There are many vocations and callings in God's plans and purposes! God needs people in all walks of life. We are "*the light of the world and the salt of the earth*" and are sent to bring kingdom influence into many different sectors. [Matt 5:13] The most important thing is that you discover and be faithful to what He has designed you for. This will be the best fit for you and the place where you will experience His grace, favor, and anointing.

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

Ephesians 2:10 (AMPC)

Good paths, good works, and a good life have already been planned for us "*beforehand.*" But just because these are already prepared ahead of time doesn't mean you will automatically walk in them. You must discover God's plan and then choose His path.

Because of the previously mentioned verses, I make this statement:

**GOD'S PLAN IS NOT OUR DECISION.
IT'S OUR DISCOVERY.**

In other words, it's not for me to decide if I want to be a doctor, a lawyer, a businessman, a pastor, or a race car driver! This has already been decided by my Creator. In fact, according to these verses, it was decided before I was conceived. It is the very reason that I am alive on planet earth!

Once I embrace the scriptural truth that this has already been decided for me, I can get busy with MY PART, which is THE DISCOVERY of what I have been created for!

*For You formed my inward parts;
You covered me in my mother's womb.
I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Marvelous are Your works,
And that my soul knows very well.
My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.
And in Your book they all were written,
The days fashioned for me,
When as yet there were none of them.*

Psalm 139:13-16

We learn from Scripture that one day “*we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.*” [2 Cor 5:10] This is reward day for the Child of God! And what will we be rewarded for? Among other things, we will be rewarded for our faithfulness to what we were designed for. [Matt 25:21]

“In your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me.” I believe a book will be opened on that day and our lives will be measured and rewarded based upon what He had planned for us.

This truth is sobering, but it doesn't need to scare you! God's plan is what you've been made for. It's the very thing you were created for! You are made to do God's plan more than anything else in life! And besides that, as you discover God's plan for your life, He will give you the ability necessary to accomplish it!

**WHAT A DEAL! GOD MAKES A GOOD PLAN FOR YOU...
GIVES YOU THE GRACE AND ABILITY TO FULFILL IT...
AND THEN REWARDS YOU ETERNALLY FOR IT!**

The more I become aware of these truths, the more I say, *“Give me THAT PLAN.”* These truths should be pumped into every young person on the planet! God already has made plans for each and every person. You no longer need to experiment with your own lousy plans, dead-end relationships, or with so many options and alternatives, many of which can prove to be a waste of time or even harmful.

God's plan has been prepared for you before time ever began! Now, it's just awaiting your discovery!

Day 5**FOR ACTION & REFLECTION**

Take time to review the verses in today's lesson. Read them again and again, allowing them to penetrate your heart and mind. Let the reality of God's foreordained purpose and plan bring you peace and comfort as you reach out by faith and embrace what God has already planned for you.

What purposeful and practical steps are you taking to DISCOVER what God has planned and prepared for you?

Day 6

God's Plan is Paid For! It Belongs to You!

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

Psalm 65:11

There are preordained allotment and provisions for every God-ordained purpose and assignment! God is never caught off guard or taken by surprise. His pathways drip with abundance! That's just how God does things when we learn how to cooperate with Him.

As you pursue God's plan and His direction for your life by faith, no matter what you may need or encounter along the way, you can stop, lift up your eyes and your voice with confidence, and say, "*Lord, I know there is provision here for me somewhere and I thank You for it!*"

As you move down the pathway of God's plan for your life, you will experience a "collision with provision." Your life will intersect with God's foreordained provisions and resources. Where God guides, He also provides!

*"For which of you, intending to build a tower,
does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough*

to finish it—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish!’”

Luke 14:28-30

Would the Lord charge us to “*count the cost*” before undertaking any project, and He Himself do otherwise? No! He has already fully counted and calculated what will be required for His plans to be fully accomplished. He is not an irresponsible, negligent builder! Provisions have been made for every step of the way!

God has gone to great lengths to secure His plan of salvation for your life! IT HAS BEEN BOUGHT AND PAID FOR and cost Him the best He had—the sacrifice of His Son Jesus.

*He who did not spare His own Son,
but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not
with Him also freely give us all things?*

Romans 8:32

Day 6

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION

Let's be bold today and CLAIM GOD'S PROVISIONS as we aggressively pursue His plans and purposes!

Day 7

It's Not Too Late for God's Plan

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Romans 11:29

As long as you are still alive and breathing, you can still get moving with God's plan for your life. It's not too late!

You may have experienced a bumpy road, fallen down, or even suffered a spiritual black eye along the way, but you can still get up and move with God!

The Lord has already declared His plan and He will not take it back. He has not changed His mind about you!

**IT'S TIME TO CAST OFF YOUR PAST
TO LAY HOLD OF YOUR FUTURE!**

*Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended;
but one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are
behind** and reaching forward to those things which are ahead.*

Philippians 3:13

You may feel condemned about something you have done wrong or about something you wish had turned out differently, but that's what Jesus' blood is for!

Through Jesus substitutionary work on the cross, there is always a fresh start waiting for each one of us! You only need to humble yourself, receive the cleansing and mercy that He offers, and then get back up and start again!

By God's mercy and grace, He will help you get back on track. You can hook right back in again! He will even help you make up for lost time.

Sometimes people turn their backs and walk away from the Lord, but you can be sure that He will never turn His back on you! His gifts and callings are irrevocable! [Heb 13:5]

His plan for you **REMAINS**, and His banner over you is love!

So don't let the enemy tell you that it's too late or that you've gone too far. That's a lie! If you are reading this right now, there's still time to get moving in God's plan for your life!

Day 7

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION

Are there things from the past—situations, disappointments, or things people have said or done—that you feel are holding you back? Why not give those things to the Lord and lay hold of your future by faith! Yesterday's failures and disappointments don't need to define your future!

Day 8

God's Plan is a Walk of Faith

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

It's important to know that God's plan for your life is A WALK OF FAITH. There are no exceptions.

You can take great comfort in knowing that God's plan is GOOD and that He has already declared your END from the beginning. But now, "*How do I get there?*" The Lord may even show you some things He wants you to do or places He wants you to go, but how will these things materialize in your life? By faith!

God is a faith God! Without faith it's impossible to please Him! [Heb 11:6]

The walk of faith and life of faith is not something we should try to avoid or shy away from. In fact, this is exactly the kind of life you were made for. "*The just shall live by faith!*" [Heb 10:38]

What does it mean to "live by faith"? **Living by faith means you live your life based upon and in response to what God has said and revealed to you.** Each and every child of God has the capacity not only to HEAR from God, but then also to RESPOND to Him. This is the life of faith.

There will be times where you don't know exactly where you are going in life. You won't always be able to see exactly HOW things are going to work out or FROM WHERE God's provision is going to come. But you can take courage knowing that HE KNOWS. God, the great planner, Love Himself, the master architect, knows where we are going. *"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord.*

He is the God who GOES BEFORE US and then calls us out by name to follow Him. [Jn 10:3-4]

Our job is to SEEK GOD, BELIEVE GOD, and OBEY HIM. From there, it's His responsibility as to HOW it all happens and works out. But you can be sure things will work out well when you walk by faith. God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him and walk by faith! [Jer 1:12; Heb 11:6]

*And he (Abraham) received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be **the father of all those who believe**, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also, and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also **walk in the steps of the faith** which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.*

Romans 4:11-12

You can also take courage when you look at the life of Abraham, "the father of faith." Through faith in Christ, we are now his descendants and are to follow his faith example. He gives us a good example of what a life of faith looks like.

Among other things, we learn:

Abraham went out "NOT KNOWING where He was going." He had heard from God to leave His family but didn't know all the details of where He was going. He went "by faith." [Heb 11:8]

Abraham took “steps of faith.” You may not see everything clearly laid out in front of you, but the Lord will be faithful to show you STEPS. As you walk in these individual steps, more light will come to you and your path will grow brighter and brighter.

If God says “Go!” you can trust that He will work out the details for you, even when you don’t know how everything is going to work out.

This is the life of faith!

This is the life that God has called you to.

This is the life that pleases Him.

This is the life that brings maximum impact and reward!

This is the lifestyle of those who walk in the reality of God’s plan for their lives.

The plan of God is real. But you must pursue it and walk in it “by faith,” believing that God is good and that He is faithful to what He says.

God is not playing games with your life. You can absolutely trust Him with your life! In fact, one of the most powerful things you can say is, “*Lord, I trust You with my life!*” “*I trust You with my future!*” That’s a big statement!

Are you ready for God’s plan for your life? Then get ready for a wonderful life of faith!

Day 8**FOR ACTION & REFLECTION**

What specific areas do you feel God is calling you to step out and follow Him, even though you don't see or know exactly how things are going to work out? What are the specific promises in God's Word that cover your anxieties, fears, and apprehensions?

Take a moment to signify to God that you are willing to live by faith, trusting that following His words and direction will bring you to a good end.

Day 9

God's Plan Must Be Pursued

And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize—a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion].

Matthew 11:12 (AMPC)

Just because God's plans and provisions have already been ordained for your life, doesn't mean you will automatically enjoy them.

The things that God has planned and prepared for us must be PURSUED. We must aggressively CHOOSE to walk in God's plan, and then continue to make that same choice, again and again.

The Plan of God doesn't happen merely through the passing of time, just because calendar months and years are flying by. We must RESPOND TO GOD and His leadings in our life.

As we respond to God, He will be faithful to teach us... to train us...to instruct us! It doesn't all happen overnight, or in a week or two. It doesn't happen automatically either. It's a process!

*If they obey and serve Him,
They shall spend their days in prosperity,
And their years in pleasures.*

Job 36:11

You can't just do whatever you want and expect to prosper. Prosperity belongs to all of God's children through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, **but there is a path to pursue. The prosperity of God can never be separated from the plan of God.** The two go hand in hand.

| OBEY + SERVE = PROSPERITY & PLEASURES

This is God's will for you! Anyone can have this!

As you move down God's pathway, that path will grow brighter and brighter! [Prov 4:18] Provisions will get fuller and fuller! But you must PURSUE THAT PATH!

Day 9

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION

How would you rate your pursuit of God's plans? Is it with "most ardent zeal and intense exertion?" If not, make a personal decision to turn up your spiritual intensity. The more you respond to God, the more of His good plans and prosperity you will realize!

Day 10

God's Plan Requires Submission

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

Shalom! This is what God has already declared for us! This is His will and His desire.

Sickness is not from God. Poverty is not from God. Fear doesn't come from God! When these things show up in our lives, we must resist them!

But if you try to resist the devil and his evil works without having FIRST submitted to God, he will not flee from you. This is why many have problems. They haven't really learned how to submit to God.

WE MUST LEARN HOW TO SUBMIT TO GOD. Although often unpopular in the world around us, "submission" is a good word! Submission is your friend!

Submission to authority is necessary if you want to fulfill God's plan. God has ordained various authorities in our lives to watch over us, protect us, and to train us. [Rom 13:1-3; Heb 13:17; Eph 4:11-12]

As you submit yourself to God and His Word, He will be faithful to teach you, train you, and even correct you as necessary. But then you must be willing to adjust to Him. Submission will always put you in a strong position to be able to effectively RESIST Satan and his works.

So, let's submit ourselves to God and run the devil out in Jesus' Name!

There's a time to pray. But there's also a time to exercise authority. These two are not to be confused! Once you know the will of God and have submitted to it, it's not time to pray anymore. It's time to execute your authority.

Day 10

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION

What are some of the ways you can practically submit yourself to God?

When was the last time you rose up and spoke directly to fear, sickness, lack, or the curse and told it to be gone from you?

Day 11

The Plan of God Gives You Something to Say “Yes” to

Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but happy is he who keeps the law.

Proverbs 29:18

One of the most beautiful and powerful things about God’s plan is that it gives you something to say “Yes” to.

Consider these other translations:

Where there is no message from God, **people don’t control themselves**. But blessed is the one who obeys wisdom’s instruction. (NIRV)

Without prophetic vision people run wild, but blessed are those who follow [God’s] teachings. (GWT)

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. (KJV)

When we are without vision or revelation of God’s plan and purpose for our lives, we will find ourselves casting off restraint, losing self-control, or even running wild! We may not even really understand why. In short, we will perish. And why is this so?

It's because without vision and revelation of God's plan, you don't have anything to say "Yes" to.

Revelation and vision of God's plan fills you with hope and expectation! It causes you TO WANT TO press into God and press on with His plan. It will enable you to say no to sin and mediocrity, knowing that you were created for more and better!

Vision from God will give you the power and desire to exercise restraint and say a big "No" to the lesser things that Satan would try to entice you with. *"No way, devil! God has more for me than that!"*

God's plan gives you something of eternal value to say "Yes" to. It gives you something exciting and meaningful to live for! **It can be very difficult to say "No" to some things and certain people without something greater and more meaningful to say yes to!**

When you have a revelation of God's plan for your life, you can more easily say "No" to wrong relationships and so-called "friendships." Why? You know God has prepared something better! He will give you real friends and companions — people who actually believe in you and support your desire to walk in God's plan. If people don't really embrace you going forward with God, can you safely call them "friends?"

Let's say a big "YES" to the plan of God. Let's seek God and continue to ask Him for vision and revelation of His good plan!

God wants to "fill you with the knowledge of His will" so that you have something worthwhile to live for. Being filled with a revelation of God's will and plan will put WANT TO in you!

You will want to read your bible!

You will want to get up early or spend extra time in prayer!

You will want to invest your time and finances into His eternal purposes!

You will want to come to services and worship God!

Rather than spinning your wheels trying to “stop doing this” or “quit doing that,” instead pray for a revelation of God’s plan — for your life, your body, your finances, and your future! Once you begin to see the good and worthwhile things that God has planned and prepared for you, you will be much less likely to give-in to other things that come to tempt or distract. You are living for a higher purpose, with great rewards!

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION *Day 11*

Are there any areas of your life where you feel “out of control” or would like to exercise more restraint? What are they?

Rather than focusing on trying to fix yourself, instead why not begin by asking the Lord for His vision and plan for you in those areas? A bold and clear vision of what God has planned for you will make whatever sacrifice required seem small in the light of where God intends to bring you!

Day 12

Filled with the Knowledge of His Will

*For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and **to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;***

Colossians 1:9

God wants you to be FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL!

If you are FILLED with something, it means that you are FULL! There isn't room for anything else! "The Father of lights" wants you so FILLED with revelation knowledge of His will that there are no more shadows of darkness around. [Jas 1:17]

Satan's playground is "darkness." This is where he thrives and does his work! He likes to hide in the "shadows" of doubt and uncertainty. But once the LIGHT of the knowledge of God's will enters into your heart, Satan has no more place to hide. The light has exposed him and his lies! [Eph 5:8-11]

Satan tries to bring in what I call "wonderment." He wants you to live in a realm of "questions without answers," where you aren't really sure or certain about anything. If you entertain his thoughts and lies for long, puzzled and bewildered, you

will hear yourself saying, “*Well, maybe this...or maybe that*” or “*Perhaps this or perhaps that.*” But all of this kind of speech is the language of doubt.

So, what’s the remedy for this? To BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL! God is not the author of “maybe” and “perhaps.” This kind of speech does not originate from Him! God is the author of “Yes and amen!” [2 Cor 1:20]

God is not the author of confusion, but of peace! [1 Cor 14:33] God is the author of KNOWING. He is the God of CONFIDENCE! When the light of God’s Word enters into your heart, it won’t cause you to scratch your head and wonder. It will cause you to KNOW, so that you can move forward with boldness and confidence! [Ps 119:130; 1 Jn 2:20; Heb 10:35]

That’s why if there are areas of question in your life where you find yourself reasoning with words like “maybe” and “perhaps” in regards to God’s plan, it’s time to keep seeking God and praying UNTIL YOU KNOW. You can be sure that if you seek, you will find! [Matt 7:8]

And then MOVE IN WHAT YOU KNOW.

And once you begin moving in what you know, don’t stop! But CONTINUE in what you know!

God won’t force His will upon you. But if you open up to Him and give Him a little bit of faith to work with, He will come in and FILL YOU!

*The people who walked in darkness have seen
a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow
of death, upon them a light has shined.*

Isaiah 9:2

Be encouraged today, knowing that God wants to answer your questions! He doesn’t want to leave you in a realm of

darkness and uncertainty. He desires to bring you “*great light*”! When you receive His Word to you it will bring peace, rest, confidence, and certainty!

This is God’s plan for you! To be FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL!

Day 12

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION

Are there any areas of “darkness” in your own life? These are the areas where you are unsure and therefore lack confidence.

Take a moment now to pray Colossians 1:9-14 regarding any of these specific areas. God wants to fill you with the knowledge of His will in each and every area of your life!

Day 13

God Will Be Your Teacher

*God is faithful, by whom you were called into
the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

1 Corinthians 1:9

God is recruiting people to join His family and to be a part of His plan, but you must RESPOND. You must come to Him and say, *“Here I am, sign me up for Your plan. Teach me to do Your will!”*

Some may say, *“But what about my dreams?”* In reality, our dreams without God are nothing more than a nightmare! To tell the truth, you can’t make one good thing happen for yourself apart from God. All good and anything good comes from Him! [Jas 1:17; Jn 15:5] He is The Source of every truly good thing, including any worthwhile dreams or ambitions.

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

John 14:26

As you respond to God, He will come in and personally teach you. Your highest call in life is to fellowship with Him!

“Eternal life” is to know God personally and intimately. [Jn 17:3] What a thrill! And part of this life of fellowship is the joy of experiencing Him as your personal Teacher.

We must never forget that God is smart! He knows the best way to do everything! And, on top of that, He’s for us and not against us! [Rom 8:31]

To some degree or another, most of us have been trained in the world and the world’s ways of thinking and doing things. **Once we are born again into God’s kingdom, we must be retrained!** It doesn’t all happen overnight. It’s a process! And no matter how far we go, we will never outgrow the necessity of being taught by our good Father as we fellowship with Him.

Willingness and humility are required if we want to take advantage of God as our teacher. We must remain humble and teachable through every season of life.

One of the greatest joys in life is to experience The Lord as your Teacher, when He shows you how to handle a particular situation. Doing things God’s way always has a good end result! The more you experience success with Him, the more you will want to come back to Him for more wisdom and instruction. In short, doing things God’s way WORKS!

As you pursue God’s plan for your life, you are going to face situations that you can’t personally handle on your own. We live in a fallen, broken, and imperfect world! You are going to face devils that you have never encountered before. Yet, no matter what the situation and no matter how big the devil may seem, Jesus has already overcome it for you! [Jn 16:33; Lk 10:19]

And as you walk with God and allow Him to teach you, He will always bring you through in victory. He will show you YOUR KEYS to victory in every encounter! He always causes us to triumph! [2 Cor 2:14; Isa 48:17]

The farther you go in the plan of God, the more fellowship with God is required. You simply can't get there without Him!

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION *Day 13*

In what areas have you experienced God as your teacher? Can you think of any areas where you needed to be retrained since you have been born again?

Day 14

God's Plan Involves Being Taught, Trained, and Equipped

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

As you walk in God's plan for your life, God will be faithful to teach you and train you along the way. But it's important to know just HOW He will go about training you so that you can fully cooperate with His equipping. HE WILL DO SO THROUGH HIS WORD!

God's Word is the great cleaning agent! If God wants to clean you up, He will use HIS WORD.

*"You are already clean because of the word
which I have spoken to you."*

John 15:3

God is not going to teach you with cancer. He's not going to take your job away from you, or put sickness and disease on you as part of your training. No! He's going to send you

His Words — words that wash, words that cleanse, words that edify, and words that repair.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word.

Ephesians 5:25-26

If something has been built wrong, God's Word will reveal it and set it straight. If something needs to be built up, the Word of God being preached will cause it to be built up, healthy and strong!

THIS IS HOW GOD BUILDS.

THIS IS HOW HE EDIFIES.

HE DOES IT USING HIS WORD!

Any of us can open our Bibles and hear God's Word anytime. There is only One Mediator between God and man — The Man Christ Jesus! [1 Tim 2:5] Yet, more often than not, God is going to teach and train us using men and women of God who are especially called and anointed to do so. We call these the "5-fold ministry gifts" of the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher.

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-12

These people are sent by God into our lives to teach, train, and equip us for the very purpose of fulfilling God's plan.

And the NUMBER ONE thing they will use to do so is THE WORD OF GOD.

Rather than trying to learn through hard knocks, trials, and difficulties, instead let's go to God's Word on purpose and allow His Word to be our teacher. Let's make good use of the 5-fold ministers that God has sent to us so that we can be properly taught and trained.

Day 14

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION

Make a renewed decision to go purposefully to God's Word for your instruction, rather than always trying to learn through difficulties. Why not bring a notebook with you as you read God's Word, so that you can write down His personal instructions that come to you?

Who are the 5-fold ministers that God has sent into your life? Take a moment to mention them by name and thank God for His faithfulness to teach, train, and equip you!

Day 15

What's Your Priority? Money Or God's Plan?

*But seek first the kingdom of God and
His righteousness, and all these things
shall be added to you.*

Matthew 6:33

You may be thinking, *“This plan of God sounds pretty good, but I’ve got to make a living. I’ve got to make some money!”*

It’s true that money is an important and necessary part of life, and Jesus told us exactly how to get it—*“Seek first the kingdom of God.”* No one knows better about how life works than Jesus, the Source of all real living!

You can try to go out and make all kinds of money, but apart from the plan of God, it will have sorrow with it. But the blessing of the Lord will make you rich with no sorrow added!

*The blessing of the LORD makes one rich,
And He adds no sorrow with it.*

Proverbs 10:22

The money you are looking for is already built into God’s plan for your life. [Prov 9:1; Lk 14:16] It’s connected with your

purpose! God doesn't set you on a pathway and then not put provision on that pathway. He is the great provider! [Gen 22:8; Phil 4:19]

We don't have to live merely to take care of ourselves anymore. GOD'S PLAN INTRODUCES US TO A HIGHER TYPE OF LIVING!

God and His kingdom will take care of us as we walk in His plans and learn to do things His way. All these things shall be added unto us!

There is a difference between a CAREER and YOUR CALLING. **A career is what you're paid for; your calling is what you've been made for!** Many people make decisions in life based solely upon salary, opportunities, and what pays the most. But you have been created for a much greater purpose than that!

*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus
for good works, which God prepared beforehand
that we should walk in them.*

Ephesians 2:10

There is much more to our existence than just pursuing a paycheck. Instead, we pursue our purpose!

THE PROVISION ALWAYS FOLLOWS THE PURPOSE!
Let's put first things FIRST.

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION *Day 15*

Let's check up on our priorities today and make sure that God's kingdom is really #1 in our hearts. Sometimes making even the slightest of adjustments can make all the difference! As we do, let's expect nothing less than God's abundant provision along the way!

Day 16

A Recession-Proof Plan

Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

Matthew 7:24-25

When you are walking in God's plan, you need not fear the future! It doesn't matter if all the world's economies come crumbling down around you. God's kingdom will stand! Now is the time to build your life on the Word of God! Don't wait until later...build today!

You can be sure of this: Because of the fallen world we live in, there's a storm coming at some time or another, to some degree or another. The question is: **ARE YOU READY FOR THE STORM?**

So, how do you build your life on an unshakable foundation? **You do so by HEARING God's Word and then DOING what it reveals to you.**

Every step you take in the light of God's revealed will, through His Word, is a step that **BUILDS**. You are building! And you are building with strength! You can build a strong life in God

and His kingdom which will outlast and prevail against any storm that comes your way. In the end, you will be standing!

Our part is to learn how to line up with God, His plan, and His kingdom ways, because His kingdom knows no recessions. It is recession-proof!

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Hebrews 12:28

We need not experience a life of continual “ups and downs.” Part of the reason we experience ups and downs is because **THAT IS WHAT WE EXPECT.** We spend an unhealthy amount of time tuned-in to what the so-called “experts” say rather than staying inclined to God’s words of financial dominion.

Who are the experts anyways? God’s Word is the expert! God’s Word is the ultimate, unchanging authority! To be honest, those in the world don’t have a clue! Mankind without the counsel of God’s Word is in darkness, no matter how many degrees or initials they have after their names.

Reverence and respect for God and His Word is **THE BEGINNING** of all true wisdom and knowledge.

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*

Proverbs 9:10

God’s kingdom is recession-proof! His kingdom is not a broken-down, dilapidated operation! It’s a strong and efficient kingdom! When you know God as your Source, even if one channel dries up, He can open up many others!

Rather than immediately looking to our relatives, our boss, or our savings when we have a need, instead we must train ourselves to **ONLY LOOK TO GOD**. He promises to “*supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus!*” [Ps 62:1-2; Ps 121:1; Phil 4:19]

If we will allow Him, God wants to help us **TRANSFER OUR TRUST** and thoughts out of the world’s system of finance and move into God’s unshakable kingdom economy!

For those who put their trust in God and become rooted and grounded in His kingdom, **THESE ARE OUR GREATEST FINANCIAL DAYS!**

Day 16

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION

In what areas of provision do you find yourself looking to other man, putting pressure on others, or even being disappointed in people? Why not take a moment to **TRANSFER YOUR TRUST** toward God in these areas.

Day 17

God First. Not Family

So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions— and in the age to come, eternal life.”

Mark 10:29-30

Many people boast about how much they love and care about their families. **BUT THE BEST THING YOU COULD EVER DO FOR YOUR FAMILY IS TO PURSUE GOD’S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.**

At the beginning, your loved ones may not understand you, or they may even persecute you! But as you put God first, stay on that path, and keep your eyes on Jesus, things will get fixed! Things will be mended! Restoration will come!

In the end, your family will be blessed as a result of YOUR DECISION to follow the plan of God. But you have to cast the care of your family over on the Lord and let Him do what only He can do! God cares for your family members even more than you do!

casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7

Jesus' words of wisdom and success are very simple—put God's kingdom FIRST! There is only one FIRST PLACE in our lives and if our families occupy that place then God and His kingdom do not.

Don't forget: **God's plan is the best thing that could ever happen to you!** And following God is the best thing you could ever do for your family! In the long run it will pay off!

You may be the only one in your family taking a stand, pressing in, and pursuing God. But someone needs to take a stand! God's plan won't happen without it! It may as well be you!

Day 17 **FOR ACTION & REFLECTION**

Which family relationships are a potential source of stress and worry for you? Even Jesus had to deal with family members who didn't believe or were not fully on-board with what He was doing.

Take a moment to give the care of those specific persons to the Lord. Put the care securely in His hands and continue on with God's plan! He cares for you!

Day 18

God's Plan Requires Us to "Press"

*Let us labour therefore to
enter into that rest, lest any man fall
after the same example of unbelief.*

Hebrews 4:11 (KJV)

THERE'S NO REAL REST IN RETREAT.

The idea of backing off or backing down from the things of God and His plan may appear to offer you rest and relief from the pressure you feel. Sometimes we feel that "if we could just get away from it all" everything would change and things would be much better—we would finally have REST! But any honest soul who has ever given up or caved in when the pressure was on will tell you that quitting didn't really produce the freedom they were looking for.

REAL REST COMES AFTER YOUR PRESS!

*Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected;
but I PRESS ON, that I may lay hold of that for which
Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.*

Philippians 3:12

Real rest can only be found **AFTER HAVING LABORED** to believe what Jesus has done for you on the cross.

Real rest and refreshing can only be found **AFTER HAVING PRESSED** into God's Word and His plan for your life. This is the rest that you are looking for!

God's will for you is to take new ground and new territory with Him. But this can only be done as you make a decision to "press on" despite what you may see or feel, knowing that there is real victory and rest on the other side of your press.

Once you know God's will and direction for your life, don't back down, back off, or let up! With God you cannot be stopped, so long as you won't quit.

Day 18

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION

Make a decision to "press on" right now no matter what you may be facing. Running away from the pressure you feel is not the answer! There is real rest for you on the other side of your personal press. Sometimes this can be done as simply as saying, "*I'm pressing on!*"

Don't forget: You are not pressing alone! God's Word cannot fail! The Greater One is living on the inside of you and is more than enough to keep you on top! You can do all things through Christ Who strengthens you!

Day 19

Press Into God's Word

*The entrance of Your words gives light;
It gives understanding to the simple.*

Psalms 119:130

A simple way to press into God's plan for your life is to spend consistent and quality time in His Word.

Do you ever feel discouraged? We all do at one time or another. If so, you can be pretty sure of this: **THE WORD DEPOSIT ON THE INSIDE OF YOU IS RUNNING LOW.**

It's amazing what 20-30 minutes of focused time with your Bible will do for you! When you allow God's words to gain entrance into your heart, they will bring **STRENGTH**. And as your heart is strengthened, you will feel **COURAGE** again! Goodbye, discouragement!

Whenever you feel life has become so overwhelming, busy, and complicated that you hardly have time to read your Bible, you can be sure that your Bible is exactly what you need! **There is something about receiving regular doses of God's Word that causes life to work!**

God's words will not only feed your inner man, but they will also give you vision and enable you to see!

God's words will impart wisdom to you, necessary to deal with each and every day!

As you give time and place to feed on God's words, they will give you the enablement to rise to a new stature and place in life! [Isa 60:1] You will be supernaturally enabled to reach for a new level and degree of the plan and purpose of God for your life.

God's Word and its effect inside of you is supernatural! You only need to make time and place for your Bible.

Day **19**

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION

Try it today, or even for a few days in a row! Set aside 20-30 minutes in a non-distracting place to simply read your Bible. Even a little bit of God's Word can bring you a long way!

Day 20

“Press In” with a Quality Decision

The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.

Luke 16:16

How do we press-in to God’s plan? We do so by making DECISIONS OF QUALITY with our whole heart — *“I will not live without God’s plan for my life. Period! By the grace of God, I’m going to have God’s plan for my life, my family, my business, and my ministry. I refuse to live without it!”*

These decisions of quality are FORCEFUL DECISIONS, apart from which you can’t really fulfill God’s plan. Simply put, **God won’t work and can’t work in our lives apart from our decision.** He needs our cooperation! He has ultimately given us THE CHOICE as to what we really want. If you really want God’s plan you can have it! [Deut 30:19]

The Bible says, *“you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”* [Jer 29:13] I’ve found that when you really “mean business” with God, He will mean business with you!

Some have tried to momentarily “press in” by praying desperation prayers or even by trying to “pray harder,” with greater

physical exertion and effort. But this is not the kind of press I'm referring to here. I'm referring to your decisions.

WITHOUT DECISIONS OF QUALITY, WE WILL VACILLATE AND WAVER. So long as we feel like doing God's will, and so long as it's convenient we will do it. But what happens when we feel otherwise or when God's will inconveniences us?

Making a quality decision is like "dropping an anchor" that will bring stability and strength to you! In truth, **your decisions can prove even more powerful than God's Word in your life.** Without your choice and decision of quality, God's Word will not produce as it is designed to.

Some are calling out to the Lord for "more grace," and the Lord is saying, "*make a decision.*" Once you make up your mind to seek God and then do what God reveals, THEN you will experience the grace, not before. **God's grace in your life will not be activated for you apart from your decision.**

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

Job 22:28 (AMPC)

So long as you are double-minded and still undecided, you won't be in a position to fully receive the grace and ability that God so willingly wants to give you. [Jas 1:6-8]

As long as you try to entertain so many options you will not advance. Double-mindedness will cripple your progress. So, make up your mind today!

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION *Day 20*

Have you made a whole-hearted decision to follow God and to pursue His plan, no matter what? What are the things that hold you back from making such a decision?

You can move your faith life “out of the neutral zone” right now, simply by making a quality decision about God’s plan and what He is saying to you!

Day 21

Press Toward the Upward Call

*Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,
I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 3:12-14

Did you know you've been apprehended by God? You've been laid hold of!

For what purpose has God apprehended and laid hold of you? First and foremost, TO KNOW HIM!

*that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection,
and the fellowship of His sufferings,
being conformed to His death*

Philippians 3:10

God desires for you to know Him personally...to know Him intimately...and to walk closely with Him. This is eternal life — that we may know God and His Son Jesus Christ! [Jn 17:3]

But in addition to knowing God, He has also laid hold of you for “*the upward call of God.*” Some translations refer to this as “the high calling of God.” The reason this passage talks about “*pressing, reaching, and laying hold*” is because God’s call for your life is an UPWARD call. In other words, you won’t get there by casually attending church now and then. It is something you will need to PRESS into!

This word “press” can also be translated in the following ways:

To press forward; to pursue; to give yourself to

To crowd oneself into

Have you ever seen masses of people trying to squeeze and crowd themselves into an overpopulated metro or subway car? Perhaps you have experienced that for yourself. Without a “press” you are going to miss your ride!

This word “press” is the opposite of “to run away from” and can literally mean TO RUN TOWARDS. If you want to really know God and walk in the upward calling that He has for your life, it won’t happen unless you run toward Him in your heart, making the decision to PRESS and be spiritually aggressive.

There will be many times when you don’t FEEL like pressing, but you must press anyway! Each time you make a decision not to back off but to stand your ground and PRESS, something great happens. The grace of God comes! It’s not by might nor by power, but by the Spirit of God! If you won’t back down, the Holy Spirit will rise up on the inside of you and put you over the top every time! [Zech 4:6]

I want you to have an accurate and realistic picture of the kingdom of God and how it works in your life. You won’t walk in your high calling with a casual attitude. You must press! You can’t just stand around and expect the will of God to be done.

This is not a fleshly press. This is an attitude of heart and a decision of mind that says, *“God has a plan for me, and I will not be moved from it!”*

Day 21 **FOR ACTION & REFLECTION**

What simple and practical actions can you take in the next few days or weeks to press toward God’s upward call for your life? Each one of us can have our own individual way of purposefully “pressing.”

Write it down. Be specific. Make it as simple and clear as possible. As you do, you will find a renewed sense of joy and purpose as you purposefully press on toward God’s upward call for your life!

Day 22

Occupied with God-Given Tasks

*What profit has the worker from that in which he labors? I have seen **the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied.** He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.*

Ecclesiastes 3:9-11

As you seek God and call out for His plan for your life, He will be faithful to guide and direct you. He will do the following:

- Give you **DIRECTION** [1 Thes 3:11; Prov 3:6; Isa 61:8]
- Show you **STEPS** [Rom 4:12, Prov 16:9, Ps 119:133]
- Open **OPPORTUNITIES** [1 Cor 16:9; 2 Cor 2:12]
- Reveal “Good Works” **ASSIGNMENTS** [Heb 13:21; Col 1:10]

God doesn't want us to spend our lives aimlessly wandering about “here and there.” **GOD HAS ASSIGNMENTS FOR US!** And these assignments will **OCCUPY US**— meaning that they will **require our all!**

*And he called his ten servants,
and delivered them ten pounds, and
said unto them, **Occupy till I come.***
Luke 19:13 (KJV)

Some translations of this same verse read, “*Do business until I come.*”

You may be thinking, “*But God has not called me into business or to be a business person.*” Maybe so, but God has called each of us to be **BUSY ABOUT THE FATHER’S BUSINESS!** We are to be occupied with those God-given tasks that He has assigned for us.

We are not to occupy and busy ourselves with every random thing. There is a plan for our lives! We should be more selective than that. God has specific assignments with your name on them! He is counting on you to carry out a portion of His kingdom business.

Have you ever heard yourself think or say, “*Lord, I’m bored?*” Most all of us have. But I have come to discover that **A BORED BELIEVER IS USUALLY A DISOBEDIENT BELIEVER.** There is something God has given you to do that you aren’t doing. That’s why you think you are bored.

You can be sure that there is something that God has assigned you to be occupied with during every season of your life. You may be thinking, “*But The Lord hasn’t given me anything to do.*” Well, in that case you definitely have something to do—to seek Him and find out! Because, without question, there are God-given tasks that He has assigned to you! There are also things which He has prepared that you need to be getting ready for!

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION *Day 22*

What does “being busy about the Father’s business” mean to you personally?

What are some of the God-given tasks that you believe He wants you to focus on in this current season?

Day 23

Eternal Assignments

*He has made everything beautiful in its time.
Also **He has put eternity in their hearts**, except
that no one can find out the work that God does
from beginning to end.*

Ecclesiastes 3:11

These God-given tasks are ETERNAL ASSIGNMENTS, found deep within you.

As you are reading this, “*deep is calling unto deep*” as the Scripture says. The Holy Spirit within you is searching out the deep things of God that He has ordained for you! [Ps 42:7; 1 Cor 2:10]

These eternal assignments within you are not surface, shallow things that you will discover with casual observation. These are things deep down inside of you, pertaining to your calling, your destiny, and your purpose. There is much more to you than you realize!

These eternal assignments will never go away! They are a part of you. **They are things you were made for and things that you were specifically designed to do.**

*And behold, I am coming quickly, and **My reward is with Me**, to give to every one according to his work.*

Revelation 22:12

These are eternal assignments WITH ETERNAL REWARDS! Their impact will be felt throughout eternity! It's an absolute privilege to follow God's plan and to do His will!

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION *Day 23*

Take a moment right now and thank God for the privilege He has given you to take part in His eternal plans and purposes.

Day 24

Give Yourself Entirely to God's Plan

*Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; **give yourself entirely to them**, that your progress may be evident to all.*

1 Timothy 4:14-15

If you want to make progress with God and His plan, you must **GIVE YOURSELF ENTIRELY** to it! You have received a gift, a calling, and a God-given purpose for your life. Don't neglect that gift! Instead, stir it up! [2 Tim 1:6]

Take time to develop and invest in your area of gifting!

Spend time seeking God regarding your calling!

Labor diligently in your purpose and place of assignment!

If you give yourself **ENTIRELY** to the things God has given you, **YOUR PROGRESS WILL BE EVIDENT TO ALL!** It will pay off, and you will be rewarded and blessed in uncommon ways and measures!

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Each one of you reading this right now has received a gift from God. And how does God intend for you to use that gift? That gift is to be used in SERVICE TO OTHERS to the glory of God.

Anything that God bestows upon us is worth doing—it's worthy of our time and investment! And if it's worth doing, then there is only one way to do it—to do it right! We should give ourselves entirely to those things which God has so graciously given us.

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION *Day 24*

What area or areas do you believe God has specifically gifted you? In what ways do you feel He wants you to use those gifts for His service and purposes?

Can you write a simple statement to identify and clarify your calling from God, as far as you know it right now?

Day 25

The Power of Focus

*Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later. Divide your gifts among many, for **in the days ahead you yourself may need much help**. When the clouds are heavy, the rains come down; when a tree falls, whether south or north, the die is cast, for there it lies.*

If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.

Ecclesiastes 11:1-4 (TLB)

If you want to successfully stay on course with God's plan for your life, you must learn **THE POWER OF FOCUS**.

In the days ahead, you are going to "*need much help*" in fulfilling God's plan for your life. You can be sure of that! No one fulfills God's plan by himself.

God is ever-ready and faithful to move upon people to help us out, but we must not forget the importance of **GIVING GENEROUSLY**. **Today is the day to sow your seed, and sow it on purpose!**

Sowing is an investment in your future. The seeds you sow in faith today may temporarily leave your hand, but they have not left your life. They are part of your future! Your gifts will "*return to you later.*"

This verse says, *“If you wait for perfect conditions you will never get anything done.”* Have you ever found yourself saying, *“We will do it tomorrow”* or *“We will do it next time”*?

Unless you are focused and intentional about what you are doing, something will always “come up” to hinder you from following through on what you know is right and necessary to do. There will always be an excuse of one kind or the other. There will always be “a better time.”

Without proper focus, there will always be clouds and winds which tell us “today is not the day!”

WE MUST IDENTIFY WHAT’S MOST IMPORTANT!

WE MUST CLARIFY OUR PRIORITIES!

We must learn how to manage all the things that call for our attention so that we can truly FOCUS on what matters most.

If you are going to make progress in God’s plan for your life, there’s only one way to do it: **deliberately and intentionally!** Otherwise, there will be too many things which will pull you off track. There will never be a truly perfect time. We must choose to do the right things and sow the right seeds DESPITE the obstacles.

One way you can tell you are getting stronger spiritually is that you will recognize and become more aware of all the voices and distractions that call for your attention, yet still be able to focus on your priorities. *“Yes, I see you and I hear you calling me, and I will do what is necessary to temporarily manage you, but you will not get me off track! I know my priorities, and I am going to FOCUS THERE!”*

Those who haven’t yet developed spiritually often get pulled off track and don’t even realize that they have been distracted. They haven’t yet learned to FOCUS.

The Word you have from God is the most important thing in your life! God's Word is the very thing that will transport you into your destiny and purpose. We must learn to FOCUS on what God has said and His instructions to us.

God's Word is what we fight with. It is the very thing that will make us successful. It is also the very thing which Satan wants to steal. The Word that God speaks to you is your transportation down the pathway of God's will and plan for your life. The only way Satan can steal it and stop your progress is if he can get your attention. He's after your focus!

Day 25

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION

Take a moment to think about and write down "the most important things in your life." Can you write a simple list of priorities?

What specific words or verses has the Lord given you? Have you recorded them somewhere so that you can focus on them?

Day 26

Be Single-Minded and Take A Stand

*But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; **he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.***

James 1:6-8

One way to practice FOCUS is to practice being 100% present wherever you are and in whatever activity you are engaged in. In other words, BE ALL THERE. Wherever you are, BE ALL THERE! Give your full attention and be fully present wherever you are.

We have all experienced times when we were speaking to someone only to realize that they hadn't heard a word we said because they weren't really THERE. They may have been physically present with us, but in their minds they have been distracted and are somewhere else.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, LET'S TAKE TIME TO IDENTIFY OUR GOD-GIVEN TASKS.

What are our God-given instructions?

What has God said to us?

These are the most important things and are an essential part of our progress.

Have you ever heard this quote? “*The person who chases two rabbits gets neither!*” You’ve got to pick your rabbit and go after it! You’ve got to know what God has said and go after it and stay with it! You can’t successfully look two directions at the same time.

Sometimes we try to keep all our options open, but you can’t progress that way.

We learn from these verses that double-minded people are unstable and unable to receive from the Lord. The double-minded man is literally one who tries to “stand in two places” at once. It doesn’t work!

It is important that we keep all our options open when we are trying to hear from God, being willing to do anything that He may ask. **But once God has spoken and we know what He wants us to do, we no longer entertain all the other options.** We must give ourselves entirely to what God has said!

We should be mindful not to yield to a “political spirit.” A “politician,” in the negative sense, is someone who tries to please everybody for the sake of protecting himself and his own interests.

As a result, he never really takes a stand for anything! He wants to keep all his options open and then flow with whatever will make him most favorable at the moment.

But God has not called us to be “politicians” in the sense that we change our position from day to day. **In God’s kingdom, we are called to take a stand!** Jesus said, “*Woe to you when all men speak well of you.*” [Lk 6:26] We are called to stand

with God in the words, truths, and instructions that He gives us. This is where we will find our progress! But we must focus!

It's not until you know what God's word for you is AND STAND IN IT that His power and anointing will flow to you and through you. Until we learn to take a stand, we won't be of much good to anyone.

There is power in focus!

There is power in taking a stand!

God's plan is not a popularity contest!

God has called you to have a life of impact!

Whoever seeks to save his own life will lose it. But he who loses his life for Jesus' sake will find it! [Matt 16:25]

We aren't called to protect ourselves. We are called to stand with God! And as we stand with Him, we will come to know Him as "our shield and our exceedingly great reward!" [Gen 15:1]

Let's be WIDE OPEN to God and what He has to say to us. Once we know what He wants...LET'S FOCUS THERE!

Day 26**FOR ACTION & REFLECTION**

Are there any specific instructions you believe the Lord has communicated with you? Take a moment to write them down so that they will be at the forefront of your thinking again.

In what specific areas do you feel the Lord is calling you to TAKE A STAND with Him?

Day 27

God's Plan is More Than Just "Going to Church"

There is more to your life in the plan of God than just being a church attendee.

Once we are born again, it's not uncommon for someone to advise us "*Now read your Bible and go to church.*" This is definitely good advice, but unfortunately many people stop there.

We are here for much more than a life of "going to church." We are here in pursuit of God's plan!

Many go to church just because it's Sunday out of some sort of religious duty or obligation. But Jesus has delivered us from this kind of thinking and lifestyle! He has brought us out of the realm of "obligation" and brought us into the realm of "reward!"

Jesus has paid our full debt and obligation on the cross! As a result, we don't owe Him anything. We can't earn anything from God, nor can we ever pay Him back! Jesus paid the price which only He could pay, on our behalf!

Jesus has delivered us from a life of "have to," where we "have to go to church" because it's Sunday and we are Christians. He has brought us into a wonderful new world of "get to." Now we

get to go to church! Now we get to pursue the plan of God! Everything we do now is UNTO REWARD!

You see, going to church and being part of a local church community is a reward! Pastors and churches have been given to us to help us move forward in God's plan for our lives. Yet, your Christian experience doesn't end with merely "going to church."

*And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Hebrews 10:24-25

Going to church regularly and consistently is definitely a good spiritual habit and discipline. To be clear, those who stay out of church don't do well in life! And why is that? Because they are missing out on a corporate anointing and supply that can come no other way than by assembling together with other believers. This supply is by God's design and is absolutely vital to you fulfilling God's plan for your life!

And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 3:15

Your shepherd (pastor) is God's gift to you! There is an anointing upon the shepherd to supernaturally feed you spiritually so that you can be trained, equipped, and activated in God's plan for your life. **God's plan and a healthy relationship with your pastor simply cannot be separated!**

*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because **they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.***

Matthew 9:36 (NIV)

There is an anointing on the shepherd to deal with things that have been harassing the sheep. Sadly, those who get away from their sheepfold and their shepherd are going to be harassed—and harassed unnecessarily. Life has a way of beating up on those who don't have a pastor.

This “shepherd & sheep relationship” is a SUPERNATURAL RELATIONSHIP. That's why it's so important to know where God has connected and planted you. If you are wise, you will find that place and then stay in that place at all costs!

Online services and videos can be a nice supplement for your spiritual development, but these are no real substitute from assembling together and benefiting from a pastoral anointing together with other believers. Online videos are good as far as they go, but they won't bring you as far as you need to go!

Where you go to church matters! Particularly if you really want to fulfill God's plan. This is an area you must take seriously and pray about.

We are not to randomly choose our church and pastor any more than we are to choose our own vocation. We don't choose our church and pastor based upon convenience and personal preferences. These things have already been prepared for us and should be considered prayerfully. God is the One who supernaturally knits and joins us together with a pastor and other believers for His plan and purposes. [Eph 4:16; 1 Cor 12:18]

God's plan for your life is much, much more than merely “going to church.” Yet, your relationship with your pastor and the other believers in your church community is an essential part of God's plan being realized and fulfilled in your life!

Day 27 FOR ACTION & REFLECTION

Have you ever found yourself merely going through the motions of “going to church” or attending services out of a sense of duty or obligation? If that’s the case, you are trying to satisfy an obligation that Jesus has already satisfied for you.

Instead, why not shift your thinking and begin to think of church and your relationship with your pastor as a reward—something given to you by God as a part of the fulfillment of His plan. Take time to thank God right now for your pastor and your church community!

Day 28

Plant Yourself in God's Plan

Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Psalm 92:13

This is a powerful spiritual principle: **THOSE WHO ARE PLANTED WILL FLOURISH.**

In order to learn, grow, develop, and bear the kind of fruit that God has planned, we must learn to **SEEK GOD** and then **STAY PUT** where He directs us.

You don't need to observe human beings for very long to realize that those who are constantly moving around and changing — changing jobs, changing churches, even changing relationships — never really progress properly. They don't plant themselves! It's not difficult to see why Proverbs tell us, "*Don't associate with those who are given to change.*" [Prov 24:21]

This is not to say that things don't change from time to time as we walk with God and move from one season of life to another. But these changes don't occur nearly as often as some people would like to imagine.

It's good to know WHERE God has connected you, and WITH WHOM, and then to plant and focus THERE.

God has ordained SUPERNATURAL RELATIONSHIPS for you as you pursue His plan. He has ordained a specific PLACE for you where you will not only develop and be trained, but you will also thrive and flourish! You will both give and receive a vital supply for your life!

One of the enemy's basic tactics against us is to try to work OFFENSE in our hearts in order to "uproot us" and to separate us from where we have been planted. Unfortunately, far too many fall prey to this common device! If at all possible, the devil would like to ISOLATE you, knowing that if you aren't properly planted, you will dry up like a shrub in the desert!

If you want to remain planted where God has put you, you will need to become an expert at both FORGIVING and APOLOGIZING. These will go a long way to ensuring strong and healthy relationships with those who matter most.

Don't allow the enemy and other people to feed the restlessness of your flesh, as if the grass were greener somewhere else. The Book of Hebrews tells us, "*be content with such things as you have.*" [Heb 13:5]

Rather than looking restlessly for something "better," instead:

- REAFFIRM God's place of calling and assignment for your life
- BE GRATEFUL for those people and opportunities that He has given you
- and then GET BACK TO WORK!

This is how you will thrive and flourish in God's plan for your life!

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION *Day 28*

Where and in what ways has God planted you? With whom has He joined and connected you?

Take a moment to thank God for YOUR PLACE—the place that He has planted you. Take a moment to thank God for those specific people with whom He has joined you.

How “planted” do you consider yourself—not planted, partially planted, or fully planted? What do you think is holding you back from being fully planted?

Day 29

Put Endurance to Work and Do Not Quit!

*For you have need of endurance,
so that after you have done the will of God,
you may receive the promise.*

Hebrews 10:36

If there is anything the enemy would like to do, he wants to discourage you so that you will throw up your hands and QUIT. Why? That's the only hope he has of stopping you.

The Bible says, "*through faith and patience you will inherit the promises.*" [Heb 6:12]

You have a blood covenant with The Living God!

God cannot lie and is faithful to watch over His Word to perform it!

God Himself has said, "*I will never leave you nor forsake you!*" [Heb 13:5]

So long as you stay with God, His Word, and His plan, you will keep moving forward. You may feel temporarily hindered, but it's important to know that YOU CANNOT BE STOPPED!

It's time to put ENDURANCE to work!

You may have spoken to your body in Jesus' Name, and it seems nothing happened. Well...SPEAK AGAIN!

You may have tithed and haven't seen the results you desire. KEEP ON TITHING!

You may have given, knowing that it will be given to you... and yet the money has not come. KEEP BELIEVING, KEEP GIVING, and KEEP SPEAKING!

You may have stepped out to follow God and are now starting to question exactly where He's bringing you. Things may not have worked out exactly the way you thought they would. KEEP MOVING FORWARD!

We must be careful not to put our own silly time limits and time frame on exactly when we think things should happen. Just stick around with God! Keep your eyes on Jesus...keep your joy cup filled...keep moving forward...and the Lord will add it to you! He is faithful!

Don't allow yourself to worry, become impatient, or get in a hurry. If you will allow Him, **God's going to BUILD you and POSITION you for maximum kingdom impact!**

Don't forget this about God, The Great Planner:

He is a builder. He is a farmer. He is a long-term strategist! [Heb 3:4; Jas 5:7; Isa 46:10] God knows how to play "the long game" and if you stay with Him, you will end up on top in the end! But you must not quit!

Also, don't forget this: You are PART of a bigger plan and purpose with multiple working parts! [1 Cor 12:12,27] There are other people on the planet who are making decisions whether they will obey God or not. These decisions also factor into how various scenarios

play out in our lives. But ultimately, no matter what people do or don't do, you can be sure that you will be complete and fully supplied in the end, so long as you keep your faith in God and continue to do things His way.

Don't allow yourself to become lazy and sluggish. Faith and patience (endurance) BOTH are required to enjoy what God has promised you.

*that you do not become sluggish, but
imitate those who through faith and patience
inherit the promises.*

Hebrews 6:12

You need to HOLD FAST to your confession!

You need to CONTINUE in the things of God!

You need to get up YET ANOTHER DAY and “pray anyhow,” even though you may not feel like it!

No matter what comes, no matter how you feel, no matter what you see—STAY WITH GOD'S WORD!

If you “stay in the game” and absolutely refuse to quit, you will come out on the winning side!

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION *Day 29*

What are the specific areas that you know you need to put endurance to work? You don't have to do it alone! God's Spirit within you will strengthen and empower you to endure supernaturally!

Day 30

The Greatest Heritage of All

*A good man leaves an inheritance to his
children's children, but the wealth of the sinner
is stored up for the righteous.*

Proverbs 13:22

God wants to increase us more and more, to the point that we have something to leave to our children and even our grandchildren at the end of our lives.

However, THE GREATEST HERITAGE we could ever leave our children and descendants is OUR PURSUIT OF THE PLAN OF GOD.

There is more to life than just money and things. And if we MODEL a real life of putting God first and staying faithful to His plan for our lives, our descendants will learn BY EXAMPLE.

What will they see? A perfect life? No, but they will see God's goodness and faithfulness again and again as we make it our priority to live for Him and to put Him first.

As they follow our lead, their end will be a good one, even when we are no longer around—"all these things will be added to them!" [Matt 6:33]

This type of inheritance is priceless! Your descendants shall be mighty on the earth! [Ps 112:2]

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION *Day 30*

Make a renewed commitment today to be a seeker and follower of God's plan. The effect of your individual, personal pursuit will reach far beyond your own life, into the lives of your children and even unto all the families of the earth!

Take a moment to think about all those people in your life, both present and future who you can see being affected by your example. Make a quick list and thank God for the grace to be an example and for the opportunity to live for Him!

Day 31

A Limited Opportunity

For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

2 Corinthians 6:2

Before too long, this very brief earth opportunity to fulfill God's plan will come to a close. It's so important that we make the most of the time!

All you have to do is take a drive by any cemetery and see the tombstones of all the people who had their time. They were here...they came...and they went! And now is OUR TIME!

Now is our time to PURSUE!

Now is our time to PRESS!

Now is our time to GIVE OURSELVES to kingdom business!

Now is our time to give our energy, to give our talents, to give our resources.

Now is our time, not to hold anything back, but to LET IT ALL OUT for the plan of God!

There IS a purpose for your life. There is an assignment. God really does have a plan! And IT WILL REQUIRE

YOUR ALL. It will require your FOCUS and that you be totally occupied with it.

Let's not "sit on the fence" of indecisiveness. Let's not allow ourselves to be paralyzed by double-mindedness. Let's not be half-hearted about what we are doing. Instead, LET'S BE ALL IN!

It's not until you GIVE YOURSELF ENTIRELY that you will experience the results that you have been created for. Your progress will be evident to all!

FOR ACTION & REFLECTION *Day 31*

Make a decision to go ALL OUT for God's plan today. You will be so, so glad that you did!

Take a moment to communicate your intention to someone else who will appreciate your decision and commitment to pursue God and His plan. Call a friend or companion and let them know "I'm going for God's plan — *afresh and anew!*" This simple step will not only help solidify your decision but may also inspire someone else to do the same as well!



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The First Step: Prayer of Salvation



The FIRST step for you to discover the reality of that plan is to receive Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, thereby becoming a child of God.

Jesus is the Son of God, who died on the cross and shed His blood to pay the price for the sins of the whole world.

The Bible tells us in Romans 10:13 that “*whoever calls on the name of the Lord [Jesus] shall be saved.*”

The Scripture also tells us in Romans 10:9 “*that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*”

When you call on the name of Jesus and receive Him as your Lord, you receive eternal life and you become God’s child. This is not joining a church or a religion.

Accepting the gift of Jesus into your heart gives you relationship with the Living God!

If you have never taken this FIRST STEP, then pray this simple prayer in sincerity from your heart:

“Dear God,

I believe that Jesus is Your Son and that He died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins. I believe that Jesus has been raised from the dead and that He is alive!

Right now, I call on the name of Jesus. Jesus, come into my heart. I receive You as my personal Lord and Savior. Forgive me of my sins and cleanse me by the power of Your blood.

Thank You for saving me and giving me eternal life! Help me now to follow Your plan for my life. Amen.”

Congratulations! You are now a child of God!

A Prayer to Receive The Holy Spirit



*“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit
has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses
to Me in Jerusalem...”*

Acts 1:8

The moment you receive Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell **within you**. You then have become the temple or dwelling place of God’s Spirit. But there is more of the Holy Spirit that God wants you to experience!

The promise of the Spirit was given to empower us to walk in the plan that God has prepared for us. The Holy Spirit is God’s gift to us, His children, so that we can enter into all the fullness of God! All we must do is **receive this gift**. This experience is called the baptism of the Holy Spirit, or the Holy Spirit coming **upon us**.

If you want to experience the fullness of life that God intended for you to have with the benefit of praying in tongues, pray this simple prayer from your heart:

“Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says that You will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask You. I ask You now to fill me with Your Holy Spirit. I want to experience Your fullness in my life!

I release my faith and expect to speak with other tongues as the Holy Spirit will give me the utterance. I thank You, Father, for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the ability to speak with other tongues. In Jesus' Name. Amen!"

Begin to thank Him now for filling you with His Holy Spirit. Yield yourself to Him. Speak the words—not in your own language—but in a language that the Holy Spirit gives you (speaking in tongues). It is you who will do the speaking, not the Holy Spirit.

Praise the Lord daily for this wonderful gift of being able to communicate with Him spirit to Spirit!

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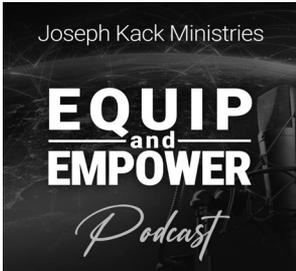
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