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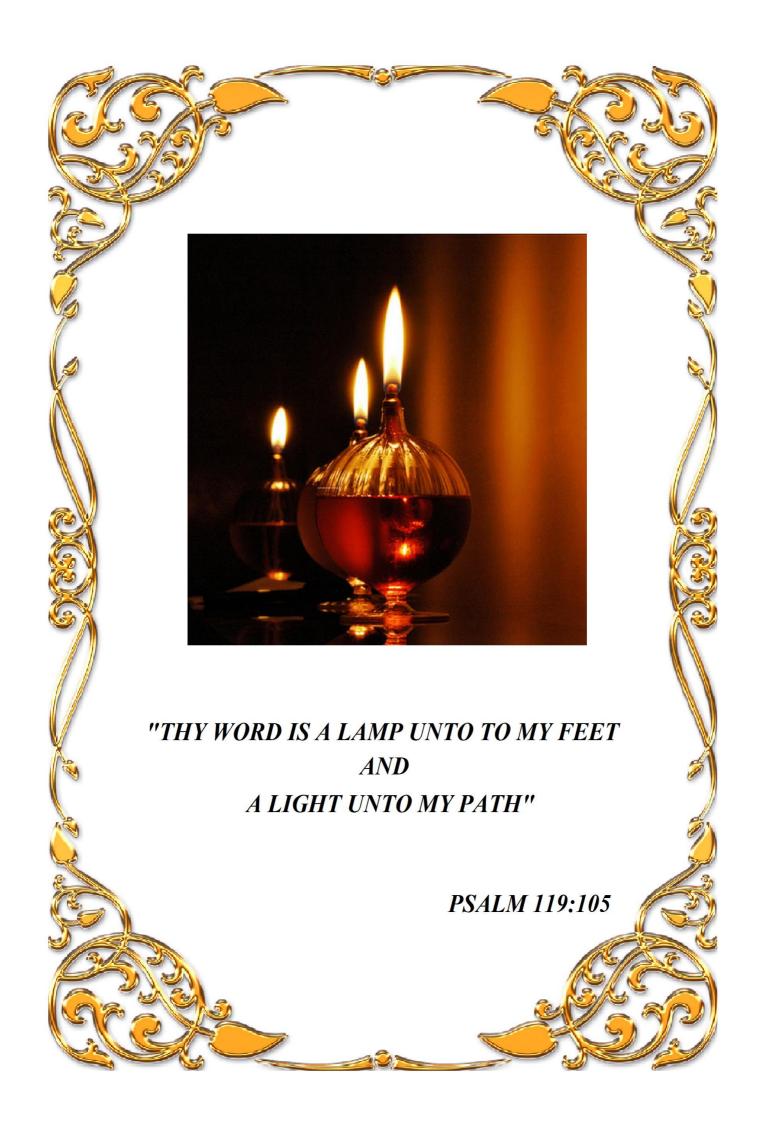
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### "TO GOD BE THE GLORY GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE"

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"ONLY ONE LIFE, 'TWILL SOON BE PAST ONLY WHAT'S DONE FOR CHRIST WILL LAST"

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#### LETTER TO THE SAINTS

Dearly beloved brothers & sisters in Christ Jesus,

As God's children, it is very important to maintain our daily quiet time before the Lord so as to ingest and receive our daily spiritual food as well as practice godliness through our life of prayers. As we read God's words, we would in turn be sanctified through the truth as mentioned by our Lord Jesus Christ in John 17:17 that says:

### "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth"

Without a doubt, it is through the truth of God's words that our mind is set free from the lies of satan and be transformed unto the image of Christ and His mindset of absolute truth. Thereafter, permitting the Holy Spirit to bear the 9 fruits of the Spirit in our life, as we constantly abide in Him. As we continue to grow and bear much fruit, we have imprinted upon ourselves His likeness, the 'Mark of Christ' as His disciples and His sheep. By the same token, it is through the presence of fruitfulness as the 'mark of Christ' in our life that our Lord be glorified through us.

It is for this reason, the Lord has touched my heart to write 'The Daily Manna & His Blessings' messages so as to encourage you in your daily walk with Him. Within these messages lie the most profound truths of the Divine laws of the Kingdom of Heaven. I have also written precious testimonies that include the story of a homeless lady that got saved through the 'Divine appointment' set up by the Lord to rescue her from the trap of satan of absolute hopelessness and desperation.

May these precious stories and messages be a blessing to you as you grow in your understanding of the **truth** of the **words of God**. May we remember to look up at all times upon the face of **our Heavenly Father**, who is always **loving**, **merciful and faithful** unto His own dearest children.

### DAY 1

"FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD RUN TO AND FRO THROUGH OUT THE WHOLE EARTH, TO SHEW HIMSELF STRONG IN THE BEHALF OF THEM WHOSE HEART IS PERFECT TOWARDS HIM." (2 CHRONICLES 16:9)

Are you aware that the Lord God that we worship does not slumber? Do you know that He that is **Holy** and **perfect** is our **Heavenly Father** that watches His children 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and forever? Furthermore, the Lord God who is the **King of Kings** and the **Lord of Lords** is **Almighty**, which means He is **all-powerful** and all able, as **nothing shall be impossible with Him**.

Not only, God is **Almighty** or **omnipotent**, He is also **omniscience** or **all-knowing** but He is also **omnipresent** which means **He is always with us** His creations at all times, since God is a spirit. Most of all, He is our '**Heavenly Abba**' our **Daddy** that is ever loving, ready to bless us and help us the moment we acknowledge Him through our Lord and Saviour **Jesus Christ**, and the moment we are **cleansed** and **sanctified** by the **blood of Jesus**.

Undoubtedly, it is our **sinfulness** that has separated us from our Heavenly Father that is absolutely Holy and yet full of love, since "**God is love**" as the Apostle John writes. It is for this reason that God expresses His perfect love, by sending His son Jesus to die on the cross, in order to **redeem us** and so as to **restore our loving relationship** with Him once again.

Without question, it is through the death of His son on the Calvary that we are made **righteous** and **justified** from our sin debt, the moment we confess and repent of our sins before Him. Thereafter, once **sanctified** by **Christ atoning death** and **shed blood** in the Calvary, **Christ Jesus** our Lord **returns to indwell in our Heart** in the form of the **Holy Spirit**. Once born again of the Spirit, we have now become His children. Consequently, as God's children, we now have the **right to come** before **throne of Grace** and the **power to petition for help** before our **Heavenly Father** in times of needs.

Last but least, let us continue to keep our heart **blameless** and **unspotted** from the world. Let our heart be filled constantly with His **love** and **His words**.

Above all, let us remember to claim the blessing of this promise today that "God will shew himself strong on the behalf of them whose heart is perfect towards Him!" For after all,

"IF GOD BE FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?"

(ROMANS 8:31)

### DAY 2

"BUT WITHOUT FAITH, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM; FOR HE THAT COMETH TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS, AND THAT HE IS A REWARDER OF THEM THAT DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM."

(HEBREW 11:6)

Do you know that the path of the cross is journeyed by the **power of faith**? Do you realize that without faith it is impossible to please God? Faith means simply trusting like a little child unto the words of our Heavenly Father. It is trusting and remembering every single word that our Lord Jesus says and acting upon them. Just as our Lord has mentioned:

"HE THAT HATH MY COMMANDMENTS, AND KEEPETH THEM, HE IT IS THAT LOVETH ME: AND HE THAT LOVETH ME SHALL BE LOVED OF MY FATHER, AND I WILL LOVE HIM AND MANIFEST MYSELF TO HIM."

(JOHN 14:21)

As a result, when we have faith in Him, we would automatically live-out His commandments into our life, on the basis of loving Him with all our heart, soul and mind. Without question, as we trust and focus onto the words of the all-Wise God, we have permitted the Holy Spirit to take control of our mind, body and soul to be filled with the Spirit of **wisdom**, **courage** and **absolute positivity** and **faith**. By the same token, the Holy Spirit would produce within our heart the fruits of absolute **love**, **joy** and **peace** as well as **steadfastness**, **patience** and **contentment**.

As we seek to diligently apply the truth of God's words in our life, unconsciously we are rewarded with absolute **rest** in Him in our **spirit**, **soul** and **mind**. The 'weight of sins' such as worry, anxiety, fear, anger, confusion, distress, depressions, pride and many more 'which doth easily beset on us' are now replaced with absolute love, joy, peace and faith. Faith that God is able, even though I am not able and faith in the Sabbatical rest as I ceased in my own labor and strength.

For after all, the journey towards our **Heavenly Home** could never be trod by our carnal intelligence or powered by self-effort. Isn't it sufficient to discover that our Heavenly Father is pleased by our absolute faith in Him, the very faith in believing, that God is **our rewarder to those who diligently seek Him!** 

### DAY 3

"THE LORD SHALL COMMAND THE BLESSING UPON THEE IN THY STORE HOUSES, AND IN ALL THAT THOU SETTEST THINE HAND UNTO, AND HE SHALL BLESS THEE IN THE LAND WHICH THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE."

(DEUTERONOMY 28:8)

As God's children, the greatest blessings are showered as we walk in **absolute obedience** to the voice of our Risen Saviour and His commandments. It is for this reason, our Lord God has clearly outlined many of His blessings as written in Deuteronomy 28 that says:

"IT SHALL COME TO PASS, IF THOU SHALT HEARKEN DILIGENTLY UNTO THE VOICE OF THE LORD THY GOD, TO OBSERVE AND TO DO ALL HIS COMMANDMENTS WHICH I COMMAND THEE THIS DAY, THAT THE LORD THY GOD WILL SET THEE ON HIGH ABOVE ALL NATIONS OF THE EARTH: "AND ALL THESE BLESSINGS SHALL COME ON THEE, AND OVERTAKE THEE, IF THOU SHALT HEARKEN UNTO THE VOICE OF THE LORD THY GOD."

Without a shadow of a doubt, our Heavenly Father could not wait to pour unto us all of **His very best blessings** so long as we **hearken** unto **His voice** and **abide by His rules**. Personally, I have always love and coveted God's blessings and His promises above all things, just as Jacob who had fought and even bought the birthright of Esau his older twin brother. As I journey the path of blessings, I had experienced that every single word of His promises written in the Scripture to be true. Amidst life trials and tribulations, thick and thin, I had discovered the secret of success in life is richly embedded in the **words of God**, the **hidden treasure** that many have yet to discover.

Unconsciously, as I took to **battle on my knees** the ferocious onslaught the turbulent waves of life, hurled by the enemies; I had practiced just what our Lord had said:

"Ask and it shall be given you, seek, and ye shall find and knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

As I focus on my Master's face and His voice with a shield of faith and the boldness of Young David against Goliath, I had come to the realization that God is in control of my destiny. Consequently, I had deeply imprinted in my heart the secret formula for success that says:

"The battle is the Lord's" and "Nothing shall be impossible with God!"

Before long, every single **trial** became **His blessing**, every single **battle** was overturned to **His glory** as every single **prayer** bears the luscious fruits of **testimonies** yielding **His characters** and the riches of the **abundant life of Christ** in my life. It was crystal clear that our Lord God had proven His records of blessings in my 35 years of business as I had never made any losses but **much gain** over the years. The very same blessings that was given to Abraham and King David was showered in my life as I cling tightly to His principle of "seek ye first the kingdom and His Righteousness".

For after all, had not God commanded to bless His dearest and obedient children in "thy store houses and in all that thou settest thine hand unto?"

### DAY 4

"THEREFORE I SAY UNTO YOU, WHAT THINGS SOEVER YE DESIRE WHEN YE PRAY, BELIEVE THAT YE RECEIVE THEM, AND YE SHALL HAVE THEM."

(MARK 11:24)

Did it ever occur to you that as God's children we are given the most powerful 'miraculous wand' of faith? This 'miraculous divine wand' has the power to move Heaven and touch our Heavenly Father to move mountains of impossibilities in our life, as well as open the Red Sea for God's children to walk on dry land amidst the two walls of waters. Perhaps you might wonder: "How shall I receive this wand?"

As a matter of fact, the Lord God that we worship does not change with time, He is the same yesterday, today and forever! What God has done through 'Moses' Rod' is still applicable to His children today. Consequently, under the law of Grace, 'Moses' Rod' of the Old Covenant is now found and manifested in the words of our Risen Saviour that says:

# "ASK AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN YOU; SEEK' AND YE SHALL FIND; KNOCK, AND IT SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU."

**(MATTHEW 7:7)** 

It is crystal clear that 'Moses' Rod' can only be realized and fulfilled through the prayers of faith of a little child that trusts his Father beyond degree. Without question, the power of prayers of Elijah 'the righteous man' that brought the fire down to the burnt offering of God, can only take place with the undaunted faith of the Syrophoenician women. A very humble and determined women who eagerly accepted the position of 'a little dog' that waits for the bread that falls from the master's table!

Without a doubt, the success of the effective prayers of 'Moses' Rod' is intertwined with the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit that manifest the power of abiding in the vine. As we experienced the steadfastness of absolute faith, the divine peace and joy, automatically we are abiding in His love permitting the Holy Spirit to fill our heart with His words and take control of our mind and every single footstep that we take. As we proceed to tightly cling to our

Saviour's own words and His promises of absolute truth, we cannot but remember to stick out 'Moses' Rod' that says:

# "IF YE ABIDE IN ME AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU, YE SHALL ASK WHAT YE WILL AND IT SHALL BE DONE UNTO YOU."

(JOHN 15:7)

Personally, I had recorded 'multitudes of precious testimonies' of answered prayers, while brother George Mueller of England had recorded fifty thousand answered prayers basing upon the Lord's own words. After all, I had discovered that our merciful Heavenly Father is always faithful to His dearest children, as there is no shadow of turning with Him. Above all, the Lord has generously given us the sweetest promise of our hearts desire, when He says:

# "WHAT THINGS SOEVER YE DESIRE WHEN YE PRAY, BELIEVE THAT YE RECEIVE THEM, AND YE SHALL HAVE THEM."

(MARK 11:24)

If I had received mine, won't you claim yours today?

### DAY 5

"PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU, MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU: NOT AS THE WORLD GIVETH, GIVE I UNTO YOU. LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED, NEITHER LET IT BE AFRAID."

(JOHN 14:27)

One of the most precious gifts that our Lord Jesus Christ has endowed His sheep is the invaluable 'Gift of Peace'. As our Shepherd, He has led us to the green pastures and the still water that refreshes our soul and restores our spirit with a sense of absolute contentment, steadfastness and most of all the 'Divine Peace' that the world could never give! No riches or possession, name or fame, pleasure of this world could purchase this 'Super Peace' that the world desperately seeks after. Above all, it is the peace that our Master has promised to leave us, a peace that marks the divine presence of our Saviour within our heart. Have you received this 'Gift of Peace'?

Without question, the **Prince of peace** that is called 'Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father' (Isaiah 9:6) has imprinted in His children the mark of redemption and His inheritance in the Saints, sealed by the Holy Spirit and endorsed through His own peace. Indeed, it is such a blessing to realize that once born again of His Spirit, washed in His blood, we are **His purchased possessions for eternity** assured by His absolute presence of peace within our heart. It is through this 'Divine Peace' that surpasses all understanding that God's children receive a foretaste of glory divine.

As we march through the ferocious waves and turbulent terrors of life, we must never forget to stand up courageously as the soldiers of the cross. Consequently, we must never forget at all times to lift up His Royal banner that says: "let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid! Peace I leave with you." For after all, the Master hath called us from Victory unto victory as He leads against our foe, the battle for our triumph and ultimately the laud and honor to His glory!

### <u>DAY 6</u>

"BUT THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WALKED UPON DRY LAND IN THE MIDST OF THE SEA; AND THE WATERS WERE A WALL UNTO THEM ON THEIR RIGHT HAND, AND ON THEIR LEFT."

(EXODUS 14:29)

One of the most magnificent display power of the Almighty God lies in the story of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea. This story is so amazing that it is beyond what our carnal mind could comprehend or fathom. Amidst the two giant walls of waters to their right and left, the Israelites were walking on dry land instead of a wet or sticky muddy floors of the sea. Furthermore, 'the angels of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them' as King David had written in Palm 34.

It was crystal clear that God had made the **huge difference** between those that **fear Him** and those that **do not believe in Him!** Without question, God had sent the angels to protect the Israelites by giving them the pillars of clouds before their face and behind them, as the Lord led them by day and gave them light by night. On the other hand, the Scripture records that the angels of the Lord had patrolled and protected the Israelites against their enemies the Egyptian 'so that the one came not near the other all the night'. Ultimately, the Lord had intentionally hardened the Pharaoh heart and 'troubled the host of Egyptians' and 'took off their chariot wheels' amidst the muddy floors of the sea to their destruction, as the Red Sea drown them. Sad to say, prior to their destruction, the Egyptians had finally come to their realization that it was the Lord that had fought for the Israelites, His own dearest children.

Indeed, being God's children, it is such a joy and a blessing to be watched over and constantly guarded and protected by the Lord God himself. So long as we abide in Him, trusting and obeying His commandment, every single 'Red Sea' will open to become a dry land for us to walk upon. What seem to be roaring fearful turbulent waves of trials and tribulations of life, God in His wisdom and power is able to turn them to become the walls of water to our right and our left. What seem impossible for men is always possible with God; revealing and manifesting in our daily living the wonder of wonders, producing the most powerful testimonies that display to the world through our life the Mighty hand of God. For after all, isn't our Lord God that

we worship so awesome and lovely? Just as the story of the Israelites that cross the Red Sea, **God is always able** to ultimately work out **all things for our good and to His glory** so long as **we thank and praise Him!** It is for this reason, King David concluded in his experiences of life his precious words that says:

"HE THAT DWELLETH IN THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH SHALL ABIDE UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY" (PSALM 91:1)

### DAY 7

"AND HE AROSE, AND REBUKED THE WIND, AND SAID UNTO THE SEA, PEACE, BE STILL. AND THE WIND CEASED, THERE WAS A GREAT CALM."

(MARK 4:39)

There are times in our life that the hurricanes or mighty storms of heartaches and pain, trials and tribulation overwhelm us, just as the boat of the disciples of Christ being drown with the stormy water. Have you ever felt this way? Ironically, as we battle the storms of life in our strength, struggling with all our might, just as the disciples of Christ rowing their boat against the furious hurricane, we find ourselves stranded, helpless and lost. Amidst such terror and ferocious attack of the roaring turbulent wind and waves of life, we found our Saviour not far but asleep on the pillow, in the hinder part of the ship. Have you ever wonder why?

Obviously, it is never in our carnal nature to seek the face of our Master, until we are edged to a corner with no way out but above. Likewise, it is not surprising to realize that many times that "the end of man's effort is but the beginning of God's work". It is for this reason, our Lord Jesus was found sound asleep as the disciples were resorting to their own carnal intelligence, experiences and strength to resolve their own problems. As their effort failed and collapsed, struggling against the defeated battle, alas they had desperately shriek and cry to awaken our Master as a last resort.

Without a doubt, the disciples' earnest plea for help reflected in their words that say: "Master, carest thou not that we perish? Instantly caught the Master's attention. As the voice of the Almighty God, our Risen Saviour rebuked the naughty wind and said unto the sea: "Peace, be still," immediately the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

It was crystal clear that the hidden enemy had fled far away at the voice of our Master's command. For after all did not our Master instructed us when He said: "Be still and know that I am God!"

Then why are we struggling in fear and shedding sweat and tears in vain, when we could have rested in comfort, peace and joy at His words of faith. Had

not our Saviour promise to manifest His power when He said: "Be not afraid, only believe!"

### DAY 8

"BEHOLD THE FOWLS IN THE AIR: FOR THEY SOW NOT, NEITHER DO THEY REAP, NOR GATHER INTO BARNS; YET YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER FEEDETH THEM. ARE YE NOT MUCH BETTER THAN THEY?"

(MATTHEW 6:26)

This morning as I was sound asleep, all of a sudden I heard a bird chirping in my ears and softly and tenderly the voice of my Lord began to iterate the verse that says:

"Behold the fowls in the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns: yet your Heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?"

God out of His mercy and kindness had sent His precious son, to die on our behalf out of His love and compassion to save the whole humanity, His 'lost creations' that was doomed for destruction. Without much awareness, my mind brought back to the voice of the Risen Saviour that reflects His heart of absolute compassion and love when He says:

# "GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS"

(JOHN 15:13)

As I ponder upon these verses, I could not help but recalled the 'Divine appointment' that God had assigned me yesterday.

It so happen that as I left a store past midnight, there was 'an ugly scene of fear' where the store supervisor and their employees were shouting in terror. Obviously, I was escorted out of the store by the supervisor who had every intention of protecting me and my son as their customers. As I stepped out of the store with my groceries, I had discovered that the fearful squabbles came from a homeless old lady that scratches the glass doors of the store 'like my puppies' in hysteria, crying and screaming out of fear and desperation. Ironically, her behavior brought much terror to every one of the employees

shutting her out from the store, as they had called on the police to resolve her desperation in the past.

As I met her, her streaming tears and crying loudly in the state of absolute confusion, terror, fear, hopelessness and desperation manifest her lost of hope and will to live further as her turmoil emotion, mind and hurt began to intertwine with her insanity. Without question, her state of helplessness and hunger with nowhere to go as being homeless in the cold winter night was only counteracted with the ugly, ferocious, cold, ruthless world surrounding her. As she screamed repeatedly "that everyone has done much hurt to her", her streaming tears of helplessness and confusion brought the heart of absolute compassion of Christ within me.

It was crystal clear that she needed the touch of Jesus and immediately I took her hand to pray and cast out the power of darkness from her body. Praise the Lord, as I firmly comfort her heart not 'to fear but only believe', as well as prayed with her to confess her sins and accept Christ. Thereafter, I had discovered that she was the lost sheep and the lost coin that the Lord was seeking. In return, I had given her food, drinks, blanket and a pillow as well as the extra funds and the voice of hope from our Saviour to do my share of being the good neighbor. Before long, she was calm, joyful and peaceful, full of hope rejoicing and singing the precious Hymn that she had known before as she loudly sang cheerfully:

"Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so!"

"little ones to Him belong, I am weak but He is strong"

"Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me,"

"Yes Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so!"

Without question, she was a child of a living God that had fallen badly into the trap of satan, void of hope and badly injured spiritually and financially. However, the Lord who knew her struggles and pain had sent me to cross line with her to give her "the touch of Jesus" once again. It was not accidental that Almighty God who is full of mercy, kindness and compassion had given her a powerful push to move forward to battle her faith to the finish line through my presence. Joyfully, I left her a remark to encourage her as I said: "the kings of Kings and the Lord of Lords has given you a royal treatment today!" As I put a thick feather new coat on her body, her 'warm Mexican burrito' into her hand for her meal and chocolate and hot chocolate drink and blanket and pillow for her to sleep on the ground. Thereafter she rejoices and shouted an appreciation of thanks with a voice of restored hope and faith when she replied: "I love you sis!". I smile to see her strengthen once again in her faith to journey along the path of the cross.

Last but not least and most of all, she understood my message from the Lord that is: "Fight the good fight of faith" and never give up the eternal life even if we have to live like homeless Lazarus on Earth! For after all, did not our Lord Jesus promise that: "we are of more value than the sparrows? The very many sparrows that our Heavenly Father feedeth?"

### <u>DAY 9</u>

"EVERY BRANCH IN ME THAT BEARETH NOT FRUIT HE TAKETH AWAY: AND EVERY BRANCH THAT BEARETH FRUIT, HE PURGETH IT, THAT IT MAY BRING FORTH MORE FRUIT."

(JOHN 15:2)

"For the diamond to shine forth, it must be cut at a certain angle and with the right amount of pressure," Dr Pauline a missionary to China commented. Indeed, in the sight of the Lord God, each one of us are but His diamond, a special gem that requires a special treatment and cutting with the right pressure from the Almighty. Without a doubt, God's children are His masterpieces "His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" as instructed by the Apostle Paul unto the Ephesians.

It is not surprising to discover that many Christians including pastors and preachers could not comprehend the cutting process of 'the diamond gospel of Jesus Christ' that has been invested in the life of the believers. Being the hardest rock, the diamond has the power to drill down to access the oil in the ground. Likewise, it takes 'the diamond gospel of Christ', as hard as it is to be able to access to the oil of the Holy Spirit to surface and fill our life to shine forth with the right blow from the Master.

Furthermore, what is most important in the sight of our Master is to shine forth for Him wherever we are. To permit the Holy Spirit to fill our heart, mind and soul with **the truth of the gospel of Christ** and **His love** as we live-out in our body, lips and life wherever we go. Without a doubt, His purpose is crystal clear, that is to be 'a salt' and 'a light" in this darkened world, to draw others to **the light of the world** referring to our Lord, Master and Saviour **Christ Jesus** Himself.

By the same token, it takes the **self-sacrificing** and **self-denial** process as God's children in their daily living, for the Holy Spirit to flow through us **the burning light of Christ love** towards others. Thereafter, the Holy Spirit will bear in us and radiate through us the fruit of faith, gentleness, meekness, goodness, joy, peace and longsuffering as well as temperance and ultimately charity. Meanwhile, as the blowing and polishing process continues for the

diamond to attain its brilliant sheen under **the light of love**, so is the purging process of the branches of the vine to attain its **maximum fruitfulness**.

Without question, each trial and tribulation of the diamond cutting process in our life deemed fit by the Master, can only produce much deeper, fuller and richer His likeness, the **Victorious image of Christ** that must be **imprinted** upon His own children. For after all, hath not our Master commanded "to take away those branches that beareth not fruit and purgeth those branches that beareth fruit?"

### **DAY** 10

# "IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS: FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS CONCERNING YOU."

(1 THESSALONIANS 5:18)

As I ponder the journey of the narrow path of the cross, I could not help but pour my heart with absolute thanksgiving to the Lord. Without question, I had come to the realization of the 'power of thanksgiving' for God's children. A heart of thanksgiving is a heart that is constantly filled with gratitude to our Lord God, no matter how bleak and dark our surroundings are and no matter how difficult and treacherous our journey seems to be. Without a doubt, I have discovered that the secret of success in this ferocious warfare to the finish line lies in a heart of thanking and praising God every moment for what He had done!

Amidst the constant attack of the enemy, 'a heart of thanksgiving' acts as a powerful booster to our spiritual system. Consequently, it boosts our shield of faith and boosts our heart of love for our Master and others as we recount our blessings for what he had done in our life. Furthermore, it carries so much encouragement power that it directs instantly and turns our eyes unto Jesus instead of our problems or circumstances. It is of no wonder that the Apostle Paul reminds us to continuously give thanks to God amidst life thick and thin, trials and tribulations.

Ultimately, we know that God has 'will it' in our heart, mind and soul in order to counteract the nastiest tool of the enemy that include a despondent heart of absolute discouragement or fear. In the meantime, 'a heart of thanksgiving' also acts as our final protection against faltering into the spirit of covetousness. Furthermore, as we crucify our flesh together with our environment, 'a heart of thanksgiving' brings forth the drops of oil that make up the flask of the 5 wise virgins to continue to shine. Under the pruning knives as recorded in John 15, it has the capability of overturning the power of darkness into light as we continue to bloom spiritually bearing much fruit, looking more like the Master and in turn glorify our Heavenly Father as His disciples.

Without a shadow of a doubt, as we dish out the most powerful weapon of God's words and promises with a heart of thanksgiving, you will discover the voice of the **Victorious Saviour** embedded in the most powerful words of the Apostle Paul when he proclaimed and said:

# "FOR WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD, TO THEM WHO ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE"

(ROMANS 8:28)

Above all, 'a heart of thanksgiving' can only bring forth our good to His glory, the very moment we acknowledge it to be **His will in everything**. Do you now agree with me as to why we must always in all things give thanks!

For after all, God is still in control of our destiny.

"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father's permissive loving hands of consent and notice?"

(Matthew 10:29)

### **DAY** 11

"GIVE AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN UNTO YOU; GOOD MEASURE, PRESSED DOWN, AND SHAKEN TOGETHER, AND RUNNING OVER, SHALL MEN GIVE INTO YOUR BOSOM. FOR WITH THE SAME MEASURE THAT YE METE WITHAL IT SHALL BE MEASURED TO YOU AGAIN."

(LUKE 6:38)

In this darkened cold ruthless world, the **cross** simply stands out as **a symbol of love**. It relays and manifests the power of love that radiates the **virtue of absolute giving** to mankind. Without a doubt, God came to be one of us, born in a manger and died in the cross to leave us a trail of footprints of **unconditional giving of Himself** to sinners who are far from being righteous. The purpose was crystal clear! Amidst Christ sacrificial death, was the **greatest revelation of love** and **gift** anyone could ever received freely, without any form of criteria or payment whatsoever on our part. Consequently, the **mark of Christ love** and **salvation** unto us all are given freely in the form of **Grace.** Without question each one of us receives eternal life **simply by grace**, an act of absolute **generosity of giving by Almighty God** to the recipient that are far from deserving.

It is not surprising that the **magnificent act of giving** from the cross continues its **virtues** throughout ages as the voice of the Risen Saviour teaches us the **riches of giving** when He said:

"GIVE AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN UNTO YOU; GOOD MEASURE, PRESSED DOWN, AND SHAKEN TOGETHER, AND RUNNING OVER, SHALL MEN GIVE INTO YOUR BOSOM."

As a matter of fact, the **Divine principle** of **giving generously** and **abundantly** is unveiled in the story of our Lord Jesus feeding the multitudes. Furthermore, our Lord has every intention to teach us the important lessons of generosity as He left the multitude with excess baskets of leftover food. It is undeniable that the virtue of generous giving marks the **character of our God** as it carries the **promises** and the **justice of God** in the statement that says:

# "FOR WITH THE SAME MEASURE THAT YE METE WITHAL IT SHALL BE MEASURED TO YOU AGAIN."

Ironically, love cannot be attained without the virtue of generosity on our part. By the same token, the Apostle John stated in the Scripture that "God is love" and "he that loveth not knoweth not God". Unlike the world that is totally self-centered and operated by selfishness and self- worship, God manifested Himself in the flesh, has taught us the value of generosity as one of the most important component of God's love or charity. As charity being the greatest gift of the Spirit as mentioned by the Apostle Paul.

Ultimately, charity being the greatest gift of the Holy Spirit is always intertwined with generosity of **good deeds** and **material sacrifices** from our heart, soul and mind as **we lay down our life** for **our brethren** and **others** so as to **glorify our Heavenly Father**. For after all, how can we be the 'salt and the **light**' that shine in this world without being generous of **good works** and the **virtue of generous giving** on the behalf of our Lord?

### **DAY 12**

"TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THINE HEART; AND LEAN NOT UNTO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING. IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS".

(PROVERB 3:5,6)

As God's children, we are given the greatest blessing of leaning on 'the everlasting arm'. Unlike the world that is void of eternal hope and help, we have nothing to dread or fear as we have anchored upon the Almighty God, safe and secure from 'all alarms'. Furthermore, as our Lord God paid all of our sin debt in the cross, He has also sent the Holy Spirit to live in our heart so as to guide us and assist us as our teacher, our comforter, our counselor and advocate. It is for this reason, that we are to trust in the Lord with all of our heart and not to incline unto our own understanding.

It is interesting to note that as a fallen man under the state of sin, it is only in our nature to resort to our own carnal intelligence ever since mankind have lost and disconnected from God in the Garden of Eden. Personally, the Holy Spirit has unveiled unto me that the power of darkness began to take control of the whole humanity by enslaving their **mind set** through the **lies of satan**. Consequently, every single lies injected in our mind defiles us, as we falter in sin and in more carnality that ultimately look like the imprint of the ugly devil, as we load upon our mind the complexities of **error** and **lies** as the years go by.

Without a doubt, the battle between the light and the darkness lies in our mind. As a matter of fact, I had also discovered that the first point of entry for satan, lies in our mental activity through the windows of our eyes and ears. On the other hand, when we are **born again** of the Spirit of God, **the Holy Spirit** is sent to indwell in our heart rather than our brain or carnal mind. It is crystal clear, that as God's children we must always resort unto **prayers** and cling tightly to **the truth of the words of God**, resorting at all times to the Spirit of God rather than our own carnal intelligence which comes from the power of darkness.

Without question, we must resort to the touch of the Holy Spirit and God's words as our 'Urim and Thumim' for our guide through prayers. For after all, "His ways are always higher than our ways and His thoughts

**higher than our thought**". Above all, as we acknowledge Him in all that we do, we can only be blessed as He promise to direct our path, our footsteps unto righteousness.

Just as it is written in the Scripture: "All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies" (Psalm 25:10).

### **DAY 13**

"THE THIEF COMETH NOT, BUT FOR TO STEAL, AND TO KILL, AND TO DESTROY: I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY."

(JOHN 10:10)

Have you ever wonder why our spiritual enemy, the **devil** is called **a thief**? Did it ever occur to you that he comes to **steal**, to **kill** and to **destroy**? Without a shadow of a doubt, he comes to **steal our mind** from **focussing onto the word of God** and disrupting our relationship with our Master. He comes to **steal our faith** by attacking us with problems, pushing us and filling our mind with the spirit of doubt, fear, anger, grief, pride, rebelliousness and confusion etc. as we focus onto our environment, rather than God's promises. Ultimately, he comes to **destroy us** from receiving the abundant life of Christ, by injecting **vicious lies** and much **error** into our mind by **stealing the truth** and preventing us from **receiving the truth** in our heart.

There are many gimmicks and tools that the devil uses to rob 'the peace and joy' from God's children. One of the most powerful tools to capture and enslave us from focusing onto God's commandment is to infiltrate our mind neither days nor night with the things of the world. The world as defined by the Scripture would include such things as: 'the deceitfulness of riches, the cares of this world as well as the lust of flesh, eyes, mind and other things' acting as our 'mind stimulants'. Furthermore, the devil would complicate these 'mind stimulants' by injecting within our heart the 'negative emotions' of all kinds ranging from anxiety, grief, anger, hatred, depression, fear etc. The purpose of the enemy is crystal clear that is to steal, to subjugate and ultimately destroy us.

On the other hand, it takes the **voice of the Risen Saviour**, our **wonderful Master** to set us **free** from falling into these **crevices** and **deep trenches** of **satan's lies**. Without question, as we study very carefully the word of our Lord Jesus and live according to His commandments, you will **discover the truth** and the **spiritual secret formula** that would set us free from these ugly clamorous claws of satan.

It is amazing to learn of the very fact that nothing can set the whole humanity free from the claws of the supernatural power of sins. No education, money, riches, human council, psychology, religions or any carnal efforts can break and resolve the power of sins in our life.

Ultimately, it takes the presence of the **Holy Spirit** sent by our Lord Jesus to **triumphantly unshackle** these chains of sins that we repine. It is for this reason, our **Glorious Emancipator** proclaim that:

"IF THE SON THEREFORE SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED."

(JOHN 8:36)

As we experience the **9 fruits of the Holy Spirit** in our life that manifest **love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, faith and temperance,** we have now received the glorious freedom and a foretaste of eternal life.

For after all, did not our Lord Jesus state that "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly?"

### **DAY 14**

"BUT AS IT IS WRITTEN, EYE HATH NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NEITHER HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN, THE THINGS WHICH GOD HATH PREPARED FOR THEM THAT LOVE HIM"

**(1 CORINTHIANS 2:9)** 

Are you surprised to discover that the Lord God gives His very best gifts and rewards to His dearest children, especially to those who genuinely love Him? Just as our Lord Jesus says:

"IF YE THEN BEING EVIL, KNOW HOW TO GIVE YOUR GOOD GIFTS UNTO YOUR CHILDREN, HOW MUCH MORE SHALL YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN GIVE GOOD THINGS TO THEM THAT ASK HIM?"

(MATTHEW 7:11)

I remembered vividly years ago that I had prayed for God to give me a landed property for my house, so that my descendants would remember how the Lord God has blessed their grandmother as He blessed Father Abraham, I thought. Without question, our Heavenly Father had approved on my prayer request, on the condition that I would wait for it patiently. His promises for me to inherit a landed property was crystal clear as I had received two times God's own words through my prayers as written in the book of Psalm that states:

# "WAIT UPON THE LORD AND KEEP HIS WAY, AND HE SHALL EXALT THEE TO INHERIT THE LAND."

(PSALM 37:34)

However, one day I had decided to 'out smart' my Heavenly Father's decision by wanting to buy the next-door neighbor landed property as I had quarrel with my husband over it. As a result, my frying pan became **a burning flame** and at night there was 'an apple size grief' lump located right in the place of my heart. As I turned and tossed in my bed trying to sleep, the 'apple size grief' in my heart would not go away. Thereafter, I realized that I had offended the **Holy Spirit** by walking in my flesh in the choice of the landed property that was far from the Lord's idea. Instantly, I knelt on my knees to ask

my **Heavenly Father** to forgive me for sinning against Him. All of a sudden the **'apple size lump of grief'** was totally **gone** and immediately I felt **peace** in my heart.

A few years later, I had discovered that my Heavenly Father had provided me the **very best landed property** which is far bigger than the one I originally intended to buy. What **a beautiful surprise** that God had in mind for me as He built for me **a gorgeous mansion** on that piece of land according to the **desire of my heart** and much more.

Without question, someday our Lord God will prepare for us not just a temporal dwelling place but much more with **beautiful mansions** made with **streets of pure Gold** and **walls of precious stones and gates of pearls** in our **Heavenly Home** in the **New Jerusalem**, that is **everlasting**. For after all, God is always faithful to His owns words. What He had promised, He will more than able to deliver His very best gift especially unto those who truly love Him! Just as King David had written:

"DELIGHT THYSELF ALSO IN THE LORD; AND HE SHALL GIVE THEE THE DESIRES OF THINE HEART. COMMIT THY WAY UNTO THE LORD; TRUST ALSO IN HIM; AND HE SHALL BRING IT TO PASS."

(PSALM 37:4-5)

### **DAY 15**

"AND ABRAHAM CALLED THE NAME OF THAT PLACE JEHOVAH JIREH: AS IT IS SAID TO THIS DAY, IN THE MOUNT OF THE LORD IT SHALL BE SEEN."

(GENESIS 22:14)

The thought of Miss Esther Wang my spiritual teacher always brought the sweetest memory of the sacred hymn that she had written that title: "His name is Jehovah Jireh". As I sang this precious song to heart, unconsciously tears would well-up in my eyes as I portrayed the cross that she had born for 20 years being imprison for Christ in the Communist China. Amidst her life of sufferings for Christ, unveil the image of our Risen Saviour that had marked upon her the imprint of a Great Warrior for our Master. Above all, what is more precious lies the hidden message that surface the faithfulness of our God, our constant provider called by Abraham and named by my teacher as 'Jehovah Jireh!'

Without question, our **Wonderful Saviour** who is the **Prince of Peace** is also the **Everlasting Father** that is our **Absolute Provider** past, present and future. Meanwhile, as he bears the Israelites upon the eagles' wings and fed them with manna for forty years in the wilderness, He will **equally provide all of our needs** so long as we **thank** and **praise** Him!

Indeed, apart from being **His precious sheep**, we have received the greatest privilege and the very best blessing for being **His dearest children**, the moment we call Him 'Abba Father' in our spirit. Once born again of **His Spirit**, God our Heavenly Father had already preplanned His provision amidst our life's thick and thin, trials and tribulations prior to even journeying through them. Wonder of wonders, it is amazing to discover that our **Lord God in His wisdom** had provided **His Jehovah Jireh** whether it is our financial needs, physical or spiritual and all others as well, so as to manifest **His faithfulness** and compassion for His own children before we were even born. What is more awesome is the very fact that **Almighty God** in **His absolute Holiness**, power and **foreknowledge** is able to orchestrate all things in **His exact timing** to work out **His provision** for the good of His children, to those who truly love Him. Furthermore, God out of His hand of mercy had precalculated the **weight of our cross** to never exceed **His grace**, neither the

**storms of trials** to hide **His blessed face**. Ultimately, just as the Apostle Paul writes:

"THERE HATH NO TEMPTATION TAKEN YOU BUT SUCH AS IS COMMON TO MAN, BUT GOD IS FAITHFULL, WHO WILL NOT SUFFER YOU TO BE TEMPTED ABOVE THAT YE ARE ABLE; BUT WILL WITH THE TEMPTATION ALSO MAKE A WAY TO ESCAPE, THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO BEAR IT."

(1 CORINTHIANS 10:13)

Most of all, as we face the ferocious battle of life with absolute courage, boldness and faith acting upon His words, we would only experience **His faithful provision**, as He accompanies us with **His presence**. Without a doubt, as **we trod in the path of righteousness**, in turn **we tread upon a path of blessings** only to be rewarded with **prosperity** and His **good success**.

For after all, God is more than able to provide exceeding abundantly above what we ask or think and pray for. As it is said to this day, in the Mount of the Lord it shall be seen, isn't His name Jehovah Jireh? The Lord God that will always provide!

### **DAY 16**

"BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT ENDURETH TEMPTATION: FOR WHEN HE IS TRIED, HE SHALL RECEIVE THE CROWN OF LIFE, WHICH THE LORD HATH PROMISED TO THEM THAT LOVE HIM." (JAMES 1:12)

Do you realize that the **greatest blessing** in life is to be chosen as the **Bride of Christ**? Not only are we arrayed in the fine radiant linen dazzling white, but most of all we are to receive the precious **'crown of life'** as our reward as we enter the glorious **'marriage of the lamb.'** 

Without a doubt, God the Father in His wisdom has given His precious son the **Brides of Christ** as **His love gift,** foreordain before the foundation of the world as recorded in John 17:24 in the Amplified Bible.

However, as God's children many times we could not comprehend our trials and tribulations that we must face along the narrow path of the cross. By the same token, neither could we perceive the **victorious crown** that our Master had intended for us to obtain at the end of that journey. Ironically, to receive this wonderful blessing of the crown of life, one must face the manifold temptations **manfully** and **courageously**, striving victoriously the ferocious battle of faith against our flesh until our Master declares our **Faith** to be found **'much more precious than gold tried in fire'**.

Years ago, I remembered vividly as I surrendered my life unto the Saviour, little did I know that I was to be put to the test of death, before I would be crown as His servant. As the enemy attacked my body vehemently with the terror of death as I fell into chronic fatigue Syndrome for 3 years, my faith was to be put to the heaviest test and critically appraised to see the kind of quality it would manifest. As the fiery trials burned my body through the manifold of illnesses and distresses and sign of physical death, my only hope was the words of God that the Holy Spirit had pre-warned me prior to the physical downfall of my body. As I hang upon the 'Hem of the Robe of my Master' trusting in the voice of the Risen Saviour that says:

"BUT THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES; THEY SHALL RUN, AND NOT BE WEARY; AND THEY SHALL WALK, AND NOT FAINT."

(ISAIAH 40:31)

Thereafter, as I began to heal and came out from darkness into light, I heard the voice of the Holy Spirit declaring in my ear that iterated as follows:

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him."

Indeed unworthy as I am, little did I realize that the Lord God had planned and given me a crown of life some day and ordain me as His servant. Without question, as we choose to follow His footsteps by loving Him with all our heart, soul and mind, we shall be **adorned** as **His Bride** and **crown** with the 'Mark of the Risen Saviour'. For after all, just as Job remarked:

"BUT HE KNOWETH THE WAY I TAKE; WHEN HE HATH TRIED ME, I SHALL COME FORTH AS GOLD."

(JOB 23:10)

#### **DAY 17**

"TO WHOM GOD WOULD MAKE KNOWN WHAT IS THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF THIS MYSTERY AMONG THE GENTILES; WHICH IS CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY"

(COLOSSIANS 1:27)

One morning, I was awakened by the voice of the Risen Saviour that had unveiled one of the most important truths in the Scripture. It suddenly dons on me that **every single word** of our Lord Jesus are but the "Divine laws of the Kingdom of Heaven". Without a doubt, our Lord Jesus came from the highest to the lowest to teach us the laws of His own Kingdom, the absolute truth that cannot be changed past, present and future since He is our Creator.

It is crystal clear that as **a lost mankind** separated from God through our fallen nature of **sin** and **carnality**, we are as 'lost as a goose' as far as His **Divine laws** are concerned. Neither do we comprehend as to why we have to face life that is full of problems and sufferings and ultimately the **death sentence** that has been passed from generations to generations to all humanity, without **an exception to the rule**.

What amazes me most is to discover the very fact that many of the Lord's crucial truths, to the success of our spiritual journey to the finish line, are written in the forms of parables. To the darkened world the hidden treasure could never be unraveled and yet to His dearest children, the absolute truths flow to the blessed eyes like 'Rivers of Living water' from one's belly. Just as our Lord Jesus says:

# "HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME, AS THE SCRIPTURE HATH SAID, OUT OF HIS BELLY SHALL FLOW RIVERS OF LIVING WATER." (JOHN 7:38)

Without question, our Lord had laid down His own life so as to **redeem** His beloved sheep being His dearest children through the death on the cross. By the same token, what is of equal if not greater importance is the very fact that He returns to indwell each and every one who genuinely believe, the moment a pardon from Jesus is received.

As God's children, **once born again** and **sealed** by the **Holy Spirit**, our heart is marked with **eternal redemption** and most of all **His absolute Divine presence**, 24 hours a day 365 days a year and **forever**! Within our **inner most being**, is seated the **King of Kings** and the **Lord of Lords** who is **Almighty** and **Holy**! Such **an intimate relationship** with our **God** and **what a fellowship**, just as the **vine** links together with its **branches**. It is of no wonder, the Apostle Paul had to carry with all of his might the '**Mystery of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ**' that was hidden for many centuries the plan of God before the foundation of the world, until it was unveiled unto his eyes. Thereafter he had labored with all of his heart, soul and mind and even laid his life '**for the sake of the elect**' to pass '**the baton of the Living Water**' the Holy presence of God, the **Holy Spirit** Himself.

What makes the **Gospel of Jesus Christ** so unique and awesome and different from religion is the presence of the Holy Spirit our **teacher**, our **counselor**, our **comforter**, our **intercessor** and our **helper** and above all our **Lord Divine Presence** within our Heart. His purpose is crystal clear: that is to assist us amidst our ferocious battle against our spiritual enemy by teaching us the **truth** and **transforming** our mind from the **lies of satan** and the **world** that are **fatally destructive** to our eternal life. Above all, it is the **Holy Spirit** that will clothe us with the **white radiant garment** of **absolute righteousness** and transport us into eternity ready to meet our Master as His brides.

It is for this reason we must never 'grief the Holy Spirit' or 'quench His Presence' as instructed by the Apostle Paul. On the contrary, we must crucify the lies of satan and the lusts of our sinful flesh so as to protect His Divine presence within our Heart, since God is Holy and could not withstand any kind of sin! Furthermore, as we meditate and act upon the words of God daily and moment by moment, we have continuously sanctified our mind and body through the truth, permitting the Holy Spirit to be the Lord of our Life.

Ultimately, as we **uplift** the **Holy Spirit** to flow through the 'Rivers of Living Water' unto others as we share **His good news**, in turn we shall continuously **grow** in the likeness of **His image**. Undoubtedly, as the 'Rivers of Living Water' bubbles unto eternity, we shall be marked with **His abundant life** that radiates His own characters bearing the fruit of love, Joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance within ourselves.

For after all, the Riches of the glory of the **Gospel of Christ** is found and embodied in His Saints. It is through the life and the lips of His Saints, His very own Disciples that relay unto others the walking Christ, the mark of Christ, the living proof of the Risen Saviour and His good news. Last but not least, it is

through our charity, the love of Christ the 'emblem of the cross' within our heart that will draw others to the Saviour, the lost sheep to find and the wanderers to win. Just as the Apostle Paul had penned unto the Colossians and revealed triumphantly through the cross, the Mystery of the greatest plan of our Master:

### "WHICH IS CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY!"

### **DAY** 18

"THE FEAR OF THE LORD TENDETH TO LIFE: AND HE THAT HATH IT SHALL ABIDE SATISFIED; HE SHALL NOT BE VISITED WITH EVIL."

**(PROVERBS 19:23)** 

There are very many **precious promises** that our Heavenly Father has given unto His Children that are inscribed within **His Holy commandments**, the **Holy Bible**. Believe it or not, each commandment that is given unto us by the **All-Wise God** carries a special purpose. Not just for the well being and the protection of His dearest children against and amidst danger, but most of all it carries the power of the **law of life** and **blessings** as we walk according to **His Divine rules** and **instructions**.

One of the most powerful blessings that I have always love and deeply engrafted in my heart is the blessings of "the genuine, reverent worship and respect of the Lord" by remembering, meditating and acting upon His commandments. Just as our Lord Jesus says:

"HE THAT HATH MY COMMANDMENTS AND KEEPETH THEM, HE IT IS THAT LOVETH ME: AND HE THAT LOVETH ME SHALL BE LOVED OF MY FATHER AND I WILL LOVE HIM, AND WILL MANIFEST MYSELF TO HIM."

"IF A MAN LOVE ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORDS: AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME UNTO HIM, AND MAKE OUR ABODE WITH HIM."

(JOHN 14:21,23)

Consequently, as we observe and live out His commandments in our life, we shall begin to experience His Divine presence as we receive God's blessings of eternal life. As we manifest within our Heart "the peace of God which passeth all understanding" in our daily living, in turn we would experience His contentment and satisfaction as we "abide in the Vine". Without a doubt, as we permit the Holy Spirit to rule in our heart with 'His Divine Peace', we would also be accompanied with His blessings and His protection in all that we do.

It is crystal clear that as we walk in absolute **reverence** and **obedience** unto our Lord God, we would for certainty never 'be visited with evil'. Just as the Scripture writes:

# "THE BLESSING OF THE LORD IT MAKETH RICH AND HE ADDETH NO SORROW WITH IT."

**(PROVERBS 10:22)** 

There was a real story of a Chinese Brother in Christ in China, who continued to worship the Lord God in his home, spending quiet time in much prayers and meditating upon His words. As the ferocious fire began to sweep across his village and burned down many houses, everyone shouted out of desperation to warn him to flee from his home quickly. As he was engrossed in much prayers and refused to leave his home, miraculously the Lord God protected his home from being burned down by the fire. As a result, the whole village was burned down with an exception of his house that stood to manifest the **protection** of the **Almighty** and the **blessings** of the Lord.

For after all, we must never forget that God is always **faithful** to **His own words**. Above all, we must always anchor upon **His promises** that are absolutely **trustworthy** and **true**, **trusting** in **His blessings** just as Scripture writes:

"THE FEAR OF THE LORD TENDETH TO LIFE: AND HE THAT HATH IT SHALL ABIDE SATISFIED; HE SHALL NOT BE VISITED WITH EVIL."

**(PROVERBS 19:23)** 

#### **DAY** 19

"FEAR NONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT THOU SHALT SUFFER: BEHOLD, THE DEVIL SHALL CAST SOME OF YOU INTO PRISON, THAT YE MAY BE TRIED; AND YE SHALL HAVE TRIBULATION TEN DAYS; BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH AND I WILL GIVE THEE A CROWN OF LIFE."

(REVELATIONS 2:10)

One of my favorite hymns writes:

"The way of the cross leads home; it is sweet to know, as I onward go, The way of the cross leads home."

As I sing this precious song to heart, unconsciously tears welled-up in my eyes. Without question, our **Sweet Lord** had laid the foundation of the path of the cross for us to follow, the **footprints of sufferings** and the **emblem of shame** that the world has despised to trod upon.

Indeed as I tread upon the **path of the cross**, I have discovered the **serene sweetness of peace** resting in the crucified. It becomes crystal clear that the only way to see the 'gates of light' and hear my Saviour says "come enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" is the blood-sprinkled way, the path that the Saviour had trod.

By the same token, the **victorious power** of the **Risen Saviour** is found in the cross. It is through the **cross** that the **Holy Spirit** is **uplifted** and the **characters of Christ** formed, as our flesh is being subjected as we arm ourselves with the sufferings of Christ. Just as the Apostle Peter writes:

"FOR AS MUCH THEN AS CHRIST HATH SUFFERED FOR US IN THE FLESH, ARM YOURSELVES LIKEWISE WITH THE SAME MIND: FOR HE THAT HATH SUFFERED IN THE FLESH HATH CEASED FROM SIN."

(1 PETER 4:1)

Meanwhile, as we bear our cross manfully and faithfully, we have permitted the Holy Spirit to take control of our heart, soul and mind. As we

**bid farewell** to the way of the world and to walk in it never more, in turn the Holy Spirit would fill us with the **Spirit** of **love**, **wisdom**, **courage** and **boldness** of Stephen.

Ultimately, as we **fearlessly battle** all trials and tribulations of the enemy remembering to be **'faithful unto death'**, we shall live to **please** our Master and **heed** His command.

Someday, as we **fight the good fight of faith** and **finish our course** with **victory**, we shall hear our Saviour say:

"WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT: THOU HAST BEEN FAITHFUL OVER A FEW THINGS, I WILL MAKE THEE RULER OVER MANY THINGS"

Thereafter, our **old Rugged Cross** that we **cherished** shall be exchanged for **a Crown of life** that our Master had promised.

For after all, had not our Lord commanded to "fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer" as we face trials and tribulations "10 days" from the enemy? Last but not least and above all, let us comprehend His well intention and wonderful plan for His dearest children when He commands us: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life". Without the cross, where would our crown be?

#### **DAY 20**

"AND WHEN HE PUTTETH FORTH HIS OWN SHEEP, HE GOETH BEFORE THEM AND THE SHEEP FOLLOW HIM: FOR THEY KNOW HIS VOICE."

(JOHN 10:4)

"For I know whatever befalls me Jesus doeth all things well, for I know whatever befalls me Jesus doeth all things well," I found myself singing this precious hymn in my lips as I was awakened by the barking of my dog 'nana' at 4.30 a.m. It was crystal clear that the Holy Spirit was singing in my sleep, as my dog woke me up this morning. Unconsciously, I had repeated in my lips the singing voice of my Lord the **Risen Saviour**, through the precious hymn that Fanny Crosby the gifted Saint had written.

Indeed, as I look back in my life, I had come to the realization of what Fanny Crosby had beautifully penned in the sacred hymn voiced by the Holy Spirit through her hand, to be true. As the sacred hymn writes:

All the way, my Saviour leads me; What have I to ask beside? Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my guide? Heavenly peace, Divinest comfort Here by faith in Him to dwell! For I know, whatever befalls me Jesus doeth all things well.

Without a doubt, what Fanny Crosby had written unveil her experiences of our **Risen Saviour**, our **Faithful Master** who **guides** His sheep through life's thick and thin, trials and tribulations amidst a pathway of **eternal blessings**. As I profoundly ponder on these words of absolute truth and nodded in agreement within my heart, I could not help but remember the precious words that our Lord has spoken unto us that says:

"AND WHEN HE PUTTETH FORTH HIS OWN SHEEP HE GOETH BEFORE THEM AND THE SHEEP FOLLOW HIM."

Just like this precious Saint, I had faced and battled life's many difficulties, much afflictions and problems of impossibilities beyond degree courageously through the Grace of God. Amidst the ferocious battle of life, I had come to recognize the invisible hand of my Saviour guiding me, teaching me how to war as young David against his lions and his bears.

Furthermore, I had discovered to my amazement that the **more ferocious** the attack of the enemy, the **stronger** the **spurt** of my **spiritual growth** would be. As I take after the footsteps of the Risen Saviour by remembering His commandments and acting upon them, I had access to the power of Heaven, the **secret formula of success** of **abiding in the Vine**.

Thereafter, **every trial** is but my **spiritual training** ground for **maturity** in **Christ Jesus**, while **every tribulation** is but my **crown of Glory**, as I recognize the voice of my Master more and more. Ultimately, I had learned to **welcome** my trials and tribulations that **come** from **above** and **rejoice triumphantly** amidst my problems, just as the Apostle Paul says:

"AND NOT ONLY SO, BUT WE GLORY IN TRIBULATIONS ALSO: KNOWING THAT TRIBULATION WORKETH PATIENCE; AND PATIENCE, EXPERIENCE; AND EXPERIENCE, HOPE: AND HOPE MAKETH NOT ASHAMED; BECAUSE THE LOVE OF GOD IS SHED ABROAD IN OUR HEARTS BY THE HOLY GHOST WHICH IS GIVEN UNTO US."

(ROMANS 5:3-5)

For after all, the very moment we **truly recognize** and **genuinely know** His voice, we shall be imprinted in His likeness, the face of our **Victorious Saviour**. As "**perfect love cast away all fears**" the Apostle John writes, "He that feareth is not made perfect in love".

Above all, we must deeply imprint within our heart and mind the very fact that "God is love"; and "he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God". Could a Loving Saviour that 'goeth before us' being His sheep not 'doeth all things well?' Not at all! 'For I know whatever befalls me Jesus doeth all things well!' Amen.

#### **DAY 21**

"AND TO THE WOMEN WERE GIVEN TWO WINGS OF A GREAT EAGLE, THAT SHE MIGHT FLY INTO THE WILDERNESS, INTO HER PLACE, WHERE SHE IS NOURISHED FOR A TIME, AND TIMES AND HALF A TIME, FROM THE FACE OF THE SERPENT."

(REVELATIONS 12:14)

"The battle is ferocious and ugly" I thought to myself, "but I have got to win these nasty attacks from the enemy!" All of a sudden I heard myself humming a tune that sounded very familiar. Without a doubt, I smile to myself realizing that the Holy Spirit had come to my aid, reminding me not to be discouraged but to fight on the ferocious battle in the frontier zone of the warfare.

It was crystal clear that my **Master** had hummed through my lips the singing voice of the **Risen Saviour**, the song, the precious hymn that Dr John Sung a **Mighty Warrior** for Christ, a powerful Evangelist had frequently sung and written. The hymn writes: "**Down with satan!**"

As I recognize the voice of My Master and His "thumbs up sign" of encouragement to fight courageously, immediately I felt a surge of energy within my heart, a beaming joy floods my soul as I nod in agreement and submission to my Royal Commander.

Without further delay, I clad myself instantly with the 'Armor of God' and the 'Shield of Faith' and the 'Sword of the word of God', as instructed by the Apostle Paul unto the Ephesians. "I am back in the battle, let's fight! I will die for Jesus at all cost and joyfully!" I found myself whispering but determine within my heart to be victorious and triumphant over the enemy and to bring glory to my Royal Master, even at the expense of my life as the first Martyr Stephen. Thereafter, I took the 'pair of wings of a great eagle' and flew in the wilderness to pray alone and to be nourished with His words, to receive the impetus of spiritual strength and be made ready to combat again!

Indeed, as God's children we are the **soldiers** of the **Cross**, the **great** warriors of **Jesus Christ** that are to be put on the frontier, the ferocious battle zone of the enemy, the devil. It is for this reason, once **born again** of the **Spirit** 

of God we are given 'a pair of the eagles wings' to combat against the enemy. On the other hand, our enemy the devil would use 'the flood of the world' to launch its most powerful and ferocious attack against the "seed of a woman" referring to those Christians that "keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ".

What makes the ferocious battle **nasty** is the very fact that our **flesh** belongs to the **power of darkness**, **won** by the enemy in the **Garden of Eden**, as we **falter** under the **law of sin** and **fathered by the devil.** As our forefather the first pair of human beings chose to obey the enemy and transgressed the **law of Holiness**, thereafter we shed of **immortality** and took on **carnality** to become **mortal** and **corruptible flesh**. As a result, there is not one of us that do not suffer the state of **sinfulness** and ultimately the **penalty of death**, without any exception to the **Divine Rule** of God.

However, God out of **His love** and **wisdom** had **foreordained Salvation** through the **Cross**, through the death of **His Precious Son Jesus to** rectify the sin issue. It is through the Calvary, that our Lord imparts **His Grace** upon us all, unto the undeserving mankind, restoring once again our **immortality**, the **State of Holiness** and a **loving relationship** that was lost in the **Garden of Eden.** Undoubtedly, it is **Christ return** in the form of the **Holy Spirit** that would clad us with absolute **righteousness** and **courage** that would lead us against the foe, the war to **triumph** and the **laud** and **honor** to receive.

Above all, let us be aware of the weapon of the enemy that would **envenom** and **subjugate** our flesh through the **fallen carnal mind**, the **sinful nature** and **ugly negative emotions** that must be **crucified** at all times. Just as our Lord Jesus says:

# "IF ANY MAN WILL COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW ME."

(MATTHEW 16:24)

Last but not least, let us remember to put on the whole armor of God, the shield of Faith and the 'Alert System' of the pair of wings to the wilderness alone with God by meditating on His words with much prayers. Let us be watchful not to falter in the trap of satan of loving the 'world' that include being drunken with the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, the lusts of other things and the excessive indulgence of the pleasures of this world. For after all, just the Apostle John writes:

"LOVE NOT THE WORLD, NEITHER THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD. IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM. FOR ALL THAT IS IN THE WORLD, THE LUST OF THE FLESH, AND THE LUST OF THE EYES, AND THE PRIDE OF LIFE IS NOT OF THE FATHER, BUT IS OF THE WORLD. AND THE WORLD PASSETH AWAY, AND THE LUST THEREOF: BUT HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF GOD ABIDETH FOREVER."

(1 JOHN 2:15-17)

### **DAY 22**

"MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE, FOR MY STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS. MOST GLADLY THEREFORE WILL I RATHER GLORY IN MY INFIRMITIES THAT THE POWER OF CHRIST MAY REST UPON ME."

**(2 CORINTHIANS 12:9)** 

There are times in our life that God has left us a 'thorn', pain and sufferings or problems from time to time that would go on, without taking them away. It is only natural for us to yearn to remove them and get rid of the problems once and for all, and never to see them again. However, for some reason after much prayer, you will discover that the problem remain or reappear and you wonder why? Perhaps in your mind, you could not comprehend and in turn the enemy would began to put a question mark in your faith, doubting whether God loves you enough to hear your prayers.

It is obvious that in the sight of the Lord God, what matter most is ultimately our **spiritual wellbeing** rather than the **temporal comfort** of **our flesh** or our temporal wellbeing. By the same token, the Lord God that we worship is not interested in the **droplet of our temporal life** when compared to the riches of the **ocean of our eternal life** that lies ahead of us. On the contrary, what God is interested is to form in us His own character, to imprint and embossed the image of His son Jesus upon us.

Consequently, Christ came to give us His abundant life, the riches of **His Grace** and the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit through His death in the cross. Undoubtedly, it is through His shed blood in the cross that we are made sanctified, permitting the Holy Spirit to take control of our body, mind and soul. As the Holy Spirit fills us with His presence in the fullness of His stature, in His likeness thereafter we are made ready, by providing us the very passport unto eternity.

As a result, our Lord's main aim and ultimate goal is to bring His dearest children into His glorious Kingdom, the moment we acknowledge and call Him 'Abba Father' in our Spirit. It is for certainty, our Heavenly Father in His loving arm would eagerly wait for us to return home, as He prepared many mansions and streets of Gold for us to dwell in for eternity.

However, the journey towards home is a lifelong process, as we must put off the filth of all carnality and put on the garment of spirituality and absolute righteousness. It is evident that we must be clad in white linen garment, spotless without blame prior to stepping into the gates of light, our Father's Glorious Kingdom and eternal home that is pure and bright, without sin. It is for this reason, our beloved Saviour came to redeem us through His precious blood and clothe us with His righteousness, as he led us the way the narrow path of the cross towards our Heavenly Home.

As our Master guide us bearing His cross, we must thereafter take after His footsteps, bearing our cross towards Home. Indeed, we must continually remember and heed our Saviour's commands at all times as "the servants are not greater than his Lord; neither he that is sent greater than He that sent Him."

It is amazing to discover, that within the **old rugged cross** that we carry, lies the **Divine power of the Risen Saviour** that flows through to His dearest children the power of **transformation of the Holy Ghost**. As we carry joyfully and manfully the **old rugged cross**, cherishing and resting in the crucified, we will begin to experience the **9 fruits of the Holy Spirit** forming in our life. Unconsciously, the burden of the cross gets **lighter** as we bloom and bear within ourselves the fruit of **love**, **joy**, **peace**, **longsuffering**, **goodness**, **gentleness**, **faith**, **meekness** and **temperance**. On the other hand, as we reject and despise our cross, you will discover the weight of the cross beyond what we can carry, the pain and sufferings beyond degree and the **torment** in the **lake of fire** for **eternity**.

For after all, **His Grace is always sufficient for us, His strength is made perfect in the Cross** through the **given thorns** in **our flesh.** Meanwhile, let us learn to rejoice as the Apostle Paul in the **Cross**, through **our infirmities**. Let us glory in our weaknesses as we crucify them with our Saviour in the **Cross**, that the **Resurrected Power of Christ** may rest upon us. Above all, let us put to mind that our **Cross** though **heavy** could **never be greater** than **His Grace**. The cup that we drink could never be **more bitter** than He drank in **Gethsemane**. Ultimately, the thorns in our path are never **sharper** than composed **His Crowns** for us, someday to receive as we journey towards Home.

Let us triumphantly rejoice in our **Cross**, boasting in our **infirmities** rather than our own **strength**, uplifting the **Holy Spirit** and proclaiming once again just as the Apostle Paul mentioned: "when I am weak, then am I **strong.**" Last but not least, let us "put on Christ" and

"ALWAYS BEARING ABOUT IN THE BODY THE DYING OF THE LORD JESUS, THAT THE LIFE ALSO OF JESUS MIGHT BE MANIFEST IN OUR BODY"

**(2 CORINTHIANS 4:10)** 

#### **DAY 23**

"YE HAVE NOT CHOSEN ME, BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU, AND ORDAINED YOU, THAT YE SHOULD GO AND BRING FORTH FRUIT, AND THAT YOUR FRUIT SHOULD REMAIN: THAT WHATSOEVER YE SHALL ASK OF THE FATHER IN MY NAME, HE MAY GIVE IT YOU"

(JOHN 15:16)

Do you know that the sheep of the Lord are the **ordained Disciples** of Christ? Are you aware that the instructions of our Lord Jesus is to make "Disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit" as written in the last chapter of the Gospel of John, recorded in the Amplified Bible? Indeed it is through the sheep that belong to Christ that our Lord Jesus is uplifted and glorified. Just as our Lord mentioned:

"I PRAY FOR THEM: I PRAY NOT FOR THE WORLD, BUT FOR THEM WHICH THOU HAST GIVEN ME; FOR THEY ARE THINE. AND ALL MINE ARE THINE, AND THINE ARE MINE; AND I AM GLORIFIED IN THEM."

(JOHN 17:9-10)

Without a shadow of a doubt, the sheep are marked with the **victorious footstep** of the Risen Saviour, the **characters** and the **mindset** of **Christ** that are embossed in the life of a Disciple. It is the living proof of the **power of godliness** that unveil **the fruit** of **absolute humility, meekness** and **gentleness** that would radiate from far the **Image** of **Christ and the voice** of the **Risen Saviour** that says:

"TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU, AND LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART: AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS."

(MATTHEW 11:29)

By the same token, it is the prevalence of the **fruits** of the **Holy Spirit** of **love**, **joy** and **peace** that reflect the **Sainthood** of **Jesus Christ** within the sheep that portray the likeness of our Lord. It is through them that the **love of Christ** is

**realized** and His **commandments** fulfilled, displaying unto the world the **walking Christ** manifesting unto others His **hand** of **compassion**.

Meanwhile, it is through the fruits of longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, temperance with much prayer, that the sheep draw others to 'the Light of the world', the Merciful Kind Saviour unshackling and translating them from the power of darkness into 'the Kingdom of His dear Son'

Finally, it is through the **fruit** of **absolute faith** in the **Risen Saviour** in **'the word of God'** that the sheep **battle victoriously** the lies of the enemy and the world overturning them with **absolute truth**, that produce the distinct mark of **steadfastness**, **contentment** and **peace**. It is for this reason the Apostle John writes:

"FOR WHATSOEVER IS BORN OF GOD OVERCOMETH THE WORLD: AND THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH."

(1 JOHN 5:4)

Hence it is not surprising to discover that our Lord's **most important instruction** and **mission** for the sheep is to be **fruitful**, just as our Lord Jesus says:

"YE HAVE NOT CHOSEN ME, BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU, AND ORDAINED YOU, THAT YE SHOULD GO AND BRING FORTH FRUIT, AND THAT YOUR FRUIT SHOULD REMAIN:"

Ultimately, it is through learning how to 'abide in the Vine' by remembering and acting upon His commandments that we become fruitful. As we choose to walk in the spirit by crucifying our flesh, thereafter we have uplifted the Holy Spirit to continue bearing the fruit of the Spirit as we continuously link ourselves with the Vine.

Consequently, as we **constantly abide in Him**, we shall grow to be **like our Master** bearing much fruit and in turn **glorify** our Heavenly Father as His Disciple. Just as our Lord Jesus commanded:

"HEREIN IS MY FATHER GLORIFIED, THAT YE BEAR MUCH FRUIT; SO SHALL YE BE MY DISCIPLES."

(JOHN 15: 8)

Last but not least, as we continue to abide in Christ, we shall receive the **greatest blessing** of being heard by our Lord God, thereafter each and every

single **prayer granted** and our **petitions fulfilled** as promise according to the voice of the Risen Saviour that states:

"THAT WHATSOEVER YE SHALL ASK OF THE FATHER IN MY NAME, HE MAY GIVE IT YOU."

#### **DAY 24**

"THERE HATH NO TEMPTATION TAKEN YOU BUT SUCH AS IS COMMON TO MAN: BUT GOD IS FAITHFUL, WHO WILL NOT SUFFER YOU TO BE TEMPTED ABOVE THAT YE ARE ABLE; BUT WILL WITH THE TEMPTATION ALSO MAKE A WAY TO ESCAPE, THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO BEAR IT."

(1 CORINTHIANS 10:13)

Have you ever wonder why God permits temptations in the life of His dearest children? Did it ever occur to you that temptations are parts and parcel of the process of our spiritual growth? It is amazing to discover that out of our 'fiery trials and tribulations' in our life as well as difficult temptations, come forth our powerful knowledge of the Almighty and faith that is found 'more precious than gold tried in fire!'

Without a doubt, it is through **temptations** and **powerful attacks** of the enemy, permitted by our **Loving Heavenly Father**, that genuine **spiritual growth** take place and the **revelations** of **spiritual truths** unveil and surface. Consequently, it is through the **pruning knives** of **manifold temptations** and difficulties that we bloom spiritually bearing much fruit as His Disciples, that ultimately imprint upon us the **image** of **His Son**, as we continuously abide in the vine.

One morning as I was singing this precious song that titled "Faith is the victory" through my lips, without much awareness the Holy Spirit brought back to me the memory of one of my most ferocious battle that I had face in my life years ago. It so happened that at one point of time I had zero sales for 3 days in a row in my business. As I struggled in vain with all my might in my sales effort to maintain the normal daily revenue, before long a heavy fearful burden began to set in my heart. Unconsciously, a joyful peaceful heart was being robbed and now replaced with a heart of doubt, discouragement and absolute nervousness.

As the enemy launched its fiery darts into my mind challenging me with questions such as: "How do I pay my Father? And with what shall I pay him with?" Since I was in the business with my father, these powerful attacks of

doubt and logical carnal intelligence taught me to look at my circumstances and environment.

Thereafter, without much awareness I had plummeted into the enemy's territories, not realizing that I had lost the shield of faith. As I plunged into the 'trap of fear and anxiety' of the enemy and slept with a heavy heart, all of a sudden the Holy Spirit came to my aid. Amazingly, I heard the powerful voice of the Risen Saviour awakening me up as the Holy Spirit shouted in my ears repeatedly as He said:

#### "FAITH IS THE VICTORY! FAITH IS THE VICTORY!"

Indeed, I was rouse by the sweet voice of my Lord that had reminded me to 'be strong and of good courage'. Thereafter, I could not help but remember this precious song in my heart. Before long, I found myself in tears singing the truth of the words of God that is inscribed in this sacred Hymn written as follows:

"FAITH IS THE VICTORY"
"FAITH IS THE VICTORY"
"O GLORIOUS VICTORY"
"THAT OVERCOMES THE WORLD"

As the voice of the Lord unveiled the battle and the **test of faith** given unto me, He continued to speak gently in my ears the most comforting **words of promise** that once again came to my aid that says:

"THERE HATH NO TEMPTATION TAKEN YOU BUT SUCH AS IS COMMON TO MAN: BUT GOD IS FAITHFUL, WHO WILL NOT SUFFER YOU TO BE TEMPTED ABOVE THAT YE ARE ABLE; BUT WILL WITH THE TEMPTATION ALSO MAKE A WAY TO ESCAPE, THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO BEAR IT."

As these verses written in the book of Corinthians strengthen me to fight the good fight of faith, all of a sudden my fear vanishes and my faith was strengthen and my spirit of boldness of young David against Goliath was restored. As I stood up to pray with absolute faith petitioning for His provision of **Jehovah Jireh**, I heard the voice of wisdom from the Lord telling me what to do and how to sell.

As I courageously took to the Lord's advice by absolute faith, courage and boldness of young David, miraculously God overturned 3 days of no sales to become 'streams in the desert'. To my amazement, within less than 1 week, my stock was totally depleted and turned the merchandise sold as His Jehovah Jireh of financial success, to flow once again His goodness and His faithfulness onto my needs.

My dearly beloved, have you experience such ferocious battle of faith amidst the hosts of night and darkness? Rest assured! Undoubtedly we shall anchored upon the Lord with **our shield of faith** and the **sword** of the **word of God**, with the **truth all gird** about and our **heart aflame** with **love**. Thereafter, we shall **rejoice** and shout triumphantly and sing from our heart and in our lips that **faith** is for certainty the 'victory that overcometh the world!'

Without question, it is through **faith** that God will walk us through all temptations, trials and tribulations **courageously** and **victoriously**. Ultimately, it is through **faith** in the **love of the Risen Saviour**, that we would receive the **strength** to overcome **temptations**, **rest** amidst **trials**, **light** for the way and **Grace** with **His unfailing kindness** and **love**.

For after all, **God is always faithful** unto His dearest children, who will not suffer us to be tempted **above** that **we are able**, but will with the temptation **always** make **a way** for us to **escape**, that we may be able to **bear** it.

#### **DAY 25**

"IF ANY MAN SERVE ME, LET HIM FOLLOW ME; AND WHERE I AM, THERE SHALL ALSO MY SERVANT BE: IF ANY MAN SERVE ME, HIM WILL MY FATHER HONOUR."

(JOHN 12:26)

In this materialistic world where we live in, it is interesting to discover that every valuable thing in the eyes of our society are always found with its imitations. For instance, there are the real diamonds versus the fake diamonds, there are the genuine pearls versus the imitation pearls. Finally, there are the real US dollars versus the illegal copies of the fake currencies that had been circulated within our society. Likewise, it is not surprising to discover that amidst the **invaluable truth** of the **Gospel of Jesus Christ** comes the **false gospel** sewn by the **enemies** the devil. By the same token, amidst the **few** and **'rare gems'** of the **genuine Servants** of the **Lord**, that would radiate from far the mark of the Risen Saviour, appear the false prophets the 'wolves in the sheep clothing'.

As God's children, we must be wise to recognize and discern the **truth of** God's words from the **false lies of satan** and **his servants** that creep in the **cloak of religion** as the devil **transform** himself as the **angels of light**. It is for this reason, the Apostle Paul had written to warn the Corinthians church as follows:

"FOR SUCH ARE FALSE APOSTLES, DECEITFUL WORKERS, TRANSFORMING THEMSELVES INTO THE APOSTLES OF CHRIST. AND NO MARVEL; FOR SATAN HIMSELF IS TRANSFORMED INTO AN ANGEL OF LIGHT."

(2 CORINTHIANS 11:13-14)

In the meantime, our **precious Saviour** had also given His beloved sheep **precaution** of the work of the enemy as the **power of Darkness** would use every means to **masquerade himself** to invade and destroy His dearest children. Just as our Lord Jesus commanded:

"BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS WHICH COME TO YOU IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING, BUT INWARDLY THEY ARE RAVENING WOLVES. YE SHALL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS. DO MEN GATHER GRAPES OF THORNS, OR FIGS OF THISTLES? EVEN SO EVERY GOOD TREE BRINGETH FORTH GOOD FRUIT; BUT A CORRUPT TREE BRINGETH FORTH EVIL FRUIT. A GOOD TREE CANNOT BRING FORTH EVIL FRUIT, NEITHER CAN A CORRUPT TREE BRING FORTH GOOD FRUIT. WHEREFORE BY THEIR FRUITS, YE SHALL KNOW THEM."

(MATTHEW 7:15-20)

One of the most powerful mark of a genuine Servant of the Lord is their absolute pure love for Jesus and His sheep. As Christ Disciples, they radiate a lifestyle of absolute godliness and righteousness intermingled with absolute humility, meekness, longsuffering, faith, charity and the rest of the fruits of the Spirit. As fully-grown Saints, they manifest the absolute presence of the Holy Spirit and the abundant life of Christ as they follow the footsteps of the Risen Saviour. Within their lips, heart and mindset voiced the Risen Saviour, the presence of the absolute truth of the Gospel of Christ that rule in their heart and reign in their day to day life of prayers.

As they joyfully lay their life for the Master in His service, living out His commandment in their life, unconsciously they have developed the 'gleam' of the Saviour in His likeness. Without a doubt, as they revolve and center their heart and life upon our Victorious Saviour, in turn they are marked with His absolute presence that says:

#### "AND WHERE I AM, THERE SHALL ALSO MY SERVANT BE."

Ultimately, it is their willingness to **crucify** their flesh that result in the **abundance** of their **testimonies** of **answered prayers** that makes them the **greatest warriors** for **Christ**. Unlike the **false prophets** that **center** on the things of **mammon**, the **love of the world**, **carnality** and **sins**, the **Servants of the Lord** manifest the **opposite**. It is through them that our Lord Jesus is **uplifted** and **glorified as** they "**deny themselves** and **take up the cross** and **follow Him.**"

Last but not least, it is through the **Saints**, **His genuine Servants** that the **power** of the **Risen Saviour** manifested and the **walking Christ** revealed. For after all, just as our Lord promised us through His own words:

"IF ANY MAN SERVE ME, HIM WILL MY FATHER HONOUR."

### **DAY 26**

"BUT THE WISE ANSWERED, SAYING, NOT SO; LEST THERE BE NOT ENOUGH FOR US AND YOU: BUT GO YE RATHER TO THEM THAT SELL, AND BUY FOR YOURSELVES."

(MATTHEW 25:9)

Are you amazed to discover that the 'power of abiding in the vine' lies in the flasks of oil of the 5 wise virgins? Just like Math's formula, each parable mentioned by our Lord Jesus unveils the different spiritual formula and lessons for us to learn. In the meantime, I had discovered that each and every parable is interlink and interdependent many times, just as the puzzle pieces that make up the whole picture. Thereafter when put together, the parables of the Lord become His Masterpiece of Spiritual formulas, the secret of the Divine laws that act as the hidden Master key to the door of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Without a doubt, the parables of the Lord are concealed and incomprehensible to the unbelieving world. However, to the blessed eyes of His dearest children, they are spiritual instructions and formulas that are essential to the success of our spiritual journey to the finish line.

One of the most powerful formulas **crucial** to our spiritual success lies in the story of the **parable** of the **5 wise** and **the 5 foolish virgins**. Within the parable outlays the essential requirement of the **flasks of oil** needed for the **lamps** to keep on burning so as to **shine** while journeying along the narrow path of the cross. As all virgins carry the lamps referring to **born again Christians** that has the **life of Christ**, the difference between the 5 wise and the 5 foolish virgins lies in the flasks of oil. Thus, the 5 wise virgins that bought the **oil** which represent the **Holy Spirit**, made through the passage and the moment of absolute darkness called the **midnight**.

On the other hand, the opposite is also true for the foolish virgins who refuse to buy oil. As a result the 5 wise virgins were made **spiritually ready** by the **absolute presence** of the **Holy Spirit** when the bridegroom our Master comes. Sad to say, the 5 foolish virgins though born again of the spirit of God do not make it in the end, since their lamps are gone out, leaving them totally in darkness!

It is for certainty that this precious parable spoken by our Lord emphasizes the **importance** of **buying** the **flasks of oil** of the **Holy Spirit**, so as to keep us **walking** in the **light** versus in the **darkness**. By the same token, as we walk in the **light**, we have permitted the **Holy Spirit** to take control of our **mind**, **heart** and **lips** as we continuously 'abide in the vine!' Subsequently, we would experience the **9 fruits** of the **Spirit** within our heart that manifest love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, faith and temperance. As we walk in the Spirit instead of our flesh, our **spiritual eyesight** becomes **sound** and **clear** and our **prayers of faith granted**, since we are abiding in the Vine. Just as our Lord promises us that state:

# "IF YE ABIDE IN ME, AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU, YE SHALL ASK WHAT YE WILL, AND IT SHALL BE DONE UNTO YOU."

(JOHN 15:7)

Last but not least, to purchase the flask of oil of the 5 wise virgins, one must constantly **trade our time** that is used for the **flesh** to be used to **uplift** the **Holy Spirit**. It is for this reason, as God's children we must spend quiet time before the **throne of Grace** to **pray** and **read** and **meditate** His precious words. Thereafter, as we ingest God's words spiritually and purchase with our time the **drops of oil** of the flasks of the 5 wise virgins, we shall grow in the spirit day by day. In the meantime, we must continuously **crucify** our **flesh** and the life style of **sins** that would instantly **deplete** and '**expense**' the oil of the flasks of the 5 wise virgins.

For after all, it takes the **faithfulness** in the parable of the **5** and **2 talented servants** to trade their flesh with the presence of the Holy Spirit that will continuously filled the **flask of oil** of the **5 wise virgins** to enter His kingdom. Otherwise we shall land ourselves in the state of **absolute darkness**, just as the foolish said unto the wise:

#### "GIVE US OF YOUR OIL; FOR OUR LAMPS ARE GONE OUT."

Ultimately, it is through the **truth of God's words** that the Holy Spirit would **transform** us in the likeness of His Son and thereafter **transport** us into eternity. It is for this reason that we must constantly be filled with the Spirit and not be **'drunken in the night'**. Above all, let us be **watchful** and be **sober** just as the Apostle Paul reminds us:

"THEREFORE LET US NOT SLEEP, AS DO OTHERS; BUT LET US WATCH AND BE SOBER. FOR THEY THAT SLEEP SLEEP IN THE NIGHT; AND THEY THAT BE DRUNKEN ARE DRUNKEN IN THE NIGHT."

(1 THESSALONIANS 5:6-7)

#### **DAY 27**

"THE APPEARANCE OF THE WHEELS AND THEIR WORK WAS LIKE UNTO THE COLOUR OF A BERYL: AND THEY FOUR HAD ONE LIKENESS: AND THEIR APPEARANCE AND THEIR WORK WAS AS IT WERE A WHEEL IN THE MIDDLE OF A WHEEL."

**(EZEKIEL 1:16)** 

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you." As I was pondering profoundly upon these words of the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords prior to His departure from the temporal, all of a sudden my mind was capture on the truth voiced by the Risen Saviour.

"Why did our Lord Jesus **send** us the **Holy Spirit**? What exactly do we receive from the **Holy Ghost**?" Without much awareness, I was browsing upon these thoughts one afternoon, a solitude that led to the riches of the Revelations unveiled by my teacher and my counselor the Holy Spirit Himself.

God in His absolute wisdom had arranged and preplanned **Salvation** through the **Cross** and through the words of our **Risen Saviour** worked upon by His own Spirit called the **Holy Ghost**. It is the work of "a wheel within a wheel", as written by Prophet Ezekiel that had foreseen the work of Salvation many years before the **New Covenant** was written and established; and long before the **birth** of **our Savior** and the **coming** of **the Holy Ghost**.

What is more amazing was the accurate and precise description of the **riches** of the **hidden work** of **Salvation** as seen by Prophet Ezekiel himself. It is evident that the **'Symbolic Vision'** written in the form of the **Hidden Manna** is incomprehensible to the naked eyes and yet its riches are unveiled to the blessed eyes of His children by the Holy Ghost written as follows:

"THE APPEARANCE OF THE WHEELS AND THEIR WORK WAS LIKE UNTO THE COLOUR OF A BERYL: AND THEY FOUR HAD ONE LIKENESS: AND THEIR APPEARANCE AND THEIR WORK WAS AS IT WERE A WHEEL IN THE MIDDLE OF A WHEEL." Without question, the colour **Beryl** as seen equally by Prophet Daniel in another vision refers to our **Master** and **Saviour Jesus Christ** Himself. Meanwhile, the **wheel within the wheel** indeed manifest the work of **Salvation** run by the **Holy Spirit**, the **Lord God Himself** who comes to indwell in the **heart** of His own children, the **genuine believers**. It is of no wonder, our Lord Jesus described the Holy Spirit as follows:

"HOWBEIT WHEN HE, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, IS COME, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH: FOR HE SHALL NOT SPEAK OF HIMSELF; BUT WHATSOEVER HE SHALL HEAR, THAT SHALL HE SPEAK: AND HE WILL SHEW YOU THINGS TO COME. HE SHALL GLORIFY ME: FOR HE SHALL RECEIVE OF MINE, AND SHALL SHEW IT UNTO YOU."

(JOHN 16:13-14)

Indeed, I had discovered that the **Holy Spirit** many times would voice in my sleep and shouted frequently the **words of God**. He **moves** the **word of Jesus** within my heart like **a wheel**, teaching me the **truth** when I could not comprehend what our Lord had taught through His parables. I recalled vividly at one night as I was sound asleep, all of a sudden the Holy Spirit shouted in my ears to wake me up when he said to me: "**For without me, ye can do nothing**". Thereafter I replied: "Yes Lord, I know it's John 15, thank you!" I smile in my heart and talk to my Lord who lives moment by moment within my heart.

Without a doubt, I had recorded daily the **singing voice** of my Lord and His voice of **comfort** as well as **encouragement** and many more. Further, He had taught me **much truth** of the **words of God** as my **teacher**, voicing the **spiritual meaning** and teaching me the **truth** of the **Scripture**. One day, I stumble upon the spiritual meaning of the word 'ox' found in **Ezekiel chapter 1** that I could not comprehend. Thereafter the very next morning prior to even waking up, I heard in my ear the voice of my teacher the Holy Spirit explaining to me as He spoke softly but clearly that "ox is a servant!"

Finally, the Holy Spirit my teacher is **longsuffering** and **patience** towards me reminding me not to be slothful but be diligent. One morning I fell into carnality, the lust to sleep and unable to get up in the wilderness in the "wee hours" to pray alone. Hence, my Lord gently reprimanded me as I woke up and heard His voice in my ears that said: "**The Spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak**."

Without a doubt, our Sweet Lord has orchestrated the Holy Spirit to be **our counselor**, **advocate**, **stand by**, **intercessor**, **strengthener**, **helper** as written in John 14 in the Amplified Bible. It is crystal clear that apart from

unveiling our sins and warning us of the enemy, He came to guide us in the **path** of **righteousness** and to do the work of "**a wheel within a wheel**". Above all, He is our **Master**, our **Lord God**, and the third person of the **Trinity**.

Let us remember not to grief the Holy Spirit at all cost. Let us continue to **cherish** His presence within our heart by **walking in the Spirit** so that just as the Apostle Paul writes:

"AS MANY AS ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, THEY ARE THE SONS OF GOD."

(ROMANS 8:14)

#### **DAY 28**

# "SANCTIFY THEM THROUGH THY TRUTH: THY WORD IS TRUTH."

(JOHN 17:17)

"It is evident that we are living in a lie!" I found myself uttering my own thought aloud as I was pondering upon the voice of the Risen Saviour. "We are in a state of a mess, with absolute error!" I continued my own conversation. As **'light shineth into darkness'**, all of a sudden my mind was unveiled by my master to realize the absolute truth of God's words. Without much awareness, I could comprehend the **'hidden manna'**, the **Mystery** of the **Kingdom** of **God** that could neither be perceived with the naked eyes nor understood with our carnal intelligence.

Indeed, it is shocking to discover how much lies we have learned and absorbed from our society. In school, we are taught that we come from monkeys and in our society we are taught that money is everything. Further, what is sad and more tragic is 'the modern day' air of pomposity of atheism, self-effort and self-worship that surround us dictating the message that "God does not exist!" It is of no wonder our youngsters, teen and young adults are filled with so much confusion and immorality. As crime rates escalated, marriage broken down, we are filled with generations that are lost: lost of directions, lost of accountability, lost of moral value and ultimately lost of purpose to live!

Without a doubt, beneath the breaking down of our society and at home lies the fundamental **crux** of our problems. The very culprit of all mankind that spells out clearly in the statement that says: "We are living in a lie!" It is not surprising as we turn our eyes upon the Risen Saviour that proclaims "I am the way, the truth and the life," that you will discover the key and the answer to our problems. Consequently, it is through the voice and the power of the Risen Saviour that we receive the very solution that sets us free from the source of lies called the **devil**, named by our Lord as the 'Father of lies!'

Ever since, we have faltered in the Garden of Eden, we have been born in a state of error and lies or perversion called **sin**. Being fathered by the devil, we have lost the ability to operate in absolute truth that require absolute perfection and the law of Holiness. It is for this reason the Apostle Paul writes:

"FOR WE KNOW THAT THE LAW IS SPIRITUAL: BUT I AM CARNAL, SOLD UNDER SIN. FOR THAT WHICH I DO I ALLOW NOT: FOR WHAT I WOULD, THAT DO I NOT; BUT WHAT I HATE, THAT DO I."

(ROMANS 7:14-15)

Amidst all of this heartache of errors and lies that control our very being, I smile to discover the precious truth, as I look up unto the 'word of God' the face of my Saviour that the Apostle John declares:

"IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD."

(JOHN 1:1)

"IN HIM WAS LIFE; AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN."
(JOHN 1:4)

"AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US. (AND WE BEHELD HIS GLORY AS OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER), FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH."

(JOHN 1:14)

Thereafter, it was from these verses that I had understood and now comprehend that the 'word of God' is Jesus Himself. Believe it or not, the 'word of God' has the power to sanctify us since they are 'absolutely True and Holy'. It does not change with time and remain the same yesterday, today and forever.

Besides, it is amazing to discover that by **believing** and **memorizing** God's words in our **lips**, **heart** and **mind**, it will cause the **devil** to **flee** far away and **transform** us unto the **truth**. Thereafter, as we discard the **multitudes of lies** in our mind and put on the **absolute truth** of **God's words**, we shall put on **Christ**, the very **image** of our **Saviour** Himself.

One day, I had a very unique experience with the 'word of God'. It so happen that I had a throbbing headache and a super stress in my whole body. As a solution, I decided to drive out to San Francisco just to get away from my stressful body and a stressful home environment. As I was about to leave, my husband had returned from his office in time to throw an intense argument and quarrel with me. Without much realization and in response, I stood up and began to preach to my husband the 'word of God'. As I shouted loudly God's words to counteract His argument, all of a sudden my throbbing headache and my stress in my body were totally gone instantly and immediately! Obviously,

I was shocked to discover the power of the 'words of God' and what it does against the ugly demons, the very cause of my stress that had attacked my body that day.

Ever since then, I began to study carefully and intently every **single word of truth** uttered by the Risen Saviour as inscribed in the Holy Bible. On another occasion, the Lord had unveiled to me how quite a few demons flew out one by one as I began reading and preaching **His Holy Word** in the wilderness, alone with God. What a revelation and how amazing is **His Holy Word** unto those who believe!

For after all, it is through the voice of the Risen Saviour that declares that we do not belong to this world even as He is not of the world; but rather that we should be kept from the evil. Last but not least and most of all, just as our Lord Jesus said unto our Heavenly Father:

"SANCTIFY THEM THROUGH THY TRUTH: THY WORD IS TRUTH."

#### **DAY 29**

# "THIS I SAY THEN, WALK IN THE SPIRIT, AND YE SHALL NOT FULFILL THE LUST OF THE FLESH."

**(GALATIANS 5:16)** 

Uncle Dong had left me one of the most powerful truths of the Risen Saviour that had been deeply imprinted in my heart. "There are only 2 ways!" echoed his voice in my mind. "The path of blessing of God's will or the permissive path of our choice." As my spiritual teacher sent by the Lord, uncle Dong had faithfully labored in His name and nurtured me spiritually as a young sheep for 13 years. He had taught me much truth and equipped me to journey along the narrow path of the cross, the path of blessing that 'many strive to enter but could not!'

It is evident that this path of **eternal life** is so **narrow** and **contracted** with **pressure** that is far from being popular with the world. Just as our Saviour has commanded us and stated when He said:

"ENTER YE IN AT THE STRAIGHT GATE: FOR WIDE IS THE GATE, AND BROAD IS THE WAY, THAT LEADETH TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY THERE BE WHICH GO IN THEREAT: BECAUSE STRAIT IS THE GATE, AND NARROW IS THE WAY, WHICH LEADETH UNTO LIFE, AND FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT."

(MATTHEW 7:13,14)

All of a sudden, it dons on me that this challenging path of the cross, the narrow way is indeed the very best way that God has willed it in our life. It is not meant for the unbelieving but for those who **cling tightly to the promises of the Saviour** by **absolute faith**. It is not meant for the fearful, prideful or complex crafty mind, but rather for those who **humble** themselves simply **trusting** like a **little child** and rated themselves **insignificant** before the sight of our **Almighty God** our **Heavenly Father**. Finally, it is not meant for those who uplift their flesh and flounder seeking the worship of the temporal but rather for those who seek the **blessed hope** of the **Kingdom** of **Heaven** for eternity.

Amazingly, I had also discovered that the path of the cross is easy enough for us to journey, so long as we trod by the 'shoes of faith', resorting to our

Guide the 'Word of God' and our Counselor the 'Holy Spirit' rather than our flesh or our own strength. If we abide by the Divine rules of the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, we will triumph over every single hurdle and challenges of life with victory, receiving the 'Crown of Glory' as we run the Spiritual Marathon to the finish line.

Without a doubt, the secret of **success** of the **pathway of blessing** and the **ingredient** to the **glory of God** lies in what the Apostle Paul had written unto the Galatians as follows:

### "WALK IN THE SPIRIT, AND YE SHALL NOT FULFILL THE LUST OF THE FLESH."

As a matter of fact, I had experienced that so long as I remember to act upon His rules of thumb of "Deny myself, take up the cross and follow me" on the basis of "loving Him with all my heart, soul and mind"; I shall journey joyfully, peacefully and effortlessly. However, the very moment I refuse to crucify my flesh in disobedience or struggle defiantly refusing to be yoked together with Christ, I found my feet stuck to the 'mud of the world'. Thereafter, I got stranded and had fallen dangerously in the territory of the enemy, the power of darkness.

Furthermore, it is very important for God's children to separate themselves unto righteousness. I remembered vividly the ringing voice of uncle Dong reminding me as I nodded in agreement: "There are places, things that we should avoid from going, seeing, hearing and talking. We must practice godliness and the constant crucifixion of our flesh." Even though, uncle Dong had long gone to be with the Lord, I had come to the realization the truths of every single word that he had uttered as I journey further in the **Spiritual Race** set before me.

Once **born again** of the **Spirit of God**, we must begin to run the **Spiritual Marathon** that lies ahead of us. Many Christians today do not realize that being born again is not the end of the journey but rather the beginning of a life long journey. There are many challenges to conquer and many hurdles to overcome as we lay our life for the Master and run continuously aiming at the **'Wreathe of Glory'** to win at the end of the race.

Most of all, we must discard our **sinful habits**, **negative emotions** and **lies** that belong to the **flesh** and **transform** them through the **truths** of **God's words**. Just as the Apostle Paul reminded us:

"FOR THE FLESH LUSTETH AGAINST THE SPIRIT, AND THE SPIRIT AGAINST THE FLESH: AND THESE ARE CONTRARY THE ONE TO THE OTHER: SO THAT YE CANNOT DO THE THINGS THAT YE WOULD."

**(GALATIANS 5:17)** 

Meanwhile, we must never permit the works and the lust of our flesh such as **fornication**, **adultery**, **pride**, **anger**, **hatred**, **fear**, **doubt**, **lies**, **etcetera** to **govern** us. Whenever we falter into our flesh, we must recognize them and immediately confess our sins and repent of them. Then, instantly walk in the Spirit by absolute **faith**, **humility** and **patience** instead of fear, anger and pride. As we choose to **practice recognizing** and **denying** these **lies** and **crucify** them, in turn we allow the **Holy Spirit** to be **uplifted** and to **bloom** the 9 fruits of the Spirit within our body. Ultimately, we shall grow in the Spirit until the **image** of **Christ** is formed within us.

On the other hand, if we choose to walk in the 'easy way' of the flesh and refuse to deny and crucify them, we shall plummet in the path of absolute darkness of the devil. As we uplift our flesh, in turn we have grieved the Holy Spirit, preferring the devil instead of the Lord to control our body, mind and heart. Thereafter, we have chosen the path of the world, the broad way that will only lead us unto destruction if we continue to journey in the route of our flesh, instead of walking in the Spirit. In the long run, the continuous habits of walking in the flesh would land us as 'a dried up branch' and earning many spiritual illnesses that would kill the baby life of Christ within us. It is for this reason, we must always put to mind what the Apostle Paul had written that is:

# "FOR IF YE LIVE AFTER THE FLESH, YE SHALL DIE: BUT IF YE THROUGH THE SPIRIT DO MORTIFY THE DEEDS OF THE BODY, YE SHALL LIVE."

(ROMANS 8:13)

Last but not least, let us continuously 'abide in the Vine' by walking in the Spirit so that 'Peace of God' would rule within our heart. Ultimately, let us remember what the Apostle Paul had penned that is:

# "BUT IF WE LED OF THE SPIRIT, YE ARE NOT UNDER THE LAW." (GALATIANS 5:18)

#### **DAY 30**

"IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS."

(**JOHN 1:9**)

"In China, there is a tribal people where they take their baths only 3 times in their life; when they are born, on their wedding day and when they die. They smell so bad that you could smell them from far!" commented uncle Titus Dong, my other spiritual teacher sent by the Lord to train me in the ways of truths. As I heard these words, I gazed in amazement thinking to myself: "that must be awful! I would feel terrible if I miss just my shower for that day!"

As a matter of fact, we all know that taking daily showers are essential to maintain our physical hygiene and prevent unhealthy bacteria or viruses from growing and infiltrating our internal immune system. Showers are taken so that we would feel comfortable, clean and promote body's circulation and most of all protecting us from being sick. Likewise, confessions of sins are similar to taking showers. For one to be **born again** of the **Spirit** of **God**, one must **thoroughly purge** oneself of **all sins** and **wash** them by the **blood of Jesus** so as to **sanctify** ourselves. Thereafter, permitting the **Holy Spirit** to **indwell** within our **heart**, since He is **Holy** by nature.

Once born again of His Spirit, we must maintain **spiritual daily cleanliness** and **spiritual hygiene** by washing the **dust of sins** and **carnality** and showering them in the **blood of Jesus** as we **confess** our **sins** in our daily **prayers**. It is **crucial** to keep one's heart absolutely **Holy** and **sanctified** by the blood of Jesus so as not to **grief** the **Holy Spirit** or makes Him uncomfortable, living in a heart that is defiled. Many times, our spiritual enemies would defile us by permitting **sins**, **lies and carnality** to penetrate in our **spiritual system** just like a **virus** or **bacteria** that enters and disrupt our body's immune system!

It is for this reason, we must practice **godliness** and **check** for **sins** by confessing them and wash them by the blood of Jesus, as we come before the **throne of Grace** in our daily quiet time as we read God's words and pray. Obviously, we seek the advice of the Holy Spirit to shine and reveal within our heart the sins that we have committed for that day.

Personally, I had daily journal of sins that I confessed in order to accomplish 2 very important functions. First of all, as I confess my sins and write them out, I became acutely aware the kind of demon that attacks me, since every sin has its demon. Secondly, I must **get rid** of the sins that I have committed by being **aware** of the **lies** and the **error** that is sent by the devil and above all, I must **transform** them through the **truths** of **God's words**.

In short, my main purpose of recording my list of sins is not to make me **guilty**, which is a **trap** and a **lie** of satan; but rather to be **alert** of the enemy that attack me and in turn **discard** the sins and put **on Christ!** Thereafter, I begin to grow spiritually as all sins are washed away by the precious blood of my Saviour and then transform them through believing God's words instead of satan's lies. Just as the Apostle Paul writes:

"I BESEECH YOU THEREFORE, BRETHREN, BY THE MERCIES OF GOD, THAT YE PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE UNTO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE. AND BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD: BUT BE YE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, THAT YE MAY PROVE WHAT IS THAT GOOD, AND ACCEPTABLE, AND PERFECT, WILL OF GOD."

(ROMANS 12:1-2)

Without a doubt, as God's children we must comprehend to present our body **Holy** at all times as a **living sacrifice**, mentioned by the Apostle Paul above. Most of all, we must transformed our mind by **disagreeing** with the **lies** of **satan** and **agreeing** in the **voice** of the **Risen Saviour** as we **negate** the **lies** of the enemy. Keep in mind that ultimately, we must continue to **discard** the **error** of **lies** and replace them with our **renewed mind set** of absolute **truth** so that we would emerge as the **bride of Christ** at the end of our spiritual journey.

It is evident, that the image of Jesus Christ would only be formed as we throw away all lies and continuously wash them by the blood of Jesus, as we confess our sins in agreement with our Saviour. Thereafter, as we put on the absolute truth of the Risen Saviour by faith in His words, in turn we have submitted ourselves and uplifted the Holy Spirit to complete His work of transformation of the life of Christ within our body.

Ultimately, we must comprehend that confession of sins is not just **verbal** or **vocal declaration**, but more importantly in the sight of our Heavenly Father and in the original Greek text, confession means **genuine repentance** of our sins **thoroughly**. For certainty, it involves **agreeing** with our Saviour in our **mind** and **heart** that the sin committed is wrong.

By the same token, **repentance** means **walking** in the **opposite direction** of the **sins** we have committed in the past as we **agree** and **acknowledge** them from our heart, lips and mind to be an **error**, an **offence** against the **Almighty God**.

Finally, my dearly beloved, I shall hereby leave you 2 very precious testimonies to remember what our Lord Jesus had done for us in the Cross. It is through His **precious blood** that we are **cleansed** from all of **our sins** and **unrighteousness**. He died to set all of us free from the **clamour** of sins and the **claws** of satan. Without the power of His precious blood shed in the Cross, we would all be **doomed** for **destruction** in the **lake of fire** for **eternity**.

One day, as I finished preaching in one church, the pastor had invited me to cast out demons from a young man, who was filled with the power of darkness. To begin with he was resorting to mere lips confessions rather than his heart. However, as I accompanied him to finish that prayer in the name of Jesus, the young man began to throw up. Thereafter, I realized that he was not genuine in his confessions of sins and I had to have him confessed each and every sin over again. Believe it or not, each sin confessed from his lips involved throwing up his food and the demon of that particular sin into the trash can. Obviously, I was shocked to discover the truth of God's words, just as our Lord Jesus said:

# "ALL THESE EVIL THINGS COME FROM WITHIN, AND DEFILE THE MAN."

(MARK 7:23)

Thereafter, my eyes were opened to witness that each sin when confessed and washed by the blood of Jesus cause the devil to leave. What an eye opener that the Lord had given me.

On another occasion, there was another young man who was set free from 3 demons as He confessed his sins with me. To begin with, I had led him to confess each and every sin from his heart genuinely to petition before the Lord Jesus for His forgiveness and washed by the blood of Jesus. At the end of that prayer as we concluded in the name of Jesus, all of a sudden he cried out loudly out of fear. Thereafter, he had declared to me of how he had witnessed **3 burnt black demons** about 12 inches crawling out one from his left hand, another from his right hand and another from his belly button down to the ground.

Last but not least, let us **always sanctify** ourselves with His precious blood and **genuine confessions** of our sins from our heart so as to welcome the

Lord, the Holy Spirit to be at home with us. May we always deeply imprint within our heart what the Apostle John had written that is:

"IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS."

### **DAY 31**

"BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS, TEMPERANCE: AGAINST SUCH THERE IS NO LAW."

(GALATIANS 5:22-23)

"Have you ever thought of the benefits of the fruits of the Holy Spirit?" I heard a voice within my heart teaching me the truth of God's words as I was taking my shower one evening. Once again I recognize the voice of my **Master** unveiling unto me the riches of the '**Hidden Manna**' that cannot be obtained from school. Unconsciously, I was drawn to the voice of Dr John Sung, the most powerful Chinese evangelist that said: "Man teaching man cannot produce a servant of a living God!"

Indeed, it takes the **voice** of the **Risen Saviour** through the presence of the Holy Spirit to reveal and teach me the things of the Spirit, just as the Apostle Paul stated when he said:

"BUT GOD HATH REVEALED THEM UNTO US BY HIS SPIRIT: FOR THE SPIRIT SEARCHETH ALL THINGS, YEA THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD."

**(1 CORINTHIANS 2:10)** 

Amazingly enough, I was delighted to learn from my **Master** the precious **benefits** of His own **characters** called and named as the **'fruit of the Spirit'**. As the Lord explained to me and open my spiritual eyes, I felt 'floods of joy over my soul like the sea billows roll', as I had discovered for the first time their preciousness and benefits conferred upon His dearest children.

It is evident that the **fruits** of **the Holy Spirit** are **essential**, **crucial** and **vital** for the **success** of our **spiritual journey** to the finish line. Without a doubt, each and every fruit has its wonderful purpose that act as a **buffer** to the **weight** of our **cross** as we bear them manfully, **protecting** us against our enemies. It is through the **fruit of the Spirit** that we realize the very strength to finish our course with His **Grace** and **beautifully**, as He imprints upon His dearest children His own likeness and His image at the end of our life's journey.

Let us now put to mind and analyze the **benefits** of each one of the **9 fruits** of **the Holy Spirit**:

#### THE FRUIT OF JOY:

Joy of the Lord is our super strength! It gives us the power to welcome the pruning knives of the Master with joy, as we triumph amidst our manifold temptations, trials and tribulation. It is the zest of energy, the driving force of 'abiding in the Vine' that yield our fruitfulness in Christ Jesus. As a result, it facilitates and allows the 'molding hand' of the potter to imprint upon the clay His likeness.

#### THE FRUIT OF PEACE:

**Divine peace** gives us the strength to **rest** in the **crucified** as we **yoked** ourselves **constantly** with the **Saviour**. It **removes** the **excessive weight** of the **cross** and **equips** us to face our trials and tribulation **manfully** and **courageously**.

#### THE FRUIT OF FAITH:

Faith gives us the strength for our spiritual feet to run as we journey along the narrow path of the cross. It gives us the supernatural strength to climb the 'Rocky steep slope' of the 'Rugged path' of the Cross as well as jumping over the dangerous pit of satan's trap with wisdom and speed. It acts as our shield from the fiery darts of satan protecting us from falling over the cliff of fear, unbelief, doubt and emotional negativity or discouragement etc.

#### THE FRUIT OF LONGSUFFERING:

**Longsuffering**, which includes lots of patience, is the **fundamental ingredient** that is essential to the **bearing** of the **rest** of the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit. It acts as the **fuel** to **run** the **Spiritual race** that is set before us.

#### THE FRUIT OF GENTLENESS & GOODNESS:

Gentleness and goodness radiate the characters of our Risen Saviour unto others. They make up the 'salt' and the 'light' of the Lord in this darkened world.

#### THE FRUIT OF MEEKNESS:

Meekness or humility is the key of Grace given by the Holy Spirit that permits us to open and enter the doors of the Kingdom of Heaven. It gives us the strength to be kept on course and not off track as we journey along the narrow path of the Cross. It has the power to keep us abiding in His Grace and prevents us from faltering in the trap of pride from satan.

#### THE FRUIT OF TEMPERANCE:

**Temperance** gives us the **strength** and **wisdom** to obey the instruction of our **Master**. It acts as a **brake** to a **car** and knows when to **stop** and **go** under the guidance of the **Holy Spirit**.

#### THE FRUIT OF LOVE:

Love gives us the strength to bloom unto maturity all the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit as we journey to the finish line. It is the greatest and the highest gift of the Holy Spirit that encompasses the riches of the abundant life of Christ in us, as we are conformed to the image of His son.

Dearly beloved, may these benefits of the **9 fruits** of the **Holy Spirit** be yours today as we recount the **goodness of the Lord** and **His wisdom.** Finally, may the Lord richly bless you to be filled **with His Spirit** as He imparts unto us **His Holy presence**. Without a doubt, it is through the presence of the 9 fruits of the Spirit, that we would all become mature in Christ Jesus. Just as the Apostle Paul mentioned:

"TILL WE ALL COME IN THE UNITY OF FAITH, AND OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD, UNTO A PERFECT MAN, UNTO THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE OF THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST."

**(EPHESIANS 4:13)** 

