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Dear Friend,

Thank you for joining us on this Kingdom journey! This special edition of The Daily Vitamin is our gift to you.

May this collection of reflections nourish your spirit and draw you closer to the heart of Daddy God, Jesus and Holy Spirit. May each page bless and encourage you as connect with the Lord. May His love strengthen daily you in every area of your life.

With love and blessings,
Gregory & Susan Dewbrew

FOREWORD

Susan Dewbrew

Just a small dose of this daily devotional will do more for your spiritual health than a ton of oversized theological textbooks could ever hope to do. Just like natural nutrition, there is a place for feasting joyfully at the banquet table, but it's the small healthy meals eaten daily that truly nourish you. That's exactly what the *The Daily Vitamin* will do for you when absorbed on a regular basis. These daily morsels will nourish your soul and bring health to your spirit. Think of them like a Holy Spirit multivitamin—they are tiny when compared to the nutrients power-packed inside them.

I can personally attest this is true. I have been nourished by the *The Daily Vitamin* for over a decade now. My husband, Gregory Dewbrew, is the author. I get to hear them live every morning before he shares them with the world. Honestly, it's my favorite part of the day because he reads them to me live with his arms wrapped around me. (Sorry ladies, didn't mean to make you jealous!)

I am richer and more grounded because of these words and the Spirit they carry. I have watched my husband faithfully rise early every morning to spend quiet time with the Lord ("Daddy God," as Gregory calls Him). There have been long seasons over the years where we had a small house and so many people living with us that he had to sit on our closet floor to have a designated place. And he did so without complaint. Yup, he is that kind of man. These days he gets to sit in a big comfy chair looking out over our beautiful yard and pool.

Seasons change, but Gregory never has. His commitment to spending time and communicating the Father's heart for the day has been consistent throughout the seasons of life. The Lord is faithful and true and so is His servant, Gregory. Of this I am a daily witness.

He signs each devotion as "Be a blessing, Sir Gregory." The "Sir" was

a title given while away on a men's retreat, and he still has the sword used in the ceremony. This honor is not a title given by an earthly monarch, but it means a great deal to him as it was bestowed upon him from the King of kings. Gregory wants everyone to know who they are in God's Kingdom on earth. You too are an ambassador and priestly king. You too have a title of honor! So lift up your head and walk in the knowledge of who you are in Christ. It's from this heavenly perspective that you can "be a blessing" everywhere you go.

This devotional is perfect for the person on the go or as a supplement for those who can feed from lots of different sources. Sometimes I am surprised by how something as small as the *The Daily Vitamin* can have such a big impact. Some days I am challenged or convicted by them, but most days I feel strengthened and encouraged. You will too. I pray these daily doses impact your life and the lives of those you love as much as they have mine.

Blessings,
Susan Dewbrew

JANUARY 1

Identity

Philippians 3:9 (The Mirror Bible)

S*o here I am; found in Christ! I was looking in the wrong place all along! My own duty-and-guilt-driven religious endeavor snared me in the cul-de-sac maze of self-righteousness, sponsored by the law of works! The faith of Christ reveals my identity; righteousness defines who God believes that I really am. This righteousness is sourced in God and endorses the authority of faith. (Faith is a fairy tale if Jesus is not the substance of it!)*

Our identity is found only in Christ. We often look to people, jobs and religion to define us, but they never can—they never will! Only in Christ will we find who we truly are. My prayer is that as we begin a new year, we will find our true identity in Christ. He has grand plans for you and me.

How do we find identity in Christ? By looking to Daddy God and asking daily to be affirmed by His voice in Scripture and in our spirit. Be intentional today and ask Him to speak over you and affirm who you are in Him. Shut out the other voices that distort your self-perception. Listen only to *His* voice!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 2

Time

John 16:25-27 (The Passion Translation)

I *have spoken to you using figurative language, but the time is coming when I will no longer teach you with veiled speech, but I will teach you about the Father with your eyes unveiled. And I will not need to ask the Father on your behalf, for you'll ask Him directly because of your new relationship with Me. For the Father tenderly loves you, because you love Me and believe that I've come from God.*

Friends, let me tell you clearly: the time has come. Jesus restored the relationship between Daddy God and us. Yes, Jesus prays for us as an intercessor prays for others. Yes, He stands in the gap on our behalf. But you now have the right and responsibility to ask Daddy God directly. So what time is it? Time to speak directly to Father God!

Take a moment and stand still in His presence. Gather the courage to make the "Big Ask." Be bold in your requests. You have the authority to release heaven into earth. Timid, uncertain prayers have no place in the Kingdom. You are authorized to pray prayers that shake heaven and earth. So pray like the world depends on it!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 3

Example

Philippians 2:4-11 (The Voice Bible)

G*et beyond yourselves and protecting your own interests; be sincere, and secure your neighbors' interests first. In other words, adopt the mind-set of Jesus the Anointed. Live with His attitude in your hearts. Remember: Though He was in the form of God, He chose not to cling to equality with God; But He poured Himself out to fill a vessel brand new; a servant in form and a man indeed. The very likeness of humanity, He humbled Himself, obedient to death—a merciless death on the cross!*

So God raised Him up to the highest place and gave Him the name above all. So when His name is called, every knee will bow, in heaven, on earth, and below. And every tongue will confess "Jesus, the Anointed One, is Lord," to the glory of God our Father!

Jesus came and showed us the way. The way to live a life full of glory. He came and destroyed the plans of our adversary—not with force or with legions of angels, but with humility. He came as a servant to all, yet He was fully God.

Love filled with humility wins every time. This is the way! Ask Holy Spirit to flood you now with love-filled humility.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 4

Willing

Isaiah 1:19 (New King James Version)

If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land.

This is one of my favorite scriptures. Some translations say "the best of the land." And the phrase "willing and obedient" flows well with Philippians 2:13:

For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Here we see that Daddy God will help us to do His will. As we enter this new year, what is it that keeps you from the best Daddy God has for you? Ask Holy Spirit to help you be obedient in what you are already willing to do. That's step one. Don't wait—start now!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 5

Heart

Ezekiel 36:26-28 (The Voice Bible)

I *will plant a new heart and new spirit inside of you. I will take out your stubborn, stony heart and give you a willing, tender heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit inside of you and inspire you to live by My statutes and follow My laws. Then you will live in the same land I gave your ancestors; you will be My people, and I will be your God.*

When Ezekiel wrote down these words, Israel had wandered far away from the ways of Daddy God. Yet God was merciful and called them back to Him. He promised to give them a new heart for Him.

Today, I see Daddy God doing this again. He is restoring our zeal for Him and He is bringing back to Him the true hearts that pursue Him. Come and join your heart to His!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 6

Self

2 Peter 1:2-3 (The Mirror Bible)

God's desire is that we may now increasingly be overwhelmed with grace as His divine influence within us and become fully acquainted with the awareness of our oneness. The way He has always known us is realized in Jesus our Master.

By His divine engineering He gifted us with all that it takes to live life to the full, where our ordinary day to day lives mirror our devotion and romance with our Maker. His intimate knowledge of us introduces us to ourselves again and elevates us to a position where His original intention is clearly perceived!

By getting to know Christ, we actually are getting to know ourselves. We are made in God's image. We were created to be like Him, to reveal Him. When Jesus came, He confirmed our original purpose and restored us back to our original design. Jesus pushed the reset button and restored us to the original factory model.

Your assignment for today? Get to know who you truly are by getting to know Him. You will do exactly that as you spend time today with Holy Spirit.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 7

Dwelling

Ephesians 3:16-18 (The Mirror Bible)

I *desire for you to realize what the Father has always envisaged for you, so that you may know the magnitude of His intent and be dynamically reinforced in your inner being by the Spirit of God. This will ignite your faith to fully grasp the reality of the indwelling Christ.*

You are rooted and founded in love. Love is your invisible inner source, just like the root system of a tree and the foundation of a building. Love is your reservoir of super human strength which causes you to see everyone equally sanctified in the context of the limitless extent of love's breadth and length and the extremities of its dimensions in depth and height.

Father God's intention from the very beginning was to make His home a place available to *all*. So the Triune God came up with a plan to do that. Their plan was simple: it was love.

They came to live in you and invited you to live in Them. This dwelling within each other is a mutual indwelling. And the only obligation on us for this mutual indwelling is to simply say yes and invite Them in. As we learn Their ways, our love leads others to do likewise.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 8

Love

John 3:16-17 (The Mirror Bible)

T*he entire cosmos is the object of God's affection! And He is not about to abandon His creation—the gift of His Son is for mankind to realize their origin in Him who mirrors their authentic birth—begotten not of flesh but of the Father! In this persuasion the life of the ages echoes within the individual and announces that the days of regret and sense of lost-ness are over! God has no intention to condemn anyone—He sent His Son, not to be the Judge but the Savior of the world."*

Love is a deep conversation, yet we sometimes describe it flippantly like it's a very common word. But love is anything but common! Love is so powerful it can create or transform anything.

We often simply say that Daddy God loves the world, and He does of course. But our simple phrases could never really do justice to how Father God feels about us. Think about it: God sent His Son to rescue us from a life apart from love. His willingness to lay down His life is the ultimate expression of love. And that's why we say that *God is love!*

Allow Him to love you. Allow Holy Spirit to love others through you.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 9

Worship

John 4:23-24 (The Passion Translation)

"F*rom here on, worshiping the Father will not be a matter of the right place but with the right heart. For God is a Spirit, and He longs to have sincere worshipers who worship and adore Him in the realm of the Spirit and in truth."*

Jesus made a way so that we could worship Daddy God in spirit and truth. The location in which we worship Daddy isn't important. Even the way we worship isn't all that important. *What's important is that we worship*. And not just corporate worship but also private worship. Daddy God will meet you in both places, and He will manifest Himself in different ways in each.

Take some time today to show Him your love and your worship. The world around you will notice the difference in you.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 10

Go

Matthew 28:18-20 (The Passion Translation)

Then Jesus came close to them and said, "All the authority of the universe has been given to Me. Now go in My authority and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit. And teach them to faithfully follow all that I have commanded you. And never forget that I am with you every day, even to the completion of this age."

When reading Jesus' mandate to His disciples, I remembered that the Book of Acts has no ending. Look it up. And that means that *the Books of Acts hasn't ended*. Jesus gave this charge to "go" as He left this realm. He entered heaven as a man and is now seated at the right hand of the Father. He is seated upon the throne of God as a fully *human* man, not as a disembodied, "spiritualized" man.

The fact that a *human* is seated on God's throne shows us that we as Spirit-filled humans can do the same things He did. He gave us His authority and His power. So *go* and write another page in the Book of Acts!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 11

Truth

John 14:12-14 (The Passion Translation)

"I tell you this timeless truth: The person who follows Me in faith, believing in Me, will do the same mighty miracles that I do—even greater miracles than these because I go to be with My Father! For I will do whatever you ask Me to do when you ask Me in My name. And that is how the Son will show what the Father is really like and bring glory to Him. Ask me anything in My name, and I will do it for you!"

It takes faith to know the truth. And what is truth? Truth is a person. Truth has a name. *Truth is Jesus!* When our truth-revealing-faith is mixed with the faith of Jesus, we will see and do many of the same things that happened in the Book of Acts. As Jesus promised, whatever we ask of Father God in His name will happen.

Today is a day of miracles. Take the time now to specifically ask for miracles in your life. Not just surprising coincidences, but undeniable miracles that display the glory of God to the world. It's time for greater things!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 12

Pray

Romans 8:26-27 (The Passion Translation)

And in a similar way, the Holy Spirit takes hold of us in our human frailty to empower us in our weakness. For example, at times we don't even know how to pray, or know the best things to ask for. But Holy Spirit rises up within us to super-intercede on our behalf, pleading to God with emotional sighs too deep for words.

God, the searcher of the heart, knows fully our longings, yet He also understands the desires of the Spirit, because Holy Spirit passionately pleads before God for us, His holy ones, in perfect harmony with God's plan and our destiny.

One powerful word that we often misunderstand is the word "pray." Prayer can become just an empty ritual. Sometimes we simply don't pray at all or we "pray amiss," as James says. It's time to recover the power of prayer!

Today, when you pray, ask Holy Spirit to lead you, to help you pray. You are not praying alone! Partnering with Holy Spirit allows your prayers to be powerful and effective. He is more than willing to help you pray.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 13

Hope

Romans 8:22-25 (The Voice Bible)

To this day we are aware of the universal agony and groaning of creation, as if it were in the contractions of labor for childbirth. And it's not just creation. We who have already experienced the firstfruits of the Spirit also inwardly groan as we passionately long to experience our full status as God's sons and daughters—including our physical bodies being transformed. For this is the hope of our salvation. But hope means that we must trust and wait for what is still unseen. For why would we need to hope for something we already have? So because our hope is set on what is yet to be seen, we patiently keep on waiting for its fulfillment.

"Hope" is a four letter word. The good kind. For such a little word "hope" can have so much power and meaning. In this passage Paul talks about the hope that God gives. Do we have this Daddy God kind of hope or just a pie-in-the-sky kind of hope? How do we know the difference?

Ask yourself if you know for certain that the outcome will be positive. That certainty comes from a faith-filled, Holy Spirit kind of hope. And that's the difference!

Ask Holy Spirit for a deeper and more confident hope. Then trust that Daddy God has a good plan, and never give up until you see your hope fulfilled.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 14

Self

Galatians 5:16-18 (The Passion Translation)

As you yield freely and fully to the dynamic life and power of Holy Spirit, you will abandon the cravings of your self-life. For your self-life craves the things that offend Holy Spirit and hinder Him from living free within you! And Holy Spirit's intense cravings hinder your old self-life from dominating you!

So then, the two incompatible and conflicting forces within you are your self-life of the flesh and the new creation life of the Spirit. But when you are brought into the full freedom of the Spirit of grace, you will no longer be living under the domination of the law, but soaring above it!

Too much of our time is spent on satisfying our self, our flesh. And, ironically, we end up dissatisfied. Only when our desires are aligned with Holy Spirit are our desires met—or, better yet, *changed*. Whenever our spirit-self learns to walk step-in-step with Holy Spirit, the flesh-self will no longer control us. In fact, the flesh-self will no longer tempt us.

How will you walk step-in-step with Holy Spirit today?

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 15

Towel

John 13:3-5 (The Passion Translation)

Now Jesus was fully aware that the Father had placed all things under His control, for He had come from God and was about to go back to be with Him. So He got up from the meal and took off His outer robe, and took a towel and wrapped it around His waist. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' dirty feet and dry them with His towel.

Jesus "took a towel." What a statement! Maybe we could say He took up His mantle, His gifts, His authority, His calling. Then He washed the disciples' feet. Knowing completely who He was, He washed their feet—their dirtiness, their shortcomings, their sins, their...you name it! Then He dried them with "His towel," with Himself, giving us the example to do the same. In this simple act of humility Jesus gave us the ultimate example of giving ourselves to serve others.

How will you serve others today? Are you ready to "take a towel"? Ask Holy Spirit to hand you the towel today as you serve. Ask Him to empower your eagerness to serve so that all you do is done with joy and love. Ask Him to anoint your skills, abilities and giftings. Use the authority you have been given to bring life to others today.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 16

Prayer

James 5:16 (The Passion Translation)

Confess and acknowledge how you have offended one another and then pray for one another to be instantly healed, for tremendous power is released through the passionate, heartfelt prayer of a godly believer!

Ever wonder why our prayers often aren't answered? Jesus promised that our prayers would be answered. So why are they not? Maybe it's because we've forgotten the first part—*confession*. Confession clears the path for positive answers. Confession brings healing.

Here's the assignment for today: let's clear the path by confessing our mistakes so our prayers become effective. Daddy God does not condemn us when we mess up. No, He helps us clean up our mess. And as we live a life of confessing and cleaning up messes, let's be quick to help others as Daddy helps us. This kind of prayer works!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 17

Benefit

Hebrews 10:24-35 (The Mirror Bible)

Let us also think of creative ways by which we can influence one another to find inspired expression in doing things that benefit others. Good actions give voice and volume to the love of God. In the light of our free access to the Father, let us extend that embrace to one another.

Our gatherings are no longer a repetition of tradition but an essential fellowship where we remind one another of our true identity. Let us do so with greater urgency now the day has dawned in our understanding.

One of the benefits of helping others and being a blessing to them is that it creates an open channel for us to receive our own blessings. We often hear the old saying that "God helps those who help themselves." However, it would be a more true and biblical statement to say that "God helps those who help others."

Think about it. How can you help someone today? Ask Daddy God for a creative way to bless those around you today. I promise it will pay great dividends.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 18

Words

Ephesians 4:29-32 (The Voice Bible)

Never let ugly or hateful words come from your mouth, but instead let your words become beautiful gifts that encourage others; do this by speaking words of grace to help them. Holy Spirit of God has sealed you in Jesus Christ until you experience your full salvation.

So never grieve the Spirit of God or take for granted his holy influence in your life. Lay aside bitter words, temper tantrums, revenge, profanity, and insults. But instead be kind and affectionate toward one another. Has God graciously forgiven you? Then graciously forgive one another in the depths of Christ's love.

Words are powerful. They either tear down or build up. As children we used to say, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me." How I wish this was true! But actually words can hurt you. In fact, words can *kill* you. Negative words create cracks in our foundation and fractures in our soul. Words hurt.

As we face the day, let's think about ways we can season our words with love and use words that heal rather than hurt.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 19

Trust

Matthew 11:26-30 (The Passion Translation)

"Yes, Father, your plan delights Your heart, as You've chosen this way to extend Your kingdom—by giving it to those who have become like trusting children. You have entrusted Me with all that You are and all that You have. No one fully and intimately knows the Son except the Father. And no one fully and intimately knows the Father except the Son. But the Son is able to unveil the Father to anyone He chooses."

"Are you weary, carrying a heavy burden? Then come to Me. I will refresh your life, for I am your oasis. Simply join your life with Mine. Learn My ways and you'll discover that I'm gentle, humble, easy to please. You will find refreshment and rest in Me. For all that I require of you will be pleasant and easy to bear."

The Christlike life is all about trust. And not just any trust, but childlike trust. Jesus trusted the Father completely, and He's teaching us to trust. The trust He shows us is a trust without preconceived ideas of how we want things to be. Christlike trust is simply full-blown, all-out trust.

Check your trust-o-meter today. How easily to do you surrender your plans to Father God? Are you willing to lose your preconceived ideas and simply trust that Daddy will do what's best for you? Today will be a trust exercise.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 20

Countenance

Acts 6:15 (The Passion Translation)

Every member of the supreme council focused his gaze on Stephen, for right in front of their eyes, while being falsely accused, his face glowed as though he had the face of an angel!

People often say that the eyes are the window to the soul. No doubt that's true. Our countenance—our facial expression—displays what's going on inside us. So think about this: we are made in Daddy God's image, right? We reveal God. The more we become like Jesus, the more others will see God in our countenance.

Moses is a great example. When he spent time on the mountain with God, his face became just like Daddy's. It shone so bright that he put on a mask. When we spend time with God, our face will reveal His glory. Our task today is simple: let the light of Daddy's presence shine so brightly through your smiling face that others will *know* you've been with Jesus.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 21

Mercy

Jude 1:21-23 (The Passion Translation)

Fasten your hearts to the love of God and receive the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gives us eternal life. Keep being compassionate to those who still have doubts, and snatch others out of the fire to save them. Be merciful over and over to them, but always couple your mercy with the fear of God. Be extremely careful to keep yourselves free from the pollutions of the flesh.

Our world needs mercy. But mercy is a gift rarely seen in our culture today. For those of us who follow Jesus, mercy defines us. Stop for a moment and intently recall the mercy shown to you by Daddy God. Give thanks for that mercy.

Now stop again for another moment and think about those around you who need mercy. As you set your mind on them, allow faith and compassion to grow in your heart toward them. Radiate mercy in your heart toward them. Pray that you may have the opportunity today to show toward others the mercy you have received.

Always be the one to extend mercy and grace. You never know when your mercy just might soften a hardened heart. Allow Holy Spirit to draw to Jesus those near you.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 22

Fruit

Galatians 5:22-24 (The Passion Translation)

The fruit produced by Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions: joy that overflows, peace that subdues, patience that endures, kindness in action, a life full of virtue, faith that prevails, gentleness of heart, and strength of spirit. Never set the law above these qualities, for they are meant to be limitless.

Apple trees produce apples. Peach trees produce peaches. And so on. Christians produce love. Why is that? Because we are created in the image of Daddy God—which means we bear His fruit—and the fruit of God is love because *God is love!* Sort of like God is a love-tree that bears love-fruit.

As Christians, the fruit of the Spirit that we bear is a divine love demonstrated in many different forms. The characteristics of our fruit may be diverse, but each one is an expression of love. Which leads to the question: what is love? It looks a lot like you! You are the face of love to others.

How will you show love today?

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 23

Wait

Isaiah 40:29-31 (New King James Version)

He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Waiting is not inactivity. Isaiah declares that those who "wait" are those who will "mount up," "run" and "walk" Clearly, those who wait are not doing nothing in the meantime. To be renewed and transformed, you must have been doing something. To wait upon the Lord is explained better in Ephesians 6:13:

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Having done all, then *stand*—or wait. So, in your waiting, do all you can. Daddy always partners *with* us, but He doesn't do it all *for* us. So do all you can while you're waiting on your promise to come.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 24

Lord

Exodus 34:6-7a (The Voice Bible)

Then the Eternal One passed before him (Moses). "The Eternal God, full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger, and abundant in loyal love and truth, who maintains loyal love to thousands of people, who forgives wrongdoing, rebellion, and sin."

Before Father God inscribed the tablets, He reminded Moses of who He is. All through the Psalms the writers would return the favor and remind Father God of who He is. Like this one:

O Lord, You are good and ready to forgive; Your loyal love flows generously over all who cry out to You. (Psalm 86:5, The Voice Bible)

God reminds us of who He is and invites us to remind *Him* of who He is to us. So I ask: who is the Great I Am to you? If you were to remind God today of who He is to you, what would you say? I can think of so many things He is to me, but mostly I think of Him as a loving caring Daddy.

What will you remind God of today? Don't be shy! Tell Him who He is to you and invite Him to be more real than ever in your life.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 25

Salvation

1 Thessalonians 5:7-9 (The Passion Translation)

For those who are asleep sleep the night away, and drunkards get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, we must stay alert and clearheaded by placing the breastplate of faith and love over our hearts, and a helmet of the hope of salvation over our thoughts. For God has not destined us to experience wrath but to possess salvation through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One.

Christ came to give us salvation not wrath. He then gave us the tools to help others discover this same salvation. For so many religious Christians, the gospel message is a dark message of doom, gloom and destruction. But that is so wrong. In reality, the gospel of the Kingdom of God is all about love and salvation. As Jesus put it, He came to save the world not to condemn it. (John 3:17)

How do you see the gospel? Do you see the love of God in your salvation? Whatever you see is what you will show others. Today, let the light and joy of your salvation shine so others may experience this same love.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 26

Agenda

John 5:30 (The Voice Bible)

"I have not ever acted, and will not in the future act, on My own. I listen to the directions of the One who sent Me and act on these divine instructions. For this reason, My judgment is always fair and never self-serving. I'm committed to pursuing God's agenda and not My own."

Jesus came with one agenda: *to do what the Father is doing*. You ask, what is that? It is to have a relationship with His creation. He's not sitting around waiting for us to mess up. He's not angry—He's actually in a good mood!

Father God is a good, good Daddy with a plan for good and not for evil. He has a destiny designed just for you. Allow His love to capture your heart! You'll be amazed at what He is doing on your behalf.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 27

Time

Acts 4:13-14 (The Passion Translation)

The council members were astonished as they witnessed the bold courage of Peter and John, especially when they discovered that they were just ordinary men who had never had religious training. Then they began to understand the effect Jesus had on them simply by spending time with Him. Standing there with them was the healed man, and there was nothing further they could say.

Time spent with God changes people. Many examples throughout the Scriptures explain this. Moses' face glowed. Enoch walked with God and was no more. Peter's shadow brought healing to others. John touched people, and they were healed.

These were ordinary people just like you and me. We are atmosphere changers! The more time you spend in His presence, the more those around you will notice your changes, and the more they will be impacted too.

As you spend time in His presence this morning, think about how you will be intentional about releasing His presence everywhere you go today. Shift atmospheres!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 28

Inhabit

Colossians 3:16-17 (The Voice Bible)

Let the word of the Anointed One richly inhabit your lives. With all wisdom teach, counsel, and instruct one another. Sing the psalms, compose hymns and songs inspired by the Spirit, and keep on singing—sing to God from hearts full and spilling over with thankfulness. Surely, no matter what you are doing (speaking, writing, or working), do it all in the name of Jesus our Master, sending thanks through Him to God our Father."

Giving praise and thanks in all you do invites the Lord to inhabit your world. Whether you are meditating on the Scriptures, sharing wisdom with a friend or singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, your focus on Daddy God invites His active, powerful presence to flow through you.

All through the day and all through the week, allow the love that has inhabited you to shine forth to those in your realm of influence. Let Him inhabit your habitations! Establishing God's Kingdom on earth really is that simple.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 29

Alert

1 Peter 5:8-9 (The Passion Translation)

Be well balanced and always alert, because your enemy, the devil, roams around incessantly, like a roaring lion looking for its prey to devour. Take a decisive stand against him and resist his every attack with strong, vigorous faith. For you know that your believing brothers and sisters around the world are experiencing the same kinds of troubles you endure.

Sometimes it seems we are alone in the struggles of life. But that simply is not true. We must *remember* (which means "to actively recall") that we are never alone. Holy Spirit is with us.

Also, we must remember that there are many others who have either gone through or are currently going through similar struggles. They also feel alone. The enemy works hard to make each of us feel isolated. But we overthrow his plans when we connect with others who may seem aloof and alone.

Today, let's stay alert and reach out to other believers. Let's remind ourselves and others that we are never alone!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 30

Journey

Colossians 2:6-7 (The Passion Translation)

In the same way you received Jesus our Lord and Messiah by faith, continue your journey of faith, progressing further into your union with Him! Your spiritual roots go deeply into His life as you are continually infused with strength, encouraged in every way. For you are established in the faith you have absorbed and enriched by your devotion to Him!

Becoming a Christian isn't a one-time thing. It's a lifelong journey where Christ walks with you daily. Just as it is in any relationship—especially a marriage—the longer you are together, the more you learn about those with whom you walk. So much so that you can even begin to look alike!

Holy Spirit comes alongside to help you in your journey with Christ. Remember, the goal of this journey isn't just to get to heaven one day. Rather it is to bring heaven to earth in the here and now. It's to make you and your world look more like Jesus every day. Join Jesus and fellow believers on the journey of faith today. The world needs to see heaven on earth!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JANUARY 31

Song

Psalm 95:1-2 (The Voice Bible)

Come, let us worship in song, a joyful offering to the Eternal. Shout! Shout with joy to the rock of our liberation. Come face-to-face with God, and give thanks; with loud and joyful voices, praise Him in songs.

Every day is new. Today is the day the Lord has made, and that's worth shouting about! What song do you have in your heart? What song are you singing that carries your dreams and aspirations?

Ask Holy Spirit for a new song, and then sing it with all your heart. Release a new sound. Come let us worship together all over the earth!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 1

Motivation

1 Corinthians 26:13-14 (The Passion Translation)

Remember to stay alert and hold firmly to all that you believe. Be mighty and full of courage. Let love and kindness be the motivation behind all that you do.

What is it that gets you up in the morning? What brings you the most joy? Paul encourages you to stay alert, hold tight to your beliefs and to let love be your driving force.

Sometimes it takes courage to walk in love and kindness. So I will ask again: what gets you up and going? Then do that with all your heart.

Let your love be strong in all you do!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 2

Love

1 Corinthians 14:1 (The Mirror Bible)

Agape is God's only agenda! Be love driven in your pursuit of spiritual gifts; love awakens your most earnest desire to speak with inspired revelation.

Love is not just a feeling or an emotion. God is love! And love is God. Agape love is His kind of love—agape makes no demands and always understands. Love is the catalyst for everything Jesus did when He walked the earth, and it's the same for everything He is doing for us now.

Holy Spirit is here to help us grow into Daddy God's agape love. It's what inspires revelation. It's what rocks people and changes cultures. Love wins—*always!*

So how will you show the love of God, the God of love, today?

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 3

Practice

James 5:16–18 (The Message Bible)

Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.

Elijah, for instance, human just like us, prayed hard that it wouldn't rain, and it didn't—not a drop for three and a half years. Then he prayed that it would rain, and it did. The showers came and everything started growing again.

Athletes train and train—and then they train some more. They practice daily to develop their skill and stamina. The same is true for the *practice of prayer*. The more we pray for each other the more effective we become.

The more we confess our sins the fewer they become. When we pray and pray some more, the more we grown in His grace and power, and that's when our prayers change our circumstances.

How will you *practice prayer* today?

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 4

Boldly

Hebrews 4:14-16 (The Passion Translation)

So then, we must cling in faith to all we know to be true. For we have a magnificent King-Priest, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who rose into the heavenly realm for us, and now sympathizes with us in our frailty. He understands humanity, for as a Man, our magnificent King-Priest was tempted in every way just as we are, and conquered sin.

So now we come freely and boldly to where love is enthroned, to receive mercy's kiss and discover the grace we urgently need to strengthen us in our time of weakness.

Sometimes, when believers look to Christ as their example, they are tempted to see His performance as miraculous because He was God. We celebrate His mighty works but often don't think for a moment that *we* have the same power—He is God and we are *human* after all!

But this perspective is all wrong. Jesus became *human* just like us to show us what is possible for a Spirit-filled human. Jesus didn't need to conquer sin as God—God cannot sin. But Jesus conquered sin as a human to show us how it's done. Jesus experienced life, death and resurrection as one of us—in fact, He did it all as us *for He is us!* He went through all of our trials as us—not as God, but as us. Allow that truth to reach your inner core.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 5

Pray

1 Thessalonians 5:15-18 (The Voice Bible)

Make sure no one returns evil for evil, but always pursue what is good as it affects one another in the church but also all people. Celebrate always, pray constantly, and give thanks to God no matter what circumstances you find yourself in. (This is God's will for all of you in Jesus the Anointed.)

Paul says to "pray constantly." Some translations render it "pray without ceasing." Now, the command to pray *always* has always seemed like a curious statement to me. How can we pray constantly or without ceasing? How do we remain always at prayer? How would we do life?

Here's how: we make prayer our *lifestyle* so that we do life while praying always in our minds and often out loud. We simply keep a running conversation going with Daddy God! We communicate at all times with the One who lives inside us by always having a mouth full of gratefulness.

My prayer for you is that you will find moments throughout your day to chat with Daddy God, always giving thanks.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 6

Commands

John 14:20-21 (The Voice Bible)

You will know that I am in the Father, you are in Me, and I am in you. The one who loves Me will do the things I have commanded. My Father loves everyone who loves Me; and I will love you and reveal My heart, will, and nature to you.

What did Jesus command? Love. That's it—*love!* What a simple assignment. Yet sometimes it's the simple assignments that trip us up. When love becomes the only goal, then all our actions are measured against love. Love becomes the only criteria for success. When love is our only criteria we evaluate every action by asking the question: what would *love* do here?

When we truly love as Christ loves, all the other things fall into place. As you start your day today, begin by taking a quick *love assessment*. As I like to put it, check to see how well your love-o-meter is working. Ask Holy Spirit to show you how to love in every circumstance.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 7

Stone

Matthew 27:59-60 (The Voice Bible)

So Joseph took the body, wrapped Jesus in a clean sheath of white linen, and laid Jesus in his own new tomb, which he had carved from a rock. Then he rolled a great stone in front of the tomb's opening, and he went away.

A "great stone"—which means a really big rock!—was rolled over the opening of the tomb sealing Jesus inside. It seemed like all the promises Jesus carried were lost forever, sealed behind a stone.

Does it seem like that for you? Does it feel like there is a great stone between you and the promises of God? How about between you and Jesus?

I've got some good news: *the stone was rolled away!* Jesus is no longer in the tomb. He's closer than a whisper. Truly closer than your breath. Speak to the stone in your life—tell it to be removed! Your promise will rise again.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 8

Love

Ephesians 5:1-3 (The Passion Translation)

Be imitators of God in everything you do, for then you will represent your Father as His beloved sons and daughters. And continue to walk surrendered to the extravagant love of Christ, for He surrendered His life as a sacrifice for us. His great love for us was pleasing to God, like an aroma of adoration—a sweet healing fragrance.

Love has a name. It's *Jesus*. Christ revealed a different kind of love, the kind of love that sacrificed everything to give us a better life and a better world. And it's only right that we learn from this kind of love, His kind of love.

Love also has a face. It's *you*. You are the one God uses to reveal His love to the world. When you love those around you with His kind of love, you can watch the world change. How will you love someone today?

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 9

Pray

1 Timothy 2:1-4 (The Passion Translation)

Most of all, I'm writing to encourage you to pray with gratitude to God. Pray for all men with all forms of prayers and requests as you intercede with intense passion. And pray for every political leader and representative, so that we would be able to live tranquil, undisturbed lives, as we worship the awe-inspiring God with pure hearts. It is pleasing to our Savior-God to pray for them. He longs for everyone to embrace His life and return to the full knowledge of the truth.

Paul gives us powerful instructions on prayer. First of all, he encourages us to pray with a grateful heart for others. And then he exhorts us to pray for our political leaders so we might live in peace. Paul insists that this kind of prayer pleases God and this kind of prayer draws people to embrace the life and truth of God.

While this passage teaches us so much about prayer, the one thing I want you to see today is that your prayers change lives and the atmosphere of the world you live in. As the old saying goes, "Prayer changes things!" You and I can make a difference through prayer.

Will you agree with me in prayer? Together our prayers will change our world!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 10

Plan

Ephesians 1:8-10 (The Passion Translation)

This superabundant grace is already powerfully working in us, releasing within us all forms of wisdom and practical understanding. And through the revelation of the Anointed One, He unveiled His secret desires to us—the hidden mystery of His long-range plan, which He was delighted to implement from the very beginning of time.

And because of God's unfailing purpose, this detailed plan will reign supreme through every period of time until the fulfillment of all the ages finally reaches its climax—when God makes all things new in all of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ.

From the beginning Daddy had a plan for His Kingdom to reign both in heaven and earth. The best part is that He will use you and me to accomplish His plan. Now *that's* something to be grateful for now. Maybe even super-excited about what's yet to come!

So how can you live out that Kingdom plan for the ages today? Think strategically about how you can partner with God's plan in your own area of influence. You are called to bring heaven to earth!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 11

Truth

John 16:13-15 (The Voice Bible)

"The Spirit of truth will come and guide you in all truth. He will not speak His own words to you; He will speak what He hears, revealing to you the things to come and bringing glory to Me. The Spirit has unlimited access to Me, to all that I possess and know, just as everything the Father has is Mine. That is the reason I am confident He will care for My own and reveal the path to you."

Truth has a name. It's *Holy Spirit*. Just like Jesus, Holy Spirit only speaks to us what Daddy is saying. Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. And Holy Spirit is dwelling within you. You are a *truth* carrier!

Do you need to know truth today? Are you facing confusion and uncertainty? Is the enemy assaulting your mind with lies? Then ask Holy Spirit to reveal truth. Holy Spirit carries all truth and knowledge. Truth is ours to learn and enjoy. Seek Holy Spirit for everything you need. You may be amazed at what is revealed to you.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 12

Grace

2 Timothy 2:9-10 (The Mirror Bible)

He rescued the integrity of our original design and revealed that we have always been His own from the beginning, even before time was. This has nothing to do with anything we did to qualify or disqualify ourselves. We are not talking religious good works or karma here. Jesus unveils grace to be the eternal intent of God!

Grace celebrates our pre-creation innocence and now declares our redeemed union with God in Christ Jesus. Everything that grace pointed to is now realized in Jesus Christ and brought into clear view through the gospel: Jesus is what grace reveals. He took death out of the equation and re-defines life; this is good news indeed!

There are so many facets of grace. We often come up with our own definitions, and just when we think we have the idea of grace mastered Daddy God shows us a new side of grace—a new side we never saw coming! Sometimes it seems like we learn more about grace every day.

It is incredible to think that God's grace was working on our behalf before time began. That's a beautiful idea to ponder! Think about that today as you face the day. Grace was working in this day long before it arrived. Whatever the day may bring, grace is already more than enough.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 13

Unity

Romans 12:16 (The Voice Bible)

Work toward unity, and live in harmony with one another. Avoid thinking you are better than others or wiser than the rest; instead, embrace common people and ordinary tasks.

It's early morning, and I'm watching birds gathered around our bird feeder. Most amazingly, as I watch, I see three different species getting along with each other—breaking bread together. Unity is a beautiful thing.

People need to be more like these birds. Just as the birds eat together in peace without fighting, so we humans should do the same. We must become like the birds! As you pray over your day, ask Holy Spirit to show you how you can promote unity among your fellow humans. Be a uniter and not a divider.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 14

Law

Galatians 2:16 (The Voice Bible)

But we know that no one is made right with God by meeting the demands of the law. It is only through the faithfulness of Jesus the Anointed that salvation is even possible. This is why we put faith in Jesus the Anointed: so we will be put right with God. It's His faithfulness—not works prescribed by the law—that puts us in right standing with God because no one will be acquitted and declared "right" for doing what the law demands.

Laws are important. They help us know what's right and wrong. But laws—specifically religious laws—have never brought us into a relationship with Daddy God. The only way that relationship with Daddy happens is through faith in the person of Christ and His finished work at the cross.

And that relationship with Daddy God is deepened by Holy Spirit living within us and becoming our constant companion. Holy Spirit then teaches us how to live in a world without restraint. Righteousness flows out of relationship. This is why I say that salvation is by faith not by law!

How is Holy Spirit teaching you today? Be listening for Daddy's voice and live in fellowship with Him today.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 15

Spirit

Galatians 5:16-18 (The Passion Translation)

As you yield freely and fully to the dynamic life and power of Holy Spirit, you will abandon the cravings of your self-life. For your self-life craves the things that offend Holy Spirit and hinder Him from living free within you! And Holy Spirit's intense cravings hinder your old self-life from dominating you!

So then, the two incompatible and conflicting forces within you are your self-life of the flesh and the new creation life of the Spirit. But when you are brought into the full freedom of the Spirit of grace, you will no longer be living under the domination of the law, but soaring above it!

Today is a new day. It is the day the Lord has made. As you start your day, make up your mind right now to walk in the newness of your Spirit-life. Your self-life—the life of the flesh—no longer rules you. You are governed only by love! Simply let the love of Christ flow from you today.

If you face temptation today, just remember that love overcomes all temptations and all evil. When you face a difficult circumstance, ask Holy Spirit to show you how love should work in that circumstance. Love is the answer!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 16

Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:1-4 (The Voice Bible)

Now let me turn to some issues about spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters. There's much you need to learn. Remember the way you used to live when you were pagans apart from God? You were engrossed—enchanted with voiceless idols, led astray by mere images carved by human hands.

With that in mind, I want you to understand that no one saying "Jesus is cursed" is operating under God's Spirit, and no one confessing "Jesus is Lord" can do so without the Holy Spirit's inspiration. Now there are many kinds of grace gifts, but they are all from the same Spirit.

Think about fuel for a moment, specifically the fuel that cars run on. There are so many different kinds of cars, yet most cars run on the same fuel—gasoline. Many cars, one fuel.

That's what the "grace gifts" of the Spirit are like. There are many different gifts, but only one "fuel" that powers them all—*Holy Spirit!* Like different kinds of cars, we are all different kinds of people with different kinds of gifts. Yet we all operate with the same Holy Spirit. He is both the giver and the power behind them. Ask Holy Spirit to be your "fuel" today.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 17

Wise

1 Corinthians 1:26-27 (Plain English Bible)

Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And He chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. And the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God.

Somehow we got the whole Christian life mixed up. We usually choose people with the most gifts or charisma to be our leaders. Christ chose leaders differently. He chose people that weren't the most popular or those with the most talent. He chose leaders by their willingness to surrender.

Think about that now. Is your life fully surrendered to Christ? Since He uses surrendered people, be prepared for Him to use you powerfully today. Simply offer your heart and mind to Him. Surrendered service will add so much to your life. *You will be amazed!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 18

Family

1 John 3:1-3 (The Voice Bible)

Consider the kind of extravagant love the Father has lavished on us—He calls us children of God! It's true; we are His beloved children. And in the same way the world didn't recognize Him, the world does not recognize us either. My loved ones, we have been adopted into God's family; and we are officially His children now.

The full picture of our destiny is not yet clear, but we know this much: when Jesus appears, we will be like Him because we will see Him just as He is. All those who focus their hopes on Him and His coming seek to purify themselves just as He is pure.

Jesus didn't die just to cover our sins. He gave His life so we could be *adopted* into the family of God. Adoption is a huge part of our salvation. Then, as we become a part of the family of God, we take on the family resemblance—we are transformed into His likeness. This is another reason Jesus died: *to make us like God.*

Daddy God not only adopted us into His family, but He grafted us into Himself. He filled us with His Spirit and drew our heart into His. We have become one with Him so much that we even have His spiritual DNA. And Daddy has strong genes that make us look like Him!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 19

Truth

John 14:6-7 (The Passion Translation)

Jesus explained, "I Am the Way, I Am the Truth, and I Am the Life. No one comes next to the Father except through union with Me. To know Me is to know My Father too. And from now on you will realize that you have seen Him and experienced Him."

Truth is not only *true,* truth is *real*. Truth is *authentic.* In this verse, Jesus says three times that He is "I Am." To me, this emphasizes that He is *true*, He is *real* and He is *authentic*.

Most of all, this says to me that Jesus is the perfect image of Daddy God. He is the *true, real* and *authentic* picture of God. When we know Jesus, we know Daddy God. And that *Truth* lives in you and me. Jesus lives inside our lives. And all He asks of us is that we believe that He is the perfect image of Daddy God.

Do you believe that Jesus is the Truth? Set your heart to mediate on this today. Ask Holy Spirit to reveal Daddy God to you in the face of Jesus.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 20

Peace

John 14:27-28 (The Mirror Bible)

"Peace be with you! I give you My own peace—this is not the kind the world gives—this is peace in the midst of troubled times; therefore you have nothing to fear! Let not your hearts be timid. You have heard me say that I go away to come to be face to face with you; now if you're in love with Me you would not be threatened by the idea of My departure, but you would rejoice since I'll be going to the Father and My Father is greater than Me. From now on we will be present in a much closer capacity to you than what I could ever be while I am with you in the flesh!"

Peace is something for which we all yearn. Yet peace is not a "thing." Peace is a Person who lives closer than our breath. Holy Spirit came to be our peace, comforter, teacher, wisdom and much more. Peace lives within each and every believer and is even available for not-yet believers.

Slow down for a minute. Take the time to allow the peace of Holy Spirit to cover you, to soak your mind and soften your heart. Live every moment today aware of His peace.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 21

Murder

1 John 3:15-17 (The Passion Translation)

Everyone who keeps hating a fellow believer is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him. This is how we have discovered love's reality: Jesus sacrificed His life for us.

Because of this great love, we should be willing to lay down our lives for one another. If anyone sees a fellow believer in need and has the means to help him, yet shows no pity and closes his heart against him, how is it even possible that God's love lives in him?

John lays it out powerfully through Holy Spirit. John, echoing Jesus, declared that if we hate our brother we have committed murder. Here is a prayer I find helpful for arming our heart against a spirit of hatred:

"I bring the love of God, the love of Jesus Christ, the love of Holy Spirit over my heart and over my life today, over my home and family [name them], over my household and domain. I command the love of God to fill and shield my household and domain. I command the love of God against all hatred set against us. Love is our shield against hatred in this hour. I command this in the name of Jesus."

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 22

Rest

Hebrews 4:6-7 (The Passion Translation)

Those who first heard the good news of deliverance failed to enter into that realm of faith's-rest because of their unbelieving hearts. Yet the fact remains that we still have the opportunity to enter into the faith-rest life and experience the fulfillment of the promise! For God still has ordained a day for us to enter into called "Today." For it was long afterwards that God repeated it in David's words, "If only today you would listen to his voice and do not harden your hearts!"

Unbelief and doubt kept the Israelites from entering into the Promised Land and Daddy God's complete rest. We still struggle with this today. Do you struggle sometimes with unbelief and doubt?

God has promised you rest. We often think "rest" is inactivity or not doing something. Certainly rest can mean taking a break from labor, but that's not all it means. Rest also means to trust in God, to place your faith in Him, to *rest* in His promises. So rest and faith are linked together!

Do you need more rest this morning? Lean back into Daddy God's arms and rest in His goodness. As you rest in Him you will enter into your Promised Land.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 23

Idols

1 Corinthians 12:3-4 (The Voice Bible)

Remember the way you used to live when you were pagans apart from God? You were engrossed—enchanted with voiceless idols, led astray by mere images carved by human hands. With that in mind, I want you to understand that no one saying "Jesus is cursed" is operating under God's Spirit, and no one confessing "Jesus is Lord" can do so without the Holy Spirit's inspiration.

We make idols of all kinds of things, and most of the time we don't even realize it. We usually don't offer sacrifices to our idols, but sometimes we do in a way—for example, when we sacrifice family time for an event. Our time and resources are our offerings and sacrifices.

That's quite sobering. Take inventory today and see what needs to be adjusted, expose the idols that must be overthrown in your life. All through the day today allow Holy Spirit to cry out in your heart, "Jesus is Lord!" Enthrone Him upon your praise and dethrone every false image.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 24

Worship

John 4:23-24 (The Message Bible)

"It's who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That's the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before Him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship Him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration."

We call so many things "worship"—a song service, preaching, prophetic dance. Yet true worship is not defined by a place, style or religious service. Daddy God calls our love worship. First our love for Him and then for each other. When we love, we worship.

What does your worship look like? In what way is Holy Spirit calling you to manifest worship through love today? Pray deep into that question and release worship through love everywhere you go today.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 25

Peace

Philippians 4:5-7 (The Voice Bible)

Keep your gentle nature so that all people will know what it looks like to walk in His footsteps. The Lord is ever present with us. Don't be anxious about things; instead, pray. Pray about everything. He longs to hear your requests, so talk to God about your needs and be thankful for what has come.

And know that the peace of God (a peace that is beyond any and all of our human understanding) will stand watch over your hearts and minds in Jesus, the Anointed One.

Peace is like a thermostat. When peace is turned down low, the heat of conflict sears our heart. And in that fiery environment faith and joy also run low. But we can adjust the settings on our thermostat! We can turn the peace up in our lives. And we do so when we pray. Prayer adjusts our thermostat.

As you pray today, turn the peace up in your life. Talk to Daddy God and allow His peace to become your peace. Then release that peace into the lives of others. You can adjust your spiritual thermostat and shift the atmosphere for everyone around you.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 26

Come

Psalm 46:8-11 (The Voice Bible)

Come, gaze, fix your eyes on what the Eternal can do. Amazing, He has worked desolation here on this battlefield, earth. God can stop wars anywhere in the world. He can make scrap of all weapons: snap bows, shatter spears, and burn shields.

"Be still, be calm, see, and understand I am the True God. I am honored among all the nations. I am honored over all the earth." You know the Eternal, the Commander of heavenly armies, surrounds us and protects us; the True God of Jacob is our shelter, close to His heart. (Pause)

Daddy God has the power to stop the war going on around us and inside us. But He does so in an unusual way: He invites us to come and behold His goodness in the middle of intense battle. He asks us to come and have fellowship with Him, to be a part of His planning, to sit and have conversations. And as we commune with Him the battle subsides, the enemy flees and the victory is won.

As you get ready for the day, take a moment to sit with Daddy God and commune with Him. That's how battles are won. Are you heeding His call?

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 27

Remember

John 14:23-25 (The Passion Translation)

Jesus replied, "Loving Me empowers you to obey My word. And My Father will love you so deeply that We will come to you and make you Our dwelling place. But those who don't love Me will not obey My words. The Father did not send Me to speak My own revelation, but the words of My Father. I am telling you this while I am still with you. But when the Father sends the Spirit of Holiness, the One like Me who sets you free, He will teach you all things in My name. And He will inspire you to remember every word that I've told you."

In the song, *Pieces,* by Bethel Music there is a line, "He is giving us new memories." Holy Spirit is with us to help us remember all the Father has said to us. But He is also with us to give us new memories with Daddy God.

Remember how in love you were when Christ first came into your life? He wants that to be your everyday encounter. Remember, He loves you so. Now go and make new memories with Jesus!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 28

Religion

Colossians 2:21-23 (The Voice Bible)

You hear, "Don't handle this! Don't taste that! Don't even touch it!" but everything they are obsessed about will eventually decay with use. These rules are just human commands and teachings. Here's what they are promoting: fabricated religion, self-humiliation, and bodily abuse. No matter which way they try to tether their bodies, they cannot harness their desires.

Religion produces laws and rules that cannot be kept, but love produces relationships. Discipline is admirable, but it fails. Willpower is useful, but it fails. Emotion is motivating, but it fails. *Love never fails.* Holy Spirit is ready and available to help with your growth in love, not religion.

Take a moment today to rest in His love for you. Push aside the religious traditions that have distorted who Daddy God really is to you. Draw in closer the new revelations of His love that you have been discovering. You don't have to *do* anything to earn His love. Just rest in His love all day today.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

FEBRUARY 29 (BONUS DAY)

Heritage

Ephesians 2:11-13 (The Passion Translation)

So don't forget that you were not born as Jews and were uncircumcised (circumcision itself is just a work of man's hands); you had none of the Jewish covenants and laws; you were foreigners to Israel's incredible heritage; you were without the covenants and prophetic promises of the Messiah, the promised hope, and without God.

Yet look at you now! Everything is new! Although you were once distant and far away from God, now you have been brought delightfully close to Him through the sacred blood of Jesus—you have actually been united to Christ!

Christ paid the price for our new heritage in Him. He justified us to be called sons and daughters of God. Now we get to live a life that is sanctified by our love for Him. We are not only a brand new creation, but we now have a whole new heritage in Him with new thoughts, new memories and the fullness of love.

How will you live out that new heritage today? You are called to share that heritage with the world around you. Your inheritance of love enriches everyone you meet.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 1

Happy

James 1:2-5 (The Living Bible)

Dear brothers, is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then be happy, for when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow. So let it grow, and don't try to squirm out of your problems. For when your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete.

If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask Him, and He will gladly tell you, for He is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask Him; He will not resent it."

James says (in so many words), "When it seems like all of hell is coming at you, be happy." Be happy? *Really?!* How do we do that when all hell is breaking loose?

Here's how. We learn to "be happy" by doing the math on our blessings—which is what James literally says: "Count it all joy!" We count our blessings by "asking God," by having in-depth conversations with Daddy about what's going on in our life. And I can tell you that the patience and joy that we receive from Daddy drives our adversary crazy. So crazy that the enemy will leave to try another day or another way. Be happy because you win!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 2

Lists

Galatians 2:20-21 (The Mirror Bible)

So here I am dead and alive at the same time! I'm dead to the old me I was trying to be and alive to the real me which is Christ in me! Co-crucified, now co-alive! What a glorious entanglement! I was in Him in His death; now He is in me in my life!

For the first time I'm free to be me in my skin, immersed in His faith in our joint-sonship! He loves me and believes in me! He is God's gift to me! It is an insult to the grace of God to prefer Moses to Jesus! If the law could justify you then Jesus wasted His time dying your death!

Laws and lists seem to make our lives easier. And I'm not saying that all plans are bad. Indeed, Daddy God has a plan for our lives. But His plans are different than our plans. His plans are not an attempt to control us or to dictate to us how we should live. Rather, Holy Spirit made His home in us to partner with us, to guide and teach us, not to dictate to us.

Jesus gave His life to free us from the domination of the law. He died and rose again so we could live a life full of faith and trust, not a life suffocated by religious lists of do's and don'ts. Let's not waste His sacrifice. *Be free!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 3

Flesh

Galatians 5:16-18 (The Passion Translation)

As you yield freely and fully to the dynamic life and power of Holy Spirit, you will abandon the cravings of your self-life. For your self-life craves the things that offend Holy Spirit and hinder Him from living free within you! And Holy Spirit's intense cravings hinder your old self-life from dominating you!

So then, the two incompatible and conflicting forces within you are your self-life of the flesh and the new creation life of the Spirit. But when you are brought into the full freedom of the Spirit of grace, you will no longer be living under the domination of the law, but soaring above it!

We were born in the flesh, but originally we were spirit. Most of the battles we face are conflicts within ourselves. We try and blame this or that, but the bottom line is we were born into a war. However, when Christ died for us, our flesh died with Him. So our spirit wins in the end.

The victory of Christ is ours and His victorious Spirit is connected to our spirit through Holy Spirit. And that connection through the Spirit is the master combination to unlocking all of heaven on earth *right now.* As you get ready for the day, lean into your connection with Holy Spirit and let your flesh come under the Spirit's rule.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 4

Fruit

Galatians 5:22-26 (The Passion Translation)

But the fruit produced by the Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions: joy that overflows, peace that subdues, patience that endures, kindness in action, a life full of virtue, faith that prevails, gentleness of heart, and strength of spirit. Never set the law above these qualities, for they are meant to be limitless.

Keep in mind that we who belong to Jesus, the Anointed One, have already experienced crucifixion. For everything connected with our self-life was put to death on the cross and crucified with Messiah. We must live in the Holy Spirit and follow after Him. So may we never be arrogant, or look down on another, for each of us is an original. We must forsake all jealousy that diminishes the value of others.

There is no law or condemnation against a life that fully expresses the fruit of Holy Spirit. Though we are physical creatures, yet we are also spiritual, and we were made to live primary in the spirit realm. The flesh was meant to be secondary to the spirit.

When we are filled with Holy Spirit the spirit-self blossoms and becomes fully fruitful. When we bear fruit the world around us partakes of that fruit. Let's change the world by allowing our fruit to be eaten by others.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 5

People

1 Peter 2:9-10 (The Passion Translation)

You are God's chosen treasure—priests who are kings, a spiritual "nation" set apart as God's devoted ones. He called you out of darkness to experience His marvelous light, and now He claims you as His very own. He did this so that you would broadcast His glorious wonders throughout the world. For at one time you were not God's people, but now you are. At one time you knew nothing of God's mercy, because you hadn't received it yet, but now you are drenched with it!

Once, non-Jews weren't even considered a people or a people group. But now we're not just "a people"—we have become priests and kings. The "priest" and "king" roles are not separate roles in the Kingdom. Every believer is both a king *and* a priest! Religious tradition separated the two roles, but Daddy never intended the Church to have separate classes of priests and kings.

Daddy God includes all of us in this kingly priesthood, not just a few select ones. So straighten your crown! As you prepare for the day, get ready to serve as a king and a priest. *A kingly priest!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 6

Reveal

Ephesians 1:17-19 (The Voice Bible)

God of our Lord Jesus the Anointed, Father of Glory: I call out to You on behalf of Your people. Give them minds ready to receive wisdom and revelation so they will truly know You. Open the eyes of their hearts, and let the light of Your truth flood in.

Shine Your light on the hope You are calling them to embrace. Reveal to them the glorious riches You are preparing as their inheritance. Let them see the full extent of Your power that is at work in those of us who believe, and may it be done according to Your might and power.

What does it mean to "reveal" something? It means to "uncover things that are hidden from plain sight." The days of revelation are upon us. Daddy God is answering Paul's prayers by opening our eyes to see those things that have been hidden.

Do you see what God is revealing? If you want to see clearly, then don't look only with your physical eyes. Look with the eyes of your heart. As you do you will see all that Daddy God has for you. Ask God to open your eyes today.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 7

Yesterday

Philippians 3:13-14 (The Voice Bible)

Brothers and sisters, as I said, I know I have not arrived; but there's one thing I am doing: I'm leaving my old life behind, putting everything on the line for this mission. I am sprinting toward the only goal that counts: to cross the line, to win the prize, and to hear God's call to resurrection life found exclusively in Jesus the Anointed.

We need to have a future mindset, not a past mindset. We must look to today and tomorrow. Yesterday is gone. Look at what Jesus said in Luke 9:62:

"Listen, if your hand is on the plow but your eyes are looking backward, then you're not fit for the Kingdom of God."

Looking at yesterday will cause you to stumble and run into things around you. Fix your eyes on Jesus. He's the way forward. Ask Holy Spirit today to show how to swing your perspective around from the past to the future. Ask for future vision!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 8

Celebrate

Matthew 25:21 (The Passion Translation)

"Commending his servant, the master replied, 'You have done well, and proven yourself to be my loyal and trustworthy servant. Because you have been a faithful steward to manage a small sum, now I will put you in charge of much, much more. You will experience the delight of your master, who will say to you, "Come celebrate with me!"

The servant was faithful with a small assignment so the master gave him a greater assignment. How does this apply to you today? Are you willing to be faithful with seemingly insignificant tasks? If you are, Daddy God will give you more!

The Scriptures tell us not to despise small or humble beginnings. When God starts a work in us, no matter how small, He will bring it to its intended goal. As long as we are faithful today we will celebrate tomorrow. Ask Holy Spirit to help you see the importance of faithfulness in the little things. Then manifest that faithfulness in every area of your life.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 9

Power

Romans 8:38-39 (The Passion Translation)

So now I live with the confidence that there is nothing in the universe with the power to separate us from God's love. I'm convinced that His love will triumph over death, life's troubles, fallen angels, or dark rulers in the heavens.

There is nothing in our present or future circumstances that can weaken His love. There is no power above us or beneath us—no power that could ever be found in the universe that can distance us from God's passionate love, which is lavished upon us through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One!

"In the name of Jesus" is the most powerful statement in the universe! It comes with all the authority that created the world. Question is, do we believe it?

Ask yourself: is Jesus' name the "name above every other name" to you? Or is it just a phrase you tack on the end of a prayer? Do you and those you pray for feel His love when you invoke His name? Your answer might change everything.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 10

Way

John 14:6-7 (The Passion Translation)

Jesus explained, "I am the Way, I am the Truth, and I am the Life. No one comes next to the Father except through union with Me. To know Me is to know My Father too. And from now on you will realize that you have seen Him and experienced Him."

We look for our right way in many different places and things. Some look for it in school, some in work, some in sports, others in drugs. But they all lead to a dead end without Christ. Once we allow Christ to be our only way, He will guide us on the path that will be our perfect way.

As you prepare for your day, look for Him. Look for the *way* that He will reveal as you walk with Him. Follow the promptings of Holy Spirit as you journey through life today. And as you find your way in Jesus, you will help others find their way in Him.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 11

Believe

John 3:11-12 (The Voice Bible)

"I tell you the truth: we speak about the things we know, and we give evidence about the things we have seen, and you choose to reject the truth of our witness. If you do not believe when I talk to you about ordinary, earthly realities, then heavenly realities will certainly elude you."

People today are not much different than when Christ walked in the natural realm. We find it hard to believe heavenly realities. We have the Bible, but do we truly believe it's true? We say and pray things like, "We want more of God! We want more of His presence." But our actions suggest we don't truly believe what the Bible clearly states—that the Holy Spirit has already come and made His home in us.

Today, as you walk with Jesus, open your heart to heavenly realities. Surrender your spirit to the faith of Jesus and *believe.* Heaven lives within us, so let's release heavenly realities into the world around us.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 12

Prayer

John 17:17-20 (The Passion Translation)

"Your Word is truth! So make them holy by the truth. I have commissioned them to represent Me just as you commissioned Me to represent you. And now I dedicate Myself to them as a holy sacrifice so that they will live as fully dedicated to God and be made holy by your truth.

And I ask not only for these disciples, but also for all those who will one day believe in Me through their message."

Jesus starts the chapter praying for His disciples. Then He expands His prayer to a prayer for you and me—and everyone else who believe on Him. That's fascinating! Jesus' perspective reached far beyond His own day. He prayed hundreds of years into the future. Shouldn't we do the same?

I think one reason why revivals come and go is partly because we don't pray beyond our day for those that will hear our testimonies later. Another reason is that there are too few fathers and mothers of the faith being groomed today.

Let's pray for the generations to come and that fathers and mothers of the faith will be raised up. Let's sow and sacrifice for tomorrow. It will be here before you know it!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 13

Action

1 John 3:18-21 (New King James Version)

My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

There is a battle—sometimes all out war!—between our actions and our words. Our words can be shaped by what we think or believe, but our actions will truly show how we love. How we live shows how we love.

As you get ready for your day, stop to think about the alignment between your words and your actions. Are you ready to walk your talk? I think you are! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, let your love be both seen and heard today.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 14

Gentle

2 Timothy 2:23-26 (The Mirror Bible)

Avoid foolish questions that do not educate anyone but only breed quarrels. In your position as someone completely dedicated to the Lord there is no virtue in winning an argument but losing the person! I would much rather have you exhibit a sensitive courtesy towards all people; skillfully educate them and keep your cool under pressure.

Your gentle way of instructing those who oppose you will inevitably lead them to see what God believes concerning them and give them the best possible chance to acknowledge the truth. And so they will escape the intoxicating influence of the fallen mindset and the enslaving dictates of the devil.

Being loud, forceful and argumentative will never draw others to Christ. That only pushes them away. As Proverbs states, "A gentle answer turns away wrath." People truly are looking for those who are gentle and loving.

Today, let's look for opportunities to demonstrate those qualities to those around us. As we behave with courtesy and gentleness, the love of Christ becomes a fragrance that fills the room wherever we are. Make Christ beautiful for others today!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 15

Hope

Romans 15:13 (The Passion Translation)

Now may God, the inspiration and fountain of hope, fill you to overflowing with uncontainable joy and perfect peace as you trust in Him. And may the power of the Holy Spirit continually surround your life with His super-abundance until you radiate with hope!

One definition of hope is "to look forward with pleasurable confidence and expectation." "Expectation" is a word that has been popping up lately. I believe hope and expectation are interchangeable. So, with that in mind, what are you hoping for or expecting today?

Let's hope for a day filled with joy and peace. Better yet, let's begin to *expect* joy and peace! You may be surprised at how your expectation actually brings it to pass.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 16

New

Ephesians 2:13-14 (The Passion Translation)

Yet look at you now! Everything is new! Although you were once distant and far away from God, now you have been brought delightfully close to Him through the sacred blood of Jesus—you have actually been united to Christ!

Our reconciling "Peace" is Jesus! He has made Jew and non-Jew one in Christ. By dying as our sacrifice, He has broken down every wall of prejudice that separated us and has now made us equal through our union with Christ.

Becoming new in Christ is just the beginning. There are so many layers and depths inside you. The power to overcome, the grace to forgive, the compassion to help others are just a few examples.

One unexpected layer is the ability to love on those that seem to be against everything you stand for. Love becomes our biggest and greatest gift. We can love like this because we have been made one with the Creator of all things. Are you ready today to love like Jesus loves?

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 17

Faith

2 Corinthians 4:13-15 (The Passion Translation)

We have the same Spirit of faith that is described in the Scriptures when it says, "First I believed, then I spoke in faith." So we also first believe then speak in faith. We do this because we are convinced that He who raised Jesus will raise us up with Him, and together we will all be brought into his presence.

Yes, all things work for your enrichment so that more of God's marvelous grace will spread to more and more people, resulting in an even greater increase of praise to God, bringing Him even more glory!

Because of faith you believed, and because of your faith others will believe too. The measure of faith you've been given is a gift straight from Daddy God. Let's use it to bring more glory to Daddy God. Let's spread that marvelous grace around. Let's increase His Kingdom right here on earth, right now.

How? Do this: ask Holy Spirit to empower you today to first believe—*really believe!*—and then say so. Ask Him to help you translate your faith into testimony. Private, unspoken faith lies dormant and unfruitful within our heart. But when we speak what we believe, our faith leaps into action and transforms the world. *It's time to say so!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 18

Praises

Acts 16:25-26 (The Voice Bible)

Picture this: It's midnight. In the darkness of their cell, Paul and Silas—after surviving the severe beating—aren't moaning and groaning; they're praying and singing hymns to God. The prisoners in adjoining cells are wide awake, listening to them pray and sing.

Suddenly the ground begins to shake, and the prison foundations begin to crack. You can hear the sound of jangling chains and the squeak of cell doors opening. Every prisoner realizes that his chains have come unfastened.

Life sometimes seems to have us chained up in the chambers of our minds and hearts. Being bound up not only creates emotional pain but can cause physical problems. The last thing we feel like doing is giving praise to Daddy God. But praise is the very thing that will set us free.

Take a moment right now to give God praise. Your praises are the key to freedom. As you go throughout the day today, find every possible reason to give praise to God. Praise will set you free!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 19

Conduct

Ephesians 4:30-32 (The Mirror Bible)

The Holy Spirit is your signet ring from God to confirm that you are redeemed to live your life in the light of day; any conduct that belongs to the night grieves Him. Take up the strongest possible position against every form of distorted behavior in your own life.

Do not allow yourself to be spiteful; outbursts of violent emotion and rage do not become you. You don't have to shout in order to make your point. People must feel safe in your conversation; therefore, slander and hurtful words (blasphemy) are out!

Be inspired by kindness and compassion; your forgiving one another when you might feel irritated and frustrated demonstrates the way God graciously treated us in Christ.

Our actions project the vision of God that the world sees. The world judges Daddy God by our actions. When we reflect poorly on Daddy God, the world loses sight of the fact that He gave His all so that all might be free.

Are you ready to make God look good? He *is* good, so let's show the world how good He is! Take a breath and allow His kind and compassionate presence to be seen in you all day long.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 20

Will

Romans 12:1-2 (The Passion Translation)

Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? I encourage you to surrender yourselves to God to be His sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights His heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship.

Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in His eyes.

It seems many of us are looking for the will of God. We look in many places, except where God is easily found—right here *in* us. He's given us an internal guide, the Holy Spirit, to lead us. The will of God is found in the love of God.

Lean in close and listen for the whispers of God. In His softest whisper we will discover His deepest will. And as we discover His will in fellowship with Him daily, we will draw others to seek His will. *And that's God's will!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 21

Aroma

Ephesians 5:1-2 (The Passion Translation)

Be imitators of God in everything you do, for then you will represent your Father as His beloved sons and daughters. And continue to walk surrendered to the extravagant love of Christ, for He surrendered His life as a sacrifice for us. His great love for us was pleasing to God, like an aroma of adoration—a sweet healing fragrance.

Our lives will produce many things. One of them will be a *fragrance*. It will be an aroma that draws people. Just like a flower draws the bees and birds, your life will either draw people or repel them.

The fragrance of Christ is the fragrance of *love,* the "extravagant love of Christ." As we get ready for the day, let's put on the fragrance of love. Allow the aroma of love to pour out into the world around you. The love of Christ is lovely!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 22

Wisdom

1 Corinthians 2:8-9 (New American Standard Bible)

The wisdom, which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; but just as it is written,"Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him."

The wisdom that the world seeks is nothing compared to the wisdom that comes from Daddy God. His wisdom is available for the asking. He gives it freely to all who ask. And it was paid if full with His very own life, because He loves you that much.

And it is love that releases divine wisdom. When we love Daddy God, His divine plan hidden throughout the ages becomes plain. Love is the key to wisdom. Everything God has prepared for those who love Him is disclosed in relationship with Him. Want to know His wisdom? Seek His heart!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 23

Unity

Philippians 2:1-2 (The Passion Translation)

Look at how much encouragement you've found in your relationship with the Anointed One! You are filled to overflowing with His comforting love. You have experienced a deepening friendship with the Holy Spirit and have felt His tender affection and mercy.

So I'm asking you, my friends, that you be joined together in perfect unity—with one heart, one passion, and united in one love. Walk together with one harmonious purpose and you will fill my heart with unbounded joy.

I feel like shouting, "BAM!" There's the answer to joy—*it's unity in Christ.* We forget how much Christ exhorted us to be united, to walk together in harmony. He encourages us to love one another—even the unlovely. He set the example for us: Christ loved us when we weren't lovable.

Find common ground with those you have a hard time loving. Ask Holy Spirit to show you practical ways to love them today. Maybe it's a thoughtful text or email—maybe a gift card in the mail. Get Holy Spirit creative. Take the time to love. Let's start the journey of unity, one person at a time.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 24

Confess

James 5:16-18 (The Message Bible)

Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.

Elijah, for instance, human just like us, prayed hard that it wouldn't rain, and it didn't—not a drop for three and a half years. Then he prayed that it would rain, and it did. The showers came and everything started growing again.

Most of us are familiar with this statement, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." But we often forget about the first part of the verse, "Confess your sins." I say confess your faults, own up to them, then ask Father to heal you in those areas.

You might protest, "Who's righteous?" I reply, "We are!" We have been made righteous by the sacrifice of Christ. Done. Finished. Completed. You are His righteousness. Ponder on that and let it sink in.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 25

Joy

Philippians 4:4-6 (The Mirror Bible)

Joy is not a luxury option; joy is your constant! Your union in the Lord is your permanent source of delight; so I might as well say it again, rejoice in the Lord always! Show perfect courtesy towards all people! The Lord is not nearer to some than what He is to others! Let no anxiety about anything distract you! Rather translate moments into prayerful worship, and soak your requests in gratitude before God!

It is impossible to live a life of gratitude without experiencing joy. There are many "joy-stealers" that come to steal away your joy, but when they do just turn up your worship. Joy-stealers can't stand up against your worship to the Father.

Not only are we called to experience joy, but we are called to release joy to others. One way we do this is to "show perfect courtesy" to others. Rudeness is a joy stealer! So, as we go through the day today, let's share the joy that is ours in Christ. Let's be grateful and rejoice.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 26

Reward

Matthew 6:5-6 (The Passion Translation)

"Whenever you pray, be sincere and not like the pretenders who love the attention they receive while praying before others in the meetings and on street corners. Believe me, they've already received in full their reward.

But whenever you pray, go into your innermost chamber and be alone with Father God, praying to Him in secret. And your Father, who sees all you do, will reward you openly."

Our rewards come from what we do in the secret places. Not just in prayer, but in most areas of life. When we look for recognition from others by doing things for them—or when we go around telling everyone what we have or haven't done—then their praise becomes our only reward.

Today, decide that you will allow your life to be seen by an audience of One. He will see that you get all the acclaim you need. And as you live your life for His acclaim, you will attract others to Him. What a beautiful way to live!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 27

Temple

1 Corinthians 3:26-27 (The Message Bible)

You realize, don't you, that you are the temple of God, and God Himself is present in you? No one will get by with vandalizing God's temple, you can be sure of that. God's temple is sacred—and you, remember, are the temple.

You might ask, how do we become God's temple? Well, first Holy Spirit comes to live inside us. That makes us His dwelling place. Then what do living temples do? Paul explains in Ephesians 5:1-2 (The Message Bible):

Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of Himself to us. Love like that.

Living temples carry God's presence. And as we live in the world, we release His presence into the world around us. We become the dwelling place and the staging ground for His love to flood the nations. Start today by asking how *you* can carry His presence and release His love. Daddy God dwells in you so He may fill the world.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 28

Reality

1 Corinthians 2:10-11 (The Voice Bible)

God has shown us these profound and startling realities through His Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep mysteries of God. Who can see into a man's heart and know his thoughts? Only the spirit that dwells within the man. In the same way, the thoughts of God are known only by His Spirit.

The reality is that Daddy God has put His own Holy Spirit within us. This is something that most Christians have a hard time accepting or even believing. It's like they believe the idea of it, but not the reality of it.

Jesus walked the earth as a man. We believe this and accept it. He even told us He had to leave so that Holy Spirit could come to dwell in and with us.

Do you believe that Holy Spirit is here? Inside you? Closer than your skin? An ever-present help in time of need? It's true! Now live that reality.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 29

Trust

Psalm 91:1-2 (The Voice Bible)

He who takes refuge in the shelter of the Most High will be safe in the shadow of the Almighty. He will say to the Eternal, "My shelter, my mighty fortress, my God, I place all my trust in You."

When we learn to trust in the comfort and shelter of Father God, then we can have the confidence to pray. Jesus taught us to pray with confidence. For example:

"Trust in God. If you do, honestly, you can say to this mountain, 'Mountain, uproot yourself and throw yourself into the sea.' If you don't doubt, but trust that what you say will take place, then it will happen. So listen to what I'm saying: Whatever you pray for or ask from God, believe that you'll receive it and you will." (Mark 11:22-24, The Voice Bible)

So are you spending your time in the shadow of the Most High God or trapped in the circumstances of life? If you feel trapped today by your circumstances, ask Him to help. Speak to the mountain and tell it to move. You are not a victim! Your trust is in the Lord.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 30

Trust

Psalm 37:3-6 (The Passion Translation)

Keep trusting in the Lord and do what is right in His eyes. Fix your heart on the promises of God and you will be secure, feasting on His faithfulness. Make God the utmost delight and pleasure of your life, and He will provide for you what you desire the most. Give God the right to direct your life, and as you trust Him along the way you'll find he pulled it off perfectly!

Trust is hard at times. Those we trust often let us down. Sometimes we're tempted to withdraw and refuse to trust again. But without trust we become bitter, hardened and miserable, just to name a few negative consequences.

But Holy Spirit within us trusts Daddy God completely. And when we align our heart with Holy Spirit, trusting God comes easy. Today, listen closely to the whisper of the Spirit within and begin a journey of restoring trust. And as you learn to trust again, you will attract others to the faithfulness of God. He can be trusted!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MARCH 31

Train

Matthew 28:18-20 (The Message Bible)

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave His charge: "God authorized and commanded Me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

Jesus gave His followers authority to teach and train others in the same way He had taught them. This same principle applies to us. We are called not only to share Jesus with others, but we are called to train and guide people in His ways.

So guess what? You just got a promotion to teacher! You are called to disciple others. As you go through life, share what you know and help others grow. There's no more rewarding way to live.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 1

Joy

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (The Passion Translation)

Let joy be your continual feast. Make your life a prayer. And in the midst of everything be always giving thanks, for this is God's perfect plan for you in Christ Jesus.

Joy is a *choice.* Not just a feeling.
Joy is a *lifestyle*. Not just a moment.

Because Holy Spirit lives within us, we have joy in us like a well has water. All we must do is draw it out!

The ability to be joyful is up to us. And having a grateful heart is the key.

Invite joy to be your continual companion and see your world changed!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 2

Do

Colossians 3:23-25 (The Voice Bible)

Put your heart and soul into every activity you do, as though you are doing it for the Lord Himself and not merely for others. For we know that we will receive a reward, an inheritance from the Lord, as we serve the Lord Yahweh, the Anointed One! A disciple will be repaid for what he has learned and followed, for God pays no attention to the titles or prestige of men.

We sometimes get lost in the "doing." We even identify ourselves with what we do. "What do you do for a living?" we ask. But we are "human *beings*," not "human *doings*." We were designed to have fellowship with Father God, not to just *do* stuff for Him.

It's a partnership. We are to do everything *with* Him for His glory. Is Father with you in all your "doings"?

Look around for what you sense He is doing and then join Him in that!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 3

Yes

Here is a just a sample of the *yes* we get to say to Daddy God:

Yes, God, I know You have a dream for me and I want You to have Your way in my life. (Matthew 26:39)

Yes, God, I know You will supply all my need according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)

Yes, God, I know I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)

Yes, God, I know I am more than a conqueror through Him who loves me. (Romans 8:37)

Yes, God, I know that all things are mine in Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:21)

Yes, God, I know I belong to Christ, and He belongs to You. (1 Corinthians 3:23)

Yes, God, I know that all things have become new in my life. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Yes, God, Your abounding grace is always with me. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

Yes, God, You daily load me with benefits. (Ps. 68:19)

Allow your *yes* to Daddy to go deep into your very core. "Yes" is the door to creating an atmosphere where Daddy can create the relationship with you He has always desired. Won't you say *yes* today?

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 4

Friend

John 15:12-15 (The Voice Bible)

"My commandment to you is this: love others as I have loved you. There is no greater way to love than to give your life for your friends. You celebrate our friendship if you obey this command. I don't call you servants any longer; servants don't know what the master is doing, but I have told you everything the Father has said to Me. I call you friends."

What an honor to go from being lost to saved—and then to become a *friend!* A friend of the Creator of all things is almost more than we can imagine.

We use the word "friend" to describe someone we know and like to be with. But Christ's definition of a friend is "someone for whom you would lay down your life." Jesus' actions proved that He is "a friend that will stick closer than a brother."

Let's learn from Christ and become not only His friend but a friend to others.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 5

Stand

Exodus 14:13-14 (The Voice Bible)

Moses (to the people): "Don't be afraid! Stand your ground and witness how the Eternal will rescue you today. Take a good look at the Egyptians, for after today you will never see them again. The Eternal will fight on your behalf while you watch in silence."

Jesus is the same today, yesterday and tomorrow. Just as He rescued Israel at the sea, so He will rescue you. But like Israel you may be tempted to run away. Is that true for you? Do you want to run away? I hear the voice of Holy Spirit cry out, "Stand your ground!"

If you will stop and stand your ground for Daddy God, He will do whatever it takes to help you triumph over your fears, troubles, mistakes—whatever is holding you back. Stop running. Stand still. You will see the salvation Daddy God has for you!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 6

Harvest

John 4:34-38 (The Voice Bible)

Jesus: "I receive My nourishment by serving the will of the Father who sent Me and completing His work. You have heard others say, 'Be patient; we have four more months to wait until the crops are ready for the harvest.' I say, take a closer look and you will see that the fields are ripe and ready for the harvest. The harvester is collecting his pay, harvesting fruit ripe for eternal life. So even now, he and the sower are celebrating their fortune.

The saying may be old, but it is true: 'One person sows, and another reaps.' I sent you to harvest where you have not labored; someone else took the time to plant and cultivate, and you feast on the fruit of their labor."

Look around: who is in your field? Who needs to see the love of Christ through you? There are people in your sphere of influence who need to hear and see Jesus.

Sometimes we are the sower. Sometimes we are the harvester. We must be willing to wear whatever hat is needed today to bring in the harvest. Ask Holy Spirit how you can partner with Christ today.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 7

Confidence

Romans 8:38-39 (The Passion Translation)

So now I live with the confidence that there is nothing in the universe with the power to separate us from God's love. I'm convinced that His love will triumph over death, life's troubles, fallen angels, or dark rulers in the heavens.

There is nothing in our present or future circumstances that can weaken His love. There is no power above us or beneath us—no power that could ever be found in the universe that can distance us from God's passionate love, which is lavished upon us through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One!

We can "live with the confidence" in the middle of our troubles that Christ will be with us. He told us that He would never leave us and never forsake us. And why is that? Because He loves us! His love never fails.

So know this: Christ loves you no matter what. Allow His promise to encourage you and strengthen your confidence. And then share that confidence with others. The love that Daddy God has for you He also has for everyone else. *Share the love!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 8

New

Ephesians 4:23-24 (The Passion Translation)

Now it's time to be made new by every revelation that's been given to you. And to be transformed as you embrace the glorious Christ-within as your new life and live in union with Him! For God has re-created you all over again in His perfect righteousness, and you now belong to Him in the realm of true holiness.

So discard every form of dishonesty and lying so that you will be known as one who always speaks the truth, for we all belong to one another.

When Holy Spirit came to dwell within you, He resurrected your human nature and made you new again. You are a new creation!

Now you must allow Holy Spirit to channel your new nature from *inside* you to *outside* you. The world needs true Christ-like followers, ones that walk the talk. The world needs what you have inside. Ask Holy Spirit to flow through you today. Ask Holy Spirit to guide you to people who are thirsty for living water. *Let the river flow!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 9

Revelation

Hebrews 5:13-14 (The Passion Translation)

For every spiritual infant who lives on milk is not yet pierced by the revelation of righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, whose spiritual senses perceive heavenly matters. And they have been adequately trained by what they've experienced to emerge with understanding of the difference between what is truly excellent and what is evil and harmful.

There comes a time in our lives where not only can we discern Daddy God by the spirit, but we begin to sense His presence with our physical senses. We might smell, hear or even have a taste. It's through time spent in His presence that we mature in this way.

You might even feel a physical pain or experience an emotion that you know isn't yours. Don't miss these signs from Daddy. They may even come as a random thought.

Ask Holy Spirit what's going on. Then join Daddy in what He's doing. This is how revelation becomes manifestation.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 10

Unbelief

Hebrews 3:16-19 (The Passion Translation)

The same people who were delivered from bondage and brought out of Egypt by Moses, were the ones who heard and still rebelled. They grieved God for forty years by sinning in their unbelief, until they dropped dead in the desert. So God swore an oath that they would never enter into His calming place of rest all because they disobeyed Him. It is clear that they could not enter into their inheritance because they wrapped their hearts in unbelief.

Just as it did for Israel, doubt and unbelief will keep you from Daddy God's purpose and rest. But if we believe what Daddy tells us, we can press past every barrier that stands in our way and enter into the promises of God.

Is there anything holding you back from the plan Father God has for you? What does Daddy say about it? Do you believe what He says? Today, take some time to recall and reflect on the promises God has given you. Then reaffirm your faith in His Word. God cannot lie! It's time to push back all unbelief and claim your promise.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 11

Wisdom

1 Corinthians 2:8-10 (The Voice)

This wisdom has not been grasped by the ruling powers of this age; if they had understood, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory. But as the Scriptures say, No eye has ever seen and no ear has ever heard and it has never occurred to the human heart all the things God prepared for those who love Him. God has shown us these profound and startling realities through His Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep mysteries of God.

People have sought out wisdom for millennia. What they did not know until the incarnation is that Christ *is* the wisdom of God. Daddy God made a way for us to encounter Christ as God's wisdom through Holy Spirit. Without Christ our pursuit of wisdom is in vain—it's all for nothing. It's like a dog chasing his tail.

As you meditate on the Word today, listen closely. True wisdom is calling your name. Jesus is drawing you closer to the heart of the Father. As you lean into His voice, you'll discover all that God has prepared for you. Everything hidden will be revealed. The deep mysteries of God will be revealed. It's gonna be a great day!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 12

Unveiled

1 Corinthians 2:6-7 (The Mirror Bible)

The words we speak resonate revelation wisdom in those who understand how perfectly redeemed they are in Christ, this wisdom supersedes every secular kind; suddenly what once seemed wise and good advice has become useless information. We voice words of wisdom that were hidden in silence for timeless ages; a mystery unfolding God's Masterful plan whereby He would redeem His glory in man. Our glorification has always been God's agenda, even before time was.

A revelatory wisdom is what Daddy has always wanted for us. Sadly, we used to believe so many lies. Christ came to expose and expel those lies. When Jesus died, He tore the veil in the temple—and He also removed the veil from our hearts so we could see the truth. We can now see who we are in Him!

Since Jesus removed the veil, the adversary with all his worldly systems has been trying to sew the veil back up. The enemy's only power is the power of a lie, so he works to bring us back under the veil. But we say no way! We are not going back to delusion. Today, ask Holy Spirit to unveil any lies you've believed. Then be set free!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 13

Rest

Hebrews 4:11-12 (The Passion Translation)

So then we must give our all and be eager to experience this faith-rest life, so that no one falls short by following the same pattern of doubt and unbelief. For we have the living Word of God, which is full of energy, and it pierces more sharply than a two-edged sword. It will even penetrate to the very core of our being where soul and spirit, bone and marrow meet! It interprets and reveals the true thoughts and secret motives of our hearts.

As I often say, God's rest is much more than a lack of activity. God's rest is trusting that Daddy God's words are true and right. God's rest abides in the middle of the trials of life. It is a rest that calms any and all storms. It's a rest that goes deep into our very being. It's a rest that will settle all discord. It's a rest in knowing Christ in all His glory.

Let His rest overwhelm you today. Take time right now to rest in His rest—not just the rest of doing nothing but the rest of true trust. And then release that rest to others everywhere you go. *The world needs rest!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 14

Follow

John 10:3-4 (The Voice Bible)

"The guard who is posted to protect the sheep opens the gate for the shepherd, and the sheep hear His voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When all the sheep have been gathered, He walks on ahead of them; and they follow Him because they know his voice."

Many times Christ told others to follow Him. That's what it means to become a Christian—you become a *follower* of Jesus. Many people today say they believe in Christ, but when you follow them you see they are not following Him. Their life demonstrates that they are listening to the wrong voice. It takes more than believing. We must follow Christ!

How will you follow Jesus today? In what way is Holy Spirit calling you to "take up your cross and follow"? When you follow Jesus, others will follow your example and also follow Jesus. Ask Holy Spirit to help you follow so others may follow.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 15

Wisdom

Proverbs 3:5-8 (The Voice Bible)

Place your trust in the Eternal; rely on Him completely; never depend upon your own ideas and inventions. Give Him the credit for everything you accomplish, and He will smooth out and straighten the road that lies ahead. And don't think you can decide on your own what is right and what is wrong.

Respect the Eternal; turn and run from evil. If you depend on Him, your body and mind will be free from the strain of a sinful life, will experience healing and health, and will be strengthened at their core.

With trust comes wisdom. By trusting in the path Daddy has set you on, you will discover peace, health, healing and many more gifts. Trust that Daddy knows best and allow His wisdom to strengthen you.

Make a conscious decision today to trust God. As you do, His wisdom will begin to flow in your life. So many people block the flow of wisdom in their life because they do not first put their trust in the Lord. How can Daddy train you to do what is wise in difficult situations if you do not trust Him? It's trust time!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 16

World

John 17:14-16 (The Passion Translation)

"I have given them your message and that is why the unbelieving world hates them. For their allegiance is no longer to this world because I am not of this world. I am not asking that you remove them from the world, but I ask that you guard their hearts from evil, for they no longer belong to this world any more than I do."

Christ came and showed us the way. Daddy God doesn't hate the world—He loves the world. He just doesn't want us to be controlled by the things of the world. Namely the tricks of our adversary. From the beginning the enemy tried to manipulate Daddy God's words to make Him appear hateful and mean. But it's a lie!

God loves the world, but the worldly systems that have corrupted the world have to change. In fact, it's the system that we are called to change. Daddy God made the world for us to enjoy and have fellowship with Him and He intends to restore that purpose. So how do we change the world? Through the same love God has for the world!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 17

Veil

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (The Mirror Bible)

The moment anyone returns to the Lord the veil is gone! The Lord and the Spirit are one; His Lordship sanctions our freedom. A freedom from rules chiseled in stone to the voice of our redeemed design echoing in our hearts! And we all, with new understanding, see ourselves in Him as in a mirror. The days of window-shopping are over! In Him every face is unveiled.

In gazing with wonder at the blueprint of God displayed in human form, we suddenly realize that we are looking into a mirror, where every feature of His image articulated in Christ is reflected within us! The Spirit of the Lord engineers this radical transformation; we are led from an inferior mind-set to the revealed endorsement of our authentic identity.

Blurring the truth of who we are has been the trick of our adversary from the beginning. Daddy made us to be just like Him, but because of sin that truth has been hidden behind a veil. But when the veil is removed in Christ, we see Him as in a mirror that reflects the truth about Daddy God. As we look into the mirror, we see the truth. Christ's death destroyed the veil so we can know who Christ truly is and who we truly are in Him. Ask Holy Spirit to remove the veil!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 18

Building

Ephesians 2:20-22 (The Passion Translation)

You are rising like the perfectly fitted stones of the temple; and your lives are being built up together upon the ideal foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, and best of all, you are connected to the Head Cornerstone of the building, the Anointed One, Jesus Christ Himself!

This entire building is under construction and is continually growing under His supervision until it rises up completed as the holy temple of the Lord Himself. This means that God is transforming each one of you into the Holy of Holies, His dwelling place, through the power of the Holy Spirit living in you!

We are God's building. We are God's dwelling place. Christ came and gave His life for us so that He could build a place for us, a place where God and people could become one. That place is *in* us, not some far-off place. Together, we make the city of God.

Today, intentionally ask Holy Spirit to dwell within you in a noticeable way. Ask Him to make Daddy God's presence known in you. And then reveal His presence to those around you.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 19

Calm

Psalms 46:10 (The Voice Bible)

Be still, be calm, see, and understand I am the True God. I am honored among all the nations. I am honored over all the earth.

What is your reaction when you read "be calm"? Fill in the blank. Most of the time, when people use these words they are trying to calm people without remembering or understanding Daddy God is in control. Philippians 4:19 (The Voice Bible) reads:

Know this: my God will also fill every need you have according to His glorious riches in Jesus the Anointed, our Liberating King.

Without Christ to fill our needs, it's hard to "be calm" on our own. So the next time you see or say "be calm" remember that *true calm* comes from being still and understanding that Christ will fill all your needs.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 20

1 Thessalonians 1:4-6 (The Voice Bible)

O brothers and sisters loved by God, we know He has chosen you. And here is why: what you experienced in the good news we brought you was more than words channeling down your ears; it came to you as a life- empowering, Spirit-infused message that offers complete hope and assurance!

We lived transparently before you so that you would know what sort of people we truly are. We did it for your sake, and you have modeled your lives after ours just as we are modeling ours after the Lord. You took to heart the word we taught with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, even in the face of trouble.

Paul encouraged believers to model their lives after him just as he modeled his life after Christ. Paul lived a life so faithful that he wasn't afraid to tell others to "imitate" him. (1 Corinthians 11:1) That's pretty amazing!

Paul learned this from Christ who told everyone to "follow Me." Now it's time for us to learn it. Christ lives in us, so we must pick up the mantle Christ left for us. Who are you following—or better yet, who's following you? Ask Holy Spirit to help you follow Jesus so clearly that others will be drawn to follow Him through you.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 21

See

2 Kings 6:16-17 (New American Standard Bible)

"Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the Lord opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Seeing and *hearing* is a theme throughout Jesus' life. Many times Jesus used the phrase "those who have ears to hear and eyes to see." Just like Elisha's servant, we need to see because truly there are more for us than those against us.

My prayer today is that you may *see,* that the dullness of this world would fade away and you would see clearly. I also pray that you may *hear,* that the background noise will fade away and Daddy God's voice will become clear. Ask now for Holy Spirit to help you *see* and *hear.*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 22

Fruit

John 15:15-16 (The Mirror Bible)

"I do not communicate with you on a slave-boss basis; slaves have no clue what their Master is about to do. I talk to you as my friends telling you everything heard in my conversation and intimate association with My Father. This I explain to you in the clearest possible terms."

"I did not begin in you; you began in Me! I am not your idea; you are Mine! I have strategically positioned you in order that you may abound in much fruit bearing, wherever life leads you—fruit that would ceaselessly continue this same incarnate life of union with Me! From within this place, anything you desire has already been granted you by My Father."

Fruit goes through many stages from germination to ripening. It starts from a seed to a flower to something edible then back to a seed. The cycle continues on and on. We are the fruit from the sacrifice of Jesus' life. We start from the seed planted by Holy Spirit, then we begin to flower with love for other. Sometimes we plant, other times we sow. Then we nurture the seed of love in others. Sometimes we are pruned so more fruit will come. Remember, we are to "bear much fruit"—not to seek success as the world defines it. Kingdom success comes from being fruitful, fruitfulness doesn't come from success.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 23

Represent

John 17:15-19 (The Passion Translation)

"I am not asking that You remove them from the world, but I ask that You guard their hearts from evil, for they no longer belong to this world any more than I do. Your Word is truth! So make them holy by the truth.

I have commissioned them to represent Me just as you commissioned Me to represent you. And now I dedicate Myself to them as a holy sacrifice so that they will live as fully dedicated to God and be made holy by your truth."

This prayer of Jesus was not only for the disciples who were with Him then, but He went on and prayed for you and me. And He prayed for us to *represent* Him.

To represent—or to *re-present*—someone is to be just like them. Jesus came and lived a blameless life to show us the way to live blameless through Him. So remember, we are representing Jesus to a world that so desperately needs Him. How will you represent Jesus today?

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 24

Mystery

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (The Mirror Bible)

It is written: "What has been concealed for ages in a realm inaccessible to the senses; what no human eye could catch a glimpse of, nor their ear could even hear a whisper of, neither could the inquiring mind decipher the code of that mystery which God has already fully accomplished and prepared as a royal highway imprinted in the hearts of his lovers!"

These profound mysteries of God's eternal resolve are now thoroughly unveiled to us by His Spirit; nothing is hidden from him; he explores the innermost thoughts of God.

The mysteries of Daddy God were kept secret. Only a few could truly know them. This was all before the cross. Now we have full access to the heart and mysteries of Daddy God. His secrets are unveiled to us by Holy Spirit.

And what does it take to receive this gift? Just give your life to Daddy God through the sacrifice of Christ's life. By the Spirit you are one with Him! All God's secrets are yours, lover of Christ. Take a journey on the highway of the Spirit and see all Daddy has for you.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 25

Believe

Matthew 9:27-29 (The Passion Translation)

As Jesus left the house, two blind men began following Him, shouting out over and over, "Son of David, show us mercy and heal us!" And they followed Him right into the house where Jesus was staying. So Jesus asked them, "Do you believe that I have the power to restore sight to your eyes?" They replied, "Yes Lord, we believe!" Then Jesus put his hands over their eyes and said, "You will have what your faith expects!"

What is your faith expecting today? As you ponder that question, think about the story above. These two men not only believed but took action. They followed Jesus right into the house and kept asking. They put their faith into action. What a story!

So what about you? Are you just hoping that Jesus will do what you ask? Or are you putting your faith into action? Today, let's mix our faith with action and see the results we are so desperately seeking. The world needs to see faith and action working together. Let's do it today!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 26

Need

Philippians 4:19-20 (The Passion Translation)

I am convinced that my God will fully satisfy every need you have, for I have seen the abundant riches of glory revealed to me through the Anointed One, Jesus Christ! And God our Father will receive all the glory and the honor throughout the eternity of eternities! Amen!

God meets our needs. But often He also fulfills our wants. The key to getting our needs and wants met is trusting that Daddy God will do what He says He will do. We must trust Him!

However, many times we don't ask because we feel we don't deserve to receive. Church, it's time to get over ourselves and ask our Father. He is eager to answer! He will guide us into asking for our needs and even our wants. Simply believe that He wants the best for His children. It's a day to receive God's best!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 27

Surrender

Father, I abandon myself into Your hands, do with me what You will. Whatever You may do, I thank you; I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only Your will be done in me, and in all Your creatures. I wish no more than this, O Lord, into your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to You with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into Your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for You are my Father.
— Charles de Foucauld

What a beautiful prayer! Can we pray this prayer and really mean it? I believe it's a prayer that we should pray over and over to truly get it into our inner core. And as we do, let's pray it from a place of true gratitude.

This prayer takes us on a journey along narrow path. But it is a journey worth taking. Are you ready to get started today? Pray this prayer and then head out into the day ready to live it out in the world.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 28

If

Mark 9:23-24 (The Passion Translation)

Jesus said to him, "What do you mean 'if'? If you are able to believe, all things are possible to the believer." When he heard this, the boy's father cried out with tears, saying, "I do believe, Lord; help my little faith!"

"If" is a big two letter word! Too we often allow "if" to block our belief. We can quote "all things are possible with God," but how many times do we put an "if" to it? *If* I prayed more, *if* I had more faith, *if* this or that.

What's your biggest *if*? Jesus said to believe and all things are possible. Starting right now, make up your mind to remove the *if's* and begin to see the miracles. We owe the world an encounter with God, and only by expelling the *if's* from our life so can we carry the supernatural power the world needs. *If* be gone!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 29

New

Ephesians 4:23-24 (The Passion Translation)

Now it's time to be made new by every revelation that's been given to you. And to be transformed as you embrace the glorious Christ-within as your new life and live in union with Him! For God has re-created you all over again in His perfect righteousness, and you now belong to Him in the realm of true holiness.

We are made a new creation once we allow Christ into our lives. Then we can go from glory to glory or revelation to revelation. One translation says to take "a fresh breath and let Daddy God renew your attitude and spirit." How about we take in His breath and change the atmosphere around us? This is how we renew our culture to become what Christ gave His life for.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

APRIL 30

Hope

Lamentations 3:21-24 (The Voice Bible)

Gaining hope, I remember and wait for this thought: How enduring is God's loyal love; the Eternal has inexhaustible compassion. Here they are, every morning, new! Your faithfulness, God, is as broad as the day. Have courage, for the Eternal is all that I will need. My soul boasts, "Hope in God; just wait."

What is hope? The Book of Proverbs tells us "hope deferred makes the heart sick." Hebrews tells us that faith is tied to hope. We could say hope is tied to patience. As we build hope our endurance grows, and that builds our character.

I have good news! New hope is available every morning. If you awakened this morning feeling hopeless, have another thought. There is hope available to you in the Holy Spirit—the Spirit of God's own hope! Let His hope flow through you. Daddy God is not hopeless, and neither are you. Ready to live in new hope? Let's do this!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 1

Love

Romans 8:38-39 (The Passion Translation)

So now I live with the confidence that there is nothing in the universe with the power to separate us from God's love. I'm convinced that His love will triumph over death, life's troubles, fallen angels, or dark rulers in the heavens.

There is nothing in our present or future circumstances that can weaken His love. There is no power above us or beneath us—no power that could ever be found in the universe that can distance us from God's passionate love, which is lavished upon us through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One!

It doesn't matter whether we believe it or not, Father God's love for us is everlasting. You might say, "But you don't know what I've done!" I don't have to know. Jesus paid for our disobedience before we were born. His love is only waiting for you to accept it. So go ahead—let go of all your excuses and embrace the love of your life!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 2

Humble

Philippians 2:6-9 (The Voice Bible)

Though He was in the form of God, He chose not to cling to equality with God; But He poured Himself out to fill a vessel brand new; a servant in form and a man indeed. The very likeness of humanity, He humbled Himself, obedient to death—a merciless death on the cross! So God raised Him up to the highest place and gave Him the name above all.

Sometimes we think "humble" means "weak," but that's far from true. To be humble means we don't force our way. Being humble will bring you to a higher place in society. Being forceful and manipulative will only cause pain and separation. Christ came to be a bridge between spirit and flesh. Becoming humble was His greatest strength. In what way can Holy Spirit make you strong today through humility?

Think through any situation in your life today where humility is the way forward. Ask Holy Spirit to allow Christ's own humility to flow through you. Let's follow Christ's example and release a spirit of humility into our world. Our divided world needs it now more than ever!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 3

Life

Philippians 2:14-15 (The Passion Translation)

Live a cheerful life, without complaining or division among yourselves. For then you will be seen as innocent, faultless, and pure children of God, even though you live in the midst of a brutal and perverse culture. For you will appear among them as shining lights in the universe, offering them the words of eternal life.

The easy way is to complain, gripe, throw fits and demand our way. The higher road is to find the good in life. Focus on what is true, holy and right, then you can overcome any attitude. Focus on the bad and things just seem worse. You can change the atmosphere just by being cheerful or hateful. It's your choice. I choose joy!

Here's how. Take a moment to bring the difficulties you're facing today before Daddy God. Say them out loud. Now release them to Him. Let the troubles go. Now worship Him and turn your focus on the good. You can intentionally replace the bad with good. *Choose joy!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 4

Wisdom

James 1:5-6 (The Voice Bible)

If you don't have all the wisdom needed for this journey, then all you have to do is ask God for it; and God will grant all that you need. He gives lavishly and never scolds you for asking. The key is that your request be anchored by your single-minded commitment to God. Those who depend only on their own judgment are like those lost on the seas, carried away by any wave or picked up by any wind.

Why is it that asking God for help sometimes seems to be our last resort? Life is like a sea, full of waves that push us back and forth. There is nothing wrong with stepping back and asking for help when life hits you and takes your breath. Take a fresh breath from the very presence of Holy Spirit. Father is awaiting your request, so go ahead and ask for His wisdom.

Do you need help today? Do you need wisdom? Ask. Go ahead, *ask.* Be specific. Tell Daddy God what you need and ask Him to show you how to identify what you need that you don't even know you need. He is so tender toward you! He just wants to help. But you must *ask.*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 5

Said

Genesis 3:1 (New King James Version)

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

That question still rings throughout time: "Has God said?" It bombards us on a daily basis, sometimes minute by minute. But it's still the wrong question. The right question would be, "What is God doing? How can I join Him?" That's my answer to that question. How about you? When we spend private and corporate time with Father God, we will know what He is doing and saying.

Start your day by asking Holy Spirit what Daddy God is doing today. Then carry His example out into the world around you. A skeptical world needs to see what God is doing, and they will see it through you and me.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 6

Abundance

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (The Passion Translation)

Let giving flow from your heart, not from a sense of religious duty. Let it spring up freely from the joy of giving—all because God loves hilarious generosity! Yes, God is more than ready to overwhelm you with every form of grace, so that you will have more than enough of everything—every moment and in every way. He will make you overflow with abundance in every good thing you do.

The generosity of God is amazing! No level of generosity that we could express could ever outdo the abundance Father God has for us. Daddy God is "more than ready to overwhelm" us with goodness. He is ready to make us "overflow with abundance."

It's time for us to release that kind of generosity. One way to get started is to have a *get-to* attitude instead of a *have-to* attitude. As you face the day, start with gratitude.

Realize that the only thing holding back Father's abundance is *you.* Decide today to be a generous giver, and let His abundance overwhelm you. It's time to make the world a generous place!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 7

Believers

Psalm 112:5-9 (The Voice Bible)

Good comes to all who are gracious and share freely; they conduct their affairs with sound judgment. Nothing will ever rattle them; the just will always be remembered. They will not be afraid when the news is bad because they have resolved to trust in the Eternal.

Their hearts are confident, and they are fearless, for they expect to see their enemies defeated. They give freely to the poor; their righteousness endures for all time; their strength and power is established in honor.

Psalms 112 describes what a believer in Christ looks like. Read it again and think for a minute on each Christlike characteristic. Are these qualities at work in you?

We were created to look like Jesus. We were created to manifest Daddy God just as Jesus does. When we read this psalm, it gives us a reflection of who Jesus is. Read all ten verses and let Holy Spirit give you a revelation of Jesus in them. Then ask Holy Spirit to empower you to be a revelation of these verses to the world around you.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 8

Imagine

Ephesians 3:20 (The Passion Translation)

Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for His miraculous power constantly energizes you.

We can have pretty big dreams. Our imagination can take us to places our natural man cannot. Now take that same imagination and add faith in Father God. Holy Spirit can and will take us places we can never imagine, places that far exceed our dreams and wants. Holy Spirit will take us places of which our natural man can only dream. And He will even fill us with the ability to accomplish more than we could ever dream!

As you meditate on the Word today, allow Holy Spirit to fire up your imagination. Allow Holy Spirit to energize your dreams. Allow Holy Spirit to show you creative ways to fulfill all your ambitions. Today is an Spirit-filled *imagination* day! Let your imagination take you places of which you never dreamed. The sky is the limit!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 9

Kingdom

Matthew 25:34-36 (The Voice Bible)

Then the King will say to those to His right, "Come here, you beloved, you people whom My Father has blessed. Claim your inheritance, the Kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of creation. You shall be richly rewarded, for when I was hungry, you fed Me. And when I was thirsty, you gave Me something to drink. I was alone as a stranger, and you welcomed Me into your homes and into your lives. I was naked, and you gave Me clothes to wear; I was sick, and you tended to My needs; I was in prison, and you comforted Me."

Doing the right thing has great benefits. As Jesus said, we will be "richly rewarded" for helping those in need. When we do the right thing, our actions bring comfort, peace, trust and hope to others. And when we do so, we not only help people right here and now, but we release the Kingdom of God here and now.

The reward for doing the right thing is inheriting the Kingdom. But the Kingdom of God is not just a future reality—we also get to live in it now. Ask Holy Spirit today how you can release Kingdom reality by helping those around you. Make up your mind to do the simple things today, to just *do the right thing* for those in need.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 10

Transplanted

Psalm 92:12-15 (The Living Bible)

The godly shall flourish like palm trees and grow tall as the cedars of Lebanon. For they are transplanted into the Lord's own garden and are under His personal care. Even in old age they will still produce fruit and be vital and green. This honors the Lord and exhibits His faithful care. He is my shelter. There is nothing but goodness in Him!

We have been transplanted from the garden of death and destruction into the heavenly Garden of Eden. Into Daddy God's own garden where He continues to walk, where we can grow into old age with fruit that remains fresh. Fruit that others can feast on and in turn be transplanted into Daddy's garden.

Every garden must be cultivated, pruned and plowed. Our heart is just like that. Allow Holy Spirit to show you the branches that need to be pruned and the weeds that need to be plucked out. Then we can truly be like Jesus to those around us. Our garden will bear fruit that others can enjoy. And when they eat the fruit of our salvation, it will draw them to Christ.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 11

Sacrifice

Micah 6:6-8 (The Message Bible)

How can I stand up before God and show proper respect to the high God? Should I bring an armload of offerings topped off with yearling calves? Would God be impressed with thousands of rams, with buckets and barrels of olive oil? Would He be moved if I sacrificed my firstborn child, my precious baby, to cancel my sin?

But He's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don't take yourself too seriously—take God seriously.

Even in the Old Covenant Daddy God never really wanted sacrifices. He has always wanted us to love our neighbors just like Christ loves them. Sacrifices come and go, but love will last throughout all time.

As you begin your day, ask Holy Spirit how you can offer your life as an acceptable sacrifice to the Lord. Daddy God doesn't want your *stuff*—He wants *you!* He wants your love. And He wants your love to flow out to others. Are you ready to love?

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 12

Taste

1 Peter 2:1-3 (The Passion Translation)

Abandon every form of evil, deceit, hypocrisy, feelings of jealousy and slander. In the same way that nursing infants cry for milk, you must intensely crave the pure spiritual milk of God's Word. For this "milk" will cause you to grow into maturity, fully nourished and strong for life—especially now that you have had a taste of the goodness of the Lord Jehovah and have experienced His kindness.

The more we taste of the goodness of Daddy God the more we want. Your spiritual taste buds will change. Psalm 34:8 says, "Taste and see God is good." God truly is good—it's not just words we say. He is good, and once you taste of His goodness the desire for worldly ways will fade away.

Ask Holy Spirit for a taste of His goodness today. Ask Him now. Pause long enough to experience the "flavor" of His love for you. Savor His kindness. Cleanse your palate of fear and doubt and relish His goodness. Do you taste it? Good. Now share that goodness with those around you.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 13

Thought

2 Corinthians 10:5 (The Voice Bible)

We can demolish every deceptive fantasy that opposes God and break through every arrogant attitude that is raised up in defiance of the true knowledge of God. We capture, like prisoners of war, every thought and insist that it bow in obedience to the Anointed One.

I have heard that we have ten-thousands of thoughts in a day. Paul tells us here that it is possible to take each one captive. I suggest that it takes the ongoing hearing of the word of Father God to be able to do so. Not just hearing His word once, but an ongoing daily conversation.

That sort of conversation becomes continuous fellowship with Holy Spirit. Then we gain the tools in our belt to cast down every thought that doesn't line up with the word of Father. So when thoughts come at you that aren't of Daddy God, *just have another thought.*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 14

Fullness

Colossians 2:8-10 (The Passion Translation)

Beware that no one distracts you or intimidates you in their attempt to lead you away from Christ's fullness by pretending to be full of wisdom when they're filled with endless arguments of human logic. For they operate with humanistic and clouded judgments based on the mindset of this world system, and not the anointed truths of the Anointed One.

For He is the complete fullness of deity living in human form. And our own completeness is now found in Him. We are completely filled with God as Christ's fullness overflows within us. He is the Head of every kingdom and authority in the universe!

The best way not to be deceived is to stay full of Christ. We allow other things—even good things—to distract us from the fullness of Christ. In fact, it's usually not evil that distracts us. It's doing good things in our own strength. But good minus God equals nothing. Here's a quick formula for that: *Good – God = 0*

Ask Holy Spirit to show you today any area of your life where you are trying to do "Good – God." Imagine what life will be when your good is "Good + God"!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 15

Ask

Matthew 7:7-8 (The Passion Translation)

"Ask, and the gift is yours. Seek, and you'll discover. Knock, and the door will be opened for you. For every persistent one will get what he asks for. Every persistent seeker will discover what he longs for. And everyone who knocks persistently will one day find an open door."

"Ask" in this context is a strong ask. It could be phrased as a "demand." Not a simple "please," but a persistent demand on Daddy God. Jesus said to continue to ask till you get a thing. When we are asking from the will of Daddy God, He will not keep it from us.

So what are you pursuing from Daddy God? What will you *demand* in faith today? Don't hesitate. He is eager to hear your faith demand today. Daddy God is actively looking for people with relentless faith. Make a demand!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 16

Life

Philippians 2:14-15 (The Passion Translation)

Live a cheerful life, without complaining or division among yourselves. For then you will be seen as innocent, faultless, and pure children of God, even though you live in the midst of a brutal and perverse culture. For you will appear among them as shining lights in the universe, offering them the words of eternal life.

As a follower of Christ, our lives should be different. Our thoughts, our speech, our actions should all be worth following. Too many times we (the church community) are seen as hateful, mean, uncaring, bigoted and much worse. Not only did Jesus tell us to follow Him, but Paul also told others to follow his example. *So should we!*

Our lives are not ours any longer. We gave them to Christ. Let's be the light in the darkness, not afraid of the darkness. For He who is inside us is greater than those in darkness. Let's change the perception of being a Christian. Preach the gospel—and use words only if you have to!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 17

Books

Malachi 3:16 (The Voice Bible)

Then those who fear the Eternal One consulted each other about God's charges, each one to his neighbor, and the Eternal One paid attention and heard. A book of remembrance was written before Him for those who honored the Eternal One and valued His name and the good reputation.

There is more than one book in heaven that has your name in it. *The Book of Life* is the one of which we are most aware. But there is also *The Book of Remembrance*. We can have many journal entries in *The Book of Remembrance.*

Daddy God not only has your name inscribed in His palm, He also has several books from which He likes to re-read your acts. Let's keep writing *The Book of Acts* and see our world come to a true knowledge of Christ.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 18

Abundance

Philippians 3:12-14 (The Passion Translation)

I admit that I haven't yet acquired the absolute fullness that I'm pursuing, but I run with passion into his abundance so that I may reach the purpose that Jesus Christ has called me to fulfill and wants me to discover.

I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this; however I do have one compelling focus: I forget all of the past as I fasten my heart to the future instead. I run straight for the divine invitation of reaching the heavenly goal and gaining the victory-prize through the anointing of Jesus.

When we look back—or when we turn our focus to the natural—we lose out on the abundance Daddy God has for us. Remember the cartoon song from *George of the Jungle,* "Look out for that *tree!*" It is easy to shift our focus and miss what's coming our way right in front of us.

Shift your focus today. Focus on what Daddy is doing. Watch for His abundance. Turn your heart toward His promises. Then, as you receive afresh His Word into your spirit, pour out that Word into the lives of others around you. Put your focus into words and action. Live the promise!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 19

Finish

Philippians 1:6 (The Passion Translation)

I pray with great faith for you, because I'm fully convinced that the One who began this glorious work in you will faithfully continue the process of maturing you and will put his finishing touches to it until the unveiling of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Galatians 6:9 (The Voice Bible)

May we never tire of doing what is good and right before our Lord because in His season we shall bring in a great harvest if we can just persist.

To start a journey with Daddy God is just the first part. Finishing the journey is the goal. Life gets hard but Holy Spirit is with you to help you push on. Don't stop a few inches from the goal. Your good works will prevail—don't quit! Let's be *finishers*, not just *starters*.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 20

Identity

Ephesians 4:21-24 (The Voice Bible)

If you have heard Jesus and have been taught by Him according to the truth that is in Him, then you know to take off your former way of life, your crumpled old self—that dark blot of a soul corrupted by deceitful desire and lust—to take a fresh breath and to let God renew your attitude and spirit. Then you are ready to put on your new self, modeled after the very likeness of God: truthful, righteous, and holy.

Our identity isn't in who we were or what has happened to us. Our identity is in Christ! He made us new. He recreated the dead person into something brand new. You're not the abused person, the addict, liar, thief, victim, controller… I could go on and on. Your identity is in Christ.

Today, make a decision by the Spirit to quit allowing the former dead person you were to control who you are. You are not who you were! It's time to be your new self. And as you are your new self, those around you will be inspired to become the new self Christ has called them to be. It's time for true identity.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 21

Believe

John 14:11-12 (The Mirror Bible)

"The fact that the Father seems distant or invisible to you does not mean that He is absent. In me He is very present with you! You cannot claim to know Me while you ignore Him—we are inseparable. Mankind, I dare you to believe that I am in the Father and the Father in Me—if it seems far fetched, then believe Me because of what I have done and what I am about to do.

It is the Father in Me who defines Me. My works exhibit His resolve. I want you to be fully convinced about this, anyone whose belief concludes in who I am, will also do the works that I do. And because of my relocation to continue to be face to face with My Father, the works that the believer will do, will be of greater proportion and of global influence; the Father is as present in you as He is in Me."

As we ask for more faith, more grace, more Holy Spirit, we should focus our request for more on simply *believing.* When we truly believe as Jesus told us to do, we will do the mighty works He did. And even more!

Ask Holy Spirit to help you believe today. Believe because of what Christ has done and you will believe stronger for what He will do. Take your belief into the world with you today and others will be inspired to believe too.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 22

Worship

James 5:13-14 (The Mirror Bible)

If anyone is going through a tough time, let him worship; when times are good, sing praises. (Don't take your lead from your negative or your positive circumstances!) If you feel too weak to worship, find encouragement in the care of those who are mature in their faith. Let them anoint you with oil and worship with you in prayer. Identify yourself in all that the Lord's name represents.

In tough times we often want to be left alone. Actually, that's the time we need most to worship and surround ourselves with others in worship allowing their faith, trust and worship to encourage us. Isolation is never the right response to tough times or great times. We were created for fellowship and community.

Are you facing tough times today? Are you tempted to withdraw? Don't yield to that urge. Allow others to walk with you in bad and good times. Ask Holy Spirit to strengthen your heart today in worship so that you can feel safe to allow others in. And as others come alongside to help you, you will receive grace to do the same. By allowing people to help you, you will learn how to help others.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 23

Food

John 4:31-34 (The Passion Translation)

Then the disciples began to insist that Jesus eat some of the food they brought back from the village, saying, "Teacher, you must eat something." But Jesus told them, "Don't worry about Me. I have eaten a meal you don't know about."

Puzzled by this, the disciples began to discuss among themselves, "Did someone already bring Him food? Where did He get this meal?" Then Jesus spoke up and said, "My food is to be doing the will of Him who sent Me and bring it to completion."

Jesus' food was doing the will of His Father. The same food Jesus ate is available for us today. We are nourished when we do the will of God. And what we feed the most is what will grow in our lives.

From what are you getting your nourishment? There are times to feed the body, but don't neglect feeding the spirit. There is a lot of work to be done.

Ask Holy Spirit to feed you today on the will of the Father. And as you are nourished in His will, share that life with others. The world is starving for the Father's heart!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 24

Say

Matthew 16:13-16 (New King James Version)

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

The question "Who do you say I am?" is still very relevant today! What or who do we believe Jesus was or is? Most people believe Jesus was a real person but have a hard time believing He also was and is God. Once we settle who we believe Jesus is, then we can truly know who we are. After Peter spoke up Jesus told him who he was and what he was going to do. Peter's identity was discovered in his revelation of Jesus.

The same is true for you and me. Our identity is revealed in the revelation of Jesus. So I ask you the question: *Who do you say Jesus is?* How you answer that question determines how you will see yourself. It's time for a revelation!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 25

Way

John 14:6-7 (The Passion Translation)

Jesus explained, "I am the Way, I am the Truth, and I am the Life. No one comes next to the Father except through union with Me. To know Me is to know My Father too. And from now on you will realize that you have seen Him and experienced Him."

To have a *revelation* of Jesus is great, but it's only half of the way. We need the *experience* of Him to truly know the way. Jesus came and made the way for us to know Father God. Then it's up to us to take the steps in knowing Him.

What steps will you take today to both *see* and *experience* Daddy God? As you see and experience Jesus, you will see and experience Him. Jesus is the pathway to God! Ask Holy Spirit to guide you as you take another step closer to Daddy. Then carry what you've *seen* and *experienced* into your daily life so others may see and know Him.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 26

Faith

Hebrews 11:3-4 (The Passion Translation)

This testimony of faith is what previous generations were commended for. Faith empowers us to see that the universe was created and beautifully coordinated by the power of God's words! He spoke and the invisible realm gave birth to all that is seen.

Faith is one of the many gifts Daddy God gives us. Faith is not something we produce on our own. Faith doesn't come from understanding—we understand because we have faith. As the faith of Jesus flows through our heart, we begin to understand what we could not see before. The invisible world becomes visible—heaven manifests on earth!—when we believe.

As you get ready to face the world today, ask Holy Spirit to manifest the invisible in your visible world. Open your heart through faith to allow the invisible world to give birth in the visible. And never forget to pray for those around you that Holy Spirit would empower them to see what God is doing in the world. It's time to *faith the facts* today!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 27

Success

Joshua 1:7-8 (The Voice Bible)

Always be strong and courageous, and always live by all of the law I gave to My servant Moses, never turning from it—even ever so slightly—so that you may succeed wherever you go.

Let the words from the book of the law be always on your lips. Meditate on them day and night so that you may be careful to live by all that is written in it. If you do, as you make your way through this world, you will prosper and always find success.

Joshua was promised success if he would adhere to God's laws. Of course, the original laws of Moses were for our good, not to limit or constrain us. If we truly love our neighbors we will have no desire to kill, steal or covet their stuff. Joshua's success was found only in obedience.

We all want success, but most of the time we look for it in all the wrong places. Even after we give our life to the Lord, we forget He is the Pilot, not our co-pilot. Our success is also found in obedience. Not a legalistic obedience, but the obedience that flows from faith and love. Obedience that watches closely what Jesus does and imitates Him faithfully. So do you want success? Get close to Jesus and watch what He does—and do likewise!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 28

News

Isaiah 52:7-8 (New American Standard Bible)

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation, and says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices, they shout joyfully together; for they will see with their own eyes when the Lord restores Zion.

What news are you bringing to those in your world? We all are proclaiming something, so let it be good news. Doom and gloom never set anyone free. Complaining only causes others to run away, but good news brings joy and beauty to those around you. You are an atmosphere-changer. Let the atmosphere around you be filled with peace and beauty.

Share good news today!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 29

Fear

1 John 4:18-19 (The Mirror Bible)

Fear cannot co-exist in this love realm. The perfect love union that we are talking about expels fear. Fear holds on to an expectation of crisis and judgment [which brings separation] and interprets it as due punishment [a form of karma!] It echoes torment and only registers in someone who does not yet realize the completeness of their love union. [With the Father, Son and Spirit and with one another.] We love because he loved us first.

There are types of fear that are appropriate, but we're not talking here about that kind of fear. We're talking specifically about the fear of not being good enough or of not being accepted by Daddy God. That kind of fear is a lie straight from you-know-where! Daddy God accepted us way before we even thought of Him. So do not fear that He will reject you. *He loves you.*

Are you facing fear today? Let that fear go, let it dissolve in the unconditional love of God. Stand still for just a moment and let the fear drain out of you like water draining from an open tank. Visualize the fear pouring out of your heart until all is gone. Rest in His peace. You are not alone and you have no reason to be afraid. He is with you!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 30

Tapestry

1 Peter 4:7-10 (The Passion Translation)

Since we are approaching the end of all things, be intentional, purposeful, and self-controlled so that you can be given to prayer. Above all, constantly echo God's intense love for one another, for love will be a canopy over a multitude of sins. Be compassionate to foreigners without complaining. Every believer has received grace gifts, so use them to serve one another as faithful stewards of the many-colored tapestry of God's grace.

Daddy made each of us in His image, but He also made us unique. Life would become very boring if we were all alike. We each have gifts, and yet we all are called to love unselfishly. Each of us is like a piece of an unfinished puzzle. And if we are scattered all around, that's what we look like—*an unfinished puzzle*. But when we allow love to rule, we come together and finish the puzzle. When we are united, we weave a beautiful tapestry for the glory of Daddy.

Do you feel special to Daddy God? I hope you do! Because you are. You unique and He loves you. Pause for a moment today and let His love wash over you. Rest for just a moment in your uniqueness, your one-of-a-kindness. Let Daddy God love you *just for being you!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

MAY 31

Life

Ephesians 1:4 (The Living Bible)

Long ago, even before He made the world, God chose us to be His very own through what Christ would do for us; He decided then to make us Holy in His eyes, without a single fault—we who stand before Him covered with His love.

Romans 8:1-2 (The Phillips Bible)

No condemnation now hangs over the head of those who are "in" Jesus Christ. For the new spiritual principle of life "in" Christ lifts me out of the old vicious circle of sin and death.

Father God chose us to be in a relationship with Himself. Even when mankind chose another path, He made a way for us to be with Him. The voices that tell you that "you're just a sinner" are whispering a lie straight from the grand liar. You are a *saint* in relationship with Father God. Believe the truth!

Look in the mirror. What do you see? *Who* do you see? Do you see a sinner? Look again. Keep looking until the reality that Jesus declares over you comes into focus. You are a victorious child of God! You are a *saint.* Now go live that truth.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 1

Weakness

Romans 8:24b-26 (The Passion Translation)

Hope means that we must trust and wait for what is still unseen. For why would we need to hope for something we already have? So because our hope is set on what is yet to be seen, we patiently keep on waiting for its fulfillment.

And in a similar way, the Holy Spirit takes hold of us in our human frailty to empower us in our weakness. For example, at times we don't even know how to pray, or know the best things to ask for. But the Holy Spirit rises up within us to super-intercede on our behalf, pleading to God with emotional sighs too deep for words.

Has the Church lost its ability to hope? The same goes for prayers: has the Church become so weak it's forgotten the power of prayer? We all want change, but are we willing to let go and let Holy Spirit pray through us? Paul put it like this, "When we are weak He is strong in us." Are we willing to present our weakness and let Holy Spirit be strong in us?

Take a minute and allow Holy Spirit to be strong in you. Allow Him to rise up within your awareness until He fills your mind with His strength. And as you live in the world today, be a hope carrier. Let hope define every thought, word and deed. A hopeless world needs your hope!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 2

Treasure

Matthew 6:19-21 (The Voice Bible)

Some people store up treasures in their homes here on earth. This is a shortsighted practice—don't undertake it. Moths and rust will eat up any treasure you may store here. Thieves may break into your homes and steal your precious trinkets. Instead, put up your treasures in heaven where moths do not attack, where rust does not corrode, and where thieves are barred at the door. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

I saw a picture while reading these verses. It was the home of a hoarder. Stuff stacked everywhere that had all gone bad. So bad in fact that even thieves didn't want it. Then I heard the Lord say, "Many of my people are like this, storing up their gifts and blessings. If they don't start using them they will go bad just like the hoarder's stuff."

What a picture!

Are you hoarding the gifts and blessings Daddy God has given you? Look mentally through the *stuff* Daddy God has given you. Take inventory of the gifts, callings, talents and abilities you have. It's time to give them away! We are meant to be a blessing to the world. Church, let's love those all around us.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 3

Build

2 Peter 1:5-9 (The Message Bible)

So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others.

With these qualities active and growing in your lives, no grass will grow under your feet, no day will pass without its reward as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus. Without these qualities you can't see what's right before you, oblivious that your old sinful life has been wiped off the books.

Faith is a free gift from Daddy God. All have it to some degree even if they are not yet believers. And the faith we have received is the foundation for all the other gifts that Daddy gives. As our faith grows, all the other qualities blossom in us.

Are you ready to grow in your faith? Are you ready to build upon the foundation of faith that Jesus prepared for you? Come on, Church, let's change the world. And we will do so by letting faith build us into a mature, flourishing community. Let's grow up!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 4

Life

Mark 8:35-37 (The Passion Translation)

For if you let your life go for My sake and for the sake of the gospel, you will continually experience true life. But if you choose to keep your life for yourself, you will forfeit what you try to keep. For what use is it to gain all the wealth and power of this world, with everything it could offer you, at the cost of your own life? And what could be more valuable to you than your own soul?

Life without Christ is like rice cakes—it has no flavor or value. (You can tell I don't like rice cakes!) But the life of Christ is like a delicious meal. As Psalms 34:8 says, we should "taste and see the Lord is good." Savor His goodness! We should experience His flavor in our lives so that others can taste and see that Jesus is good.

I came across this old quote:

To get the full flavor of an herb, it must be pressed between the fingers, so it is the same with the Scriptures; the more familiar they become, the more they reveal their hidden treasures and yield their indescribable riches.
— John Chrysostom, A.D. 347-407

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 5

Thirsty

John 7:37-38 (The Mirror Bible)

On the final day, the crescendo of the eight-day Feast of Tabernacles, Jesus, knowing that He is the completeness of every prophetic picture and promise, cried out with a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come and stand face-to-face with Me and drink! In your realizing that I am what the Scriptures are all about, you will discover uniquely for yourself, face to face with Me, that I am what you are all about and rivers of living waters will gush out of your innermost being!"

Being thirsty or hungry for the things of God is spoken of numerous times in the Bible. Jesus compared Himself to a well that we drink from. Jesus even said to drink of His blood and eat of His body. I could go on and on. But I have one question: *what well are you drinking from?* I pray it's from the well of Jesus!

Take a moment right now and drink deep from the well of salvation. The well is gushing out of your innermost being. Focus on the flow of the Spirit within you and consciously let the waters of love rise in your heart. Visualize yourself being flooded now with His presence. Then you will be filled so you can flow out to the world around you. The world is thirsty for a drink!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 6

Wisdom

1 Corinthians 2:6-8 (The Message Bible)

We, of course, have plenty of wisdom to pass on to you once you get your feet on firm spiritual ground, but it's not popular wisdom, the fashionable wisdom of high-priced experts that will be out-of-date in a year or so. God's wisdom is something mysterious that goes deep into the interior of his purposes. You don't find it lying around on the surface.

It's not the latest message, but more like the oldest—what God determined as the way to bring out His best in us, long before we ever arrived on the scene. The experts of our day haven't a clue about what this eternal plan is.

Wisdom truly doesn't come from books, professors, teachers or even great preachers. Not saying that we can't learn from or get knowledge from those sources, but true wisdom comes from Daddy God and time spent in His presence.

Still your heart before Daddy God right now and ask Him for wisdom. You may be facing circumstances that require supernatural wisdom. Daddy God will give you just what you need! And as you receive wisdom, you will have opportunities to share that wisdom with others.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 7

Speak

John 11:41-44 (The Mirror Bible)

Then they removed the stone from the cave where the dead was laid. Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father I thank you that you have heard Me. I am persuaded that you always hear Me; but I am saying this for the sake of those who are standing by so that they too may come to believe that you sent Me." And after He spoke these words, He raised His voice and hollered, "Lazarus! Come out!"

Jesus could have whispered and Lazarus would have heard Him. But Jesus spoke loudly so that those around Him would hear and believe. He "raised His voice and hollered!"

Sometimes we need to "raise our voice and holler!" We need to speak loud enough and bold enough that others may hear and believe. Too many times Christians stay silent and allow their adversary to win by default. Let's not be silent any longer. Our world needs to see and hear the word of the Lord.

How will you "raise your voice" today? Ask Holy Spirit to give you opportunities today to make His good news heard.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 8

Forget

Philippians 3:12-14 (New American Standard Bible)

Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Sometimes what hinders us most is "yesterday." We either long for the glory of the "good old days," or we obsess over the mistakes of yesterday, even the things not caused by us. Yesterday is gone. Let's look forward to today and tomorrow.

Stand still for a moment in the presence of Daddy God. Intentionally draw your mind away from yesterday and into the present moment. Then deliberately focus your mind on the future where Holy Spirit is taking you. Reach intently for the destiny that belongs to you in Christ. Focus on the promises of God. Yesterday cannot hold you back!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 9

Peace

Philippians 4:6-7 (The Voice Bible)

Don't be anxious about things; instead, pray. Pray about everything. He longs to hear your requests, so talk to God about your needs and be thankful for what has come. And know that the peace of God (a peace that is beyond any and all of our human understanding) will stand watch over your hearts and minds in Jesus, the Anointed One.

Are you feeling anxious today? Being anxious or worrying about things will not help anything. It will only create more worry and anxiety and cause health issues. Of course, overcoming anxiety is easier said than done, so what do we do? Paul instructed us to have a talk with Father God and watch for His peace to turn the worry into peace. And not just any peace, but an everlasting peace.

Try this. Stand still. Take a deep breath. Consciously allow Holy Spirit to fill your heart as the breath fills your lungs. Empty your mind of all anxious thoughts and whisper thanks and gratitude to Daddy God. Just love Him for a few moments. Then verbally release your worries one by one—out loud! Visualize them rising like balloons in the sky until they disappear into the heavens. Now, smile and relax and let Holy Spirit breathe peace into your soul.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 10

Search

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (The Passion Translation)

This is why the Scriptures say: Things never discovered or heard of before, things beyond our ability to imagine—these are the many things God has in store for all His lovers. But God now unveils these profound realities to us by the Spirit. Yes, He has revealed to us His inmost heart and deepest mysteries through the Holy Spirit, who constantly explores all things.

We have the ability to search out many things in just moments. But all of our books and technology cannot compare to the knowledge Holy Spirit has for us. You have the best search engine living inside you. In fact, you have the spiritual "technology" to search out answers through Holy Spirit. Have you ever tried that?

Here's how you do it. Still your heart and mind before the Lord. Focus on the question that you need answered. Ask Holy Spirit the question—type it in the search box, as it were. Then wait. Hold still for a moment and listen for His voice. Often the answer will come so quickly that it will surprise you. Other times, it takes a while. But don't give up! Even if you have to "search" the Spirit-net several times like Paul, Daddy God will answer you.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 11

Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (The Mirror)

The soulish person has no capacity to comprehend the language of the Spirit of God; spiritual things seem meaningless to them; they are incapable to discern that which can only be spiritually appreciated.

Those who are spiritually awakened are immediately compatible to discern all things from a spiritual (grace) perspective, while they themselves are free from anyone's critical scrutiny. There is no other basis to teach from but to echo the mind of Christ; He is the Master mind personified within us!

The Bible is a spiritual book. The only way to understand the Bible is to have a spiritual perspective. Without Holy Spirit teaching us, the Bible is meaningless. History is filled with tragic examples of what happens when people try to interpret Scripture without Holy Spirit.

But you are eager for Holy Spirit to teach you today. That's why you're taking time to read this. So you are already at the front of the line! Pause for a moment and allow Holy Spirit to have control of your mind and soul. Then you will have a mind just like Christ—full of love for others. Share the mind of Christ today.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 12

Faith

Romans 5:1-2 (The Passion Translation)

Our faith in Jesus transfers God's righteousness to us and He now declares us flawless in His eyes. This means we can now enjoy true and lasting peace with God, all because of what our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, has done for us.

Our faith guarantees us permanent access into this marvelous kindness that has given us a perfect relationship with God. What incredible joy bursts forth within us as we keep on celebrating our hope of experiencing God's glory!

Faith brings a joy that is unexplainable. Even in tough times we can have a joy that totally confuses our enemies. Faith teaches us that joy is more than a feeling—it's a choice. Let me say that again: *joy is a choice!* We choose *joy* when we choose to *rejoice*. Rejoicing is joy in action. When we rejoice, we turn *joy* into a verb.

Are you ready for *unexplainable joy?* Then take a moment right now to rejoice. Make joy a verb. Choose joy over frustration and fear. And then release that joy everywhere you go. The world needs joy! Won't you choose joy today?

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 13

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4 (The Voice Bible)

When the holy day of Pentecost came 50 days after Passover, they were gathered together in one place. (Picture yourself among the disciples:) A sound roars from the sky without warning, the roar of a violent wind, and the whole house where you are gathered reverberates with the sound.

Then a flame appears, dividing into smaller flames and spreading from one person to the next. All the people present are filled with the Holy Spirit and begin speaking in languages they've never spoken, as the Spirit empowers them.

Pentecost was a festival to celebrate the spring harvest. But Father God had other plans about the harvest. It was the beginning of a harvest of souls that continues to this day. Not only did He send Holy Spirit to fall upon mankind, He chose to fill mankind with His Spirit. What a powerful experience!

You and I are called into the Spirit-filled harvest. Pentecost is forever here! So, as we go into the world today to do our business and live our lives, let's carry the reality of Pentecost with us. Let's breathe the Spirit of God, walk in the Spirit and share the atmosphere of heaven with everyone everywhere we go.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 14

Revelation

Ephesians 1:17-19 (The Mirror Bible)

I desire that you will draw directly from the source; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory kindles within you the spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the unveiling of His Master Plan. I long for you to know by revelation what He has known about you all along! I pray that your thoughts will be flooded with light and inspired insight; that you will clearly picture His intent in identifying you in Him so that you may know how precious you are to Him.

What God possesses in your redeemed innocence is His treasure and the glorious trophy of His inheritance! You are God's portion. You are the sum total of His assets and the measure of His wealth! I pray that you will be overwhelmed with an understanding of the magnitude of His power in the finished work of Christ. This is what results in the dynamic of your faith.

To see with your spiritual eyes how important you truly are is the best vision you could ever ask for or desire. Most of the time we don't have a clue how valuable we are. My prayer is that you will have an encounter with God that leads to the revelation of who you truly are. And that you begin to realize how special you are to Father God!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 15

Clay

2 Corinthians 4:7-9 (The Passion Translation)

We are like common clay jars that carry this glorious treasure within, so that the extraordinary overflow of power will be seen as God's, not ours. Though we experience every kind of pressure, we're not crushed. At times we don't know what to do, but quitting is not an option. We are persecuted by others, but God has not forsaken us. We may be knocked down, but not out.

We were formed from the dust of the earth. But the God who spoke light into the world is the same God who put His creative power in us. Others can truly see that the power comes from an outside source and not from us. So even though we are merely clay on the outside, we must let the power of Holy Spirit flow through us to others. And we must be the overcomers we were created to be.

Hold your hands out in front of you. That's clay. But now turn your hands over, palms up. Visualize the light of God resting on your hands. The clay carries a treasure. You are like wiring that conducts electricity. You carry God's glory! Now share that glory with the world.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 16

Soil

Ephesians 3:16-19 (The Voice Bible)

Father, out of Your honorable and glorious riches, strengthen Your people. Fill their souls with the power of Your Spirit so that through faith the Anointed One will reside in their hearts.

May love be the rich soil where their lives take root. May it be the bedrock where their lives are founded so that together with all of Your people they will have the power to understand that the love of the Anointed is infinitely long, wide, high, and deep, surpassing everything anyone previously experienced. God, may Your fullness flood through their entire beings.

What an incredible statement! *Love is the rich soil where our lives take root*. My prayer today is that your life will be prepared to receive the love Christ. I pray that love may be the soil where you grow in His love so you may bear the fruit of His love for those all around you. It's all about love!

Rest for a moment as you meditate on the love of God. Let your awareness of His love for you become so real that it seems tangible. Let your heart ache with His love for you and your love for Him. Then set your mind on those in your world who need that love. Get ready to love!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 17

Fruit

John 15:5, 8 (The Passion Translation)

I am the sprouting vine and you're my branches. As you live in union with Me as your source, fruitfulness will stream from within you—but when you live separated from Me you are powerless.

When your lives bear abundant fruit, you demonstrate that you are my mature disciples who glorify my Father!

Being connected to Christ bring blessings to the world around us. And not just any blessings but *abundant* blessings. Jesus describes blessings as "fruit." We have the ability to eat the fruit of His life so others can eat of the fruit from our lives. Those around us who haven't been grafted in yet need us. They need to eat of the abundant fruit in our life.

Start today with a taste of His fruit. Visualize yourself eating beautiful, delicious fruit. Savor every bite. Then imagine yourself filling a basket of fruit to carry with you into the day. Who will you meet today that needs the life-giving fruit of the Spirit within you? Share the fruit!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 18

Grace

2 Corinthians 12:8-10 (The Voice Bible)

I begged the Lord three times to liberate me from its anguish; and finally He said to me, "My grace is enough to cover and sustain you. My power is made perfect in weakness."

So ask me about my thorn, inquire about my weaknesses, and I will gladly go on and on—I would rather stake my claim in these and have the power of the Anointed One at home within me. I am at peace and even take pleasure in any weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and afflictions for the sake of the Anointed because when I am at my weakest, He makes me strong.

We have many definitions for the word "grace." One I like is "the right-now power to overcome." That tells me that anything I come up against, Daddy's grace gives me the power to overcome in all areas of life. His grace is a *right-now* power.

Are you ready to receive His grace? Are you ready *right now?* Don't postpone it. Don't imagine a day far off in the future. Reach for grace *right now*. Stand still for a moment and let this present moment be infused with grace. Everything you need is in Him. Embrace Him now!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 19

Temple

Ephesians 2:19-22 (The Passion Translation)

So, you are not foreigners or guests, but rather you are the children of the city of the holy ones, with all the rights as family members of the household of God. You are rising like the perfectly fitted stones of the temple; and your lives are being built up together upon the ideal foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, and best of all, you are connected to the Head Cornerstone of the building, the Anointed One, Jesus Christ Himself!

In 1 Corinthians 3:16 Paul asks a question, "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in You?" We must not forget who we are! We are the dwelling place of Holy Spirit. As the temple of God, we are called to join together and transform culture. And as we do the temple of God becomes the city of God, the heavenly city that fills the earth.

How do we fill the earth with the glory of God? It starts in you and me when our heart is filled with the glory of God. As His temple, we carry and release His glory everywhere we go. Stand still for a moment and visualize yourself as God's temple. Imagine the King riding through the gates of your heart and taking His throne within you. Now picture the glory of God filling your heart and pouring out of you into the surrounding city. Fill us, Holy Spirit!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 20

Life

Philippians 1:20-21 (The Passion Translation)

No matter what, I will continue to hope and passionately cling to Christ, so that He will be openly revealed through me before everyone's eyes. So I will not be ashamed! In my life or in my death, Christ will be magnified in me. My true life is the Anointed One, and dying means gaining more of Him.

Oddly enough, I keep thinking about a bug zapper. (Stay with me for a minute!) The bug zapper attracts bugs due to the radiant light. The bugs are drawn to their death. That's sort of what Paul is saying above—people are drawn to Christ by the light of His presence, but they are being drawn to their death. Yet death is defeated in Christ, which means that their death with Him is actually new life! *"Dying means gaining more of Him."*

Our lives should be an ever-present witness of Christ to the culture around us. We must not be closet Christians that make people wonder if we are saved or not. Allow Holy Spirit to shine through you and attract people to the death-that-is-really-life in Christ. Just like a bug zapper, let your love and light shine and be so attractive that the lost are drawn to you. This is the hope of the world!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 21

Joy

James 1:2-4 (The Voice Bible)

Don't run from tests and hardships, brothers and sisters. As difficult as they are, you will ultimately find joy in them; if you embrace them, your faith will blossom under pressure and teach you true patience as you endure. And true patience brought on by endurance will equip you to complete the long journey and cross the finish line—mature, complete, and wanting nothing.

When hard times are upon us, joy seems like the last thing on our minds. But if we will address the hard times with joy knowing that we will endure, then our faith will grow beyond what we dreamed. It's like MiracleGro on our plants. Joy will get you through the thick and thin times, perfecting your faith into the mature person this world needs.

Ready to water your spiritual plants with joy? Visualize your needs as plants in small pots. Healing, finances, reconciled relationships—see each one as a plant. Then see yourself pouring out joy on each one with delight and laughter. Maybe you want to dance around with excitement—God is answering every prayer. Pour out joy!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 22

Complaining

Philippians 2:14-16 (The Message Bible)

Do everything readily and cheerfully—no bickering, no second-guessing allowed! Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night so I'll have good cause to be proud of you on the day that Christ returns. You'll be living proof that I didn't go to all this work for nothing.

We live in a society where complaining seems to be a right or a privilege. Christ never complained—He offered answers to solve problems. We get to live a life that reflects His. Be the solution, not the problem. In doing so you will bring joy and cheer to those in your world.

As you start the day, recalibrate your brain. Think of the times when you've wasted energy on complaining. Repent (change your mind!) for complaining and intentionally replace each complaint with gratitude. Then think of how you will release joy and cheer to those in your world. Send "good vibes"—Spirit-filled vibes!—out ahead of you everywhere you go. Complaining is no longer part of your life. You are a joy-giver!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 23

Powers

Romans 8:38-39 (The Mirror Bible)

This is my conviction; no threat whether it be in death or life; be it angelic messengers, demon powers or political principalities, nothing known to us at this time, or even in the unknown future; no dimension of any calculation in time or space, nor any device yet to be invented, has what it takes to separate us from the love of God demonstrated in Christ. The Lordship of Jesus Christ is our Ultimate Authority.

So many times we give the dark side more attention than the Kingdom of Light. We watch lots of movies about superheroes. We marvel over them (yes, pun intended!) while the greatest Superhero lives closer than our skin. Yet we don't give His power that overcomes the darkness much attention. Start drawing from the power within you knowing that the power of His love overcomes all things.

Stand still and be silent for two minutes. (It will seem like forever.) Turn your focus toward the supernatural power of God's love within you. See His love-power like a power plant deep inside you. Grab the lever and turn the power up! Release His power through praise. Intensify your worship and feel the power of His love grow within you. Let His love increase until you are empowered to release His love into the world around you. The dark side lost!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 24

Unity

Romans 12:14-16 (The Voice Bible)

If people mistreat or malign you, bless them. Always speak blessings, not curses. If some have cause to celebrate, join in the celebration. And if others are weeping, join in that as well. Work toward unity, and live in harmony with one another. Avoid thinking you are better than others or wiser than the rest; instead, embrace common people and ordinary tasks.

When we live in unity and truly care for others—whether in mourning or celebration—people can tell that we care. Scripture also promises a "commanded blessing" when we dwell in unity. Unity will change a community and a culture. We are called to unity!

But unity can be tough. Have you experienced unkindness from others? Have you ever struggled with unforgiveness? It is difficult to "dwell in unity" when we have been hurt. Maybe even right now you are wrestling with a wounded heart. My prayer is that you receive the supernatural grace to bless them now. As you bless them, you will receive healing. And then you can stand in unity even with those who have done you wrong. And the grace you have received will heal them as well. It's time for unity!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 25

Thoughts

Psalm 139:16-18 (The Passion Translation)

You saw who You created me to be before I became me! Before I'd ever seen the light of day, the number of days You planned for me were already recorded in your book. Every single moment You are thinking of me! How precious and wonderful to consider that You cherish me constantly in Your every thought! O God, your desires toward me are more than the grains of sand on every shore! When I awake each morning, You're still with me.

Before your parents had a thought about you, Daddy God was already thinking of you. You have many thoughts throughout the day. How many of your thoughts are toward Father God? You are in the Father's thoughts before you wake up. What will your thoughts be today?

Do this. Visualize Daddy God smiling on you. Open your heart and receive His love. Let His thoughts toward you rush in like a stream. Empty your mind of your own thoughts and let Holy Spirit whisper His thoughts of you. Now return your thoughts to Him. Let your love for Him radiate out like warmth from the sun. Respond to His love with your love. Spend the rest of the day sending your thoughts back to Him. Tell Him what you're thinking. Speak your love to Him. As Graham Cooke says, *have another thought!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 26

Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (The Passion Translation)

Pray like this: "Our Father, dwelling in the heavenly realms, may the glory of your name be the center on which our lives turn. Manifest your kingdom realm, and cause your every purpose to be fulfilled on earth, just as it is fulfilled in heaven. We acknowledge you as our Provider of all we need each day. Forgive us the wrongs we have done as we ourselves release forgiveness to those who have wronged us. Rescue us every time we face tribulation and set us free from evil. For you are the King who rules with power and glory forever. Amen."

Here's our assignment today: pray slowly through this prayer and apply it to your life as Holy Spirit guides you. Remember, this is just a guide, *not* a form. Do not just mouth the words—feel them, breathe them, rest in them. Let Holy Spirit pray this prayer with you.

Then take this prayer with you all day long. Whatever you do, keep this prayer humming in the background. Let Christ's words resonate through you all day. Don't end the prayer—never say the "amen"! Fill your day with prayer. Your world is about to change.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 27

Works

John 5:19-20 (The Passion Translation)

So Jesus said, "I speak to you timeless truth. The Son is not able to do anything from Himself or through My own initiative. I only do the works that I see the Father doing, for the Son does the same works as His Father. Because the Father loves his Son so much, He always reveals to Me everything that He is about to do. And you will all be amazed when He shows Me even greater works than what you've seen so far!"

Earlier Jesus said that He only did what He saw the Father doing. Then later on He says that those who believe in Him will do the same works He did and even greater works than Him. So my question is what are you seeing Jesus do?

If you could see Jesus do one mighty work today, what would it be? Here's the key: you must *see* Jesus do it before you can *see* Jesus do it! In other words, you must *see* with the eyes of faith before you can *see* with your natural eyes. Take a moment to visualize the mighty work being done in your life. Explore the scene in your mind like a freeze-frame in a movie. Walk around the scene and examine the possibilities. Now declare that it is done!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 28

Go

Matthew 10:7-8 (The Passion Translation)

As you go, preach this message: "Heaven's kingdom realm is accessible, close enough to touch." You must continually bring healing to lepers and to those who are sick, and make it your habit to break off the demonic presence from people, and raise the dead back to life. Freely you have received the power of the kingdom, so freely release it to others.

Jesus declared several times that a new day is coming, and in fact, it's already here. I heard a statement recently from a friend: "Not someday, but today!" As you *go* today, release the Kingdom of God—not someday, but today. We have the King living in us, so His Kingdom is available to set the captives free, bring healing and change our culture.

Stop for a moment and become aware of Christ living in you. You are not being sent into the world alone. You are sent out in the power of the Holy Spirit. Center your heart on that promise and anchor your soul in His presence. He is with you!

So *go!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 29

Unity

1 Corinthians 1:10 (The Passion Translation)

I urge you, my brothers and sisters, for the sake of the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to agree to live in unity with one another and put to rest any division that attempts to tear you apart. Be restored as one united body living in perfect harmony. Form a consistent choreography among yourselves, having a common perspective with shared values.

Beginning in the Garden of Eden, evil has tried to bring division among us. It's time we see the tricks of our adversary and come together as one. We must bring closure to the divisions among those who call themselves followers of Christ. We have repented enough to be forgiven, but have we repented enough to see the Kingdom?

Join me today in an appeal to heaven for the unity of the Church. Are you aware of particular division within the Body of Christ? Pray over that division and release the Spirit of unity. Name names! Bind the enemy and unleash the Kingdom of God. It's time to use the authority we've been given. The enemy has already lost.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JUNE 30

Wisdom

James 3:17-18 (The Message Bible)

Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.

It seems like unity and love for one another has been a recurring theme the past few weeks. James tells us that true wisdom starts with how we treat others. Jesus told us to love others as He loved them. Wisdom is connected with love. How's your love-o-meter?

Division is foolishness. Unity is wisdom. When we are divided, the enemy prevails. But when we see the folly of our ways and come together as one, the enemy is outmaneuvered and outgunned. He runs for his life! Ask Holy Spirit to release the Spirit of unity through you today. Holy Spirit, make us wise!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 1

Favorite

James 1:17-18 (The Passion Translation)

Every gift God freely gives us is good and perfect, streaming down from the Father of lights, who shines from the heavens with no hidden shadow or darkness and is never subject to change. God was delighted to give us birth by the truth of His infallible Word so that we would fulfill His chosen destiny for us and become the favorite ones out of all His creation!

You are a gift given to all creation on Planet Earth. And not only a gift, but Daddy's favorite gift. To show all creation how good our Father is. You're a good and perfect gift! He created you to let your life shine for His glory.

Daddy God wants you to feel loved. You are loved whether or not you feel it, but He wants you to feel it. And He wants you to see how valuable you are to the world around you. You are a divine solution to a human problem. People around you are hurting, but Daddy has hand-selected you to be the gift that keeps on giving to them. Relax in His love today and be the gift you are.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 2

Test

James 1:2-4 (The Voice Bible)

Don't run from tests and hardships, brothers and sisters. As difficult as they are, you will ultimately find joy in them; if you embrace them, your faith will blossom under pressure and teach you true patience as you endure. And true patience brought on by endurance will equip you to complete the long journey and cross the finish line—mature, complete, and wanting nothing.

Tests are not meant to be fun. They are meant to be taken. Look at it this way: those under the influence of the dark kingdom aren't tested. They are just led into more darkness. So those that are of the Kingdom of Light are tested to be drawn away from the light. Every test or temptation we overcome draws us closer to the light. Now that's something to be joyful about!

Have you been tested recently? Do you feel exhausted by the test? I am praying for you that you will feel new strength for the test, new energy for the process. You are coming closer to the light. The light of heaven is filling your soul. Let the light shine within you so that it may shine out of you to the world around you.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 3

Others

Matthew 25:34-36 (The Voice Bible)

Then the King will say to those to His right, "Come here, you beloved, you people whom My Father has blessed. Claim your inheritance, the Kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of creation.

You shall be richly rewarded, for when I was hungry, you fed Me. And when I was thirsty, you gave Me something to drink. I was alone as a stranger, and you welcomed Me into your homes and into your lives. I was naked, and you gave Me clothes to wear; I was sick, and you tended to My needs; I was in prison, and you comforted Me."

Daddy God takes the measure of our heart by watching lovingly how we treat and respond to others. By observing how we love others, He knows how to correct us and develop our faith. What matters most to Daddy God is that we serve others out of love and not out of obligation.

We must take a moment and consider how eagerly or reluctantly we serve others. Does serving others inconvenience us? Do we get frustrated? Irritable? If so, let's lay all that down—with no shame!—in the presence of the One who loved us freely. Let's pour out our sense of duty and obligation like stagnant water on the ground, and let's drink deep from the well of love.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 4

Freedom

Hebrews 4:14-16 (The Passion Translation)

So then, we must cling in faith to all we know to be true. For we have a magnificent King-Priest, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who rose into the heavenly realm for us, and now sympathizes with us in our frailty. He understands humanity, for as a Man, our magnificent King-Priest was tempted in every way just as we are, and conquered sin.

So now we come freely and boldly to where love is enthroned, to receive mercy's kiss and discover the grace we urgently need to strengthen us in our time of weakness.

Today we celebrate freedom. As we celebrate we remember that the freedom we have is because others fought for it. We are thankful for freedom and for those who fought so bravely for it. Today we also celebrate the greatest freedom of all—the freedom to enter with Christ into the heavenly place. Freedom from sin and death is the ultimate freedom! Just as others fought for our national freedom, so Jesus fought with His life so we can can freely approach the throne of Father God. Freedom to serve and love Daddy God is what it's all about.

How will you celebrate your freedom today? Maybe it's time for some supernatural fireworks! Allow Holy Spirit to work through you today.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 5

Child

Matthew 18:3-5 (The Passion Translation)

"Learn this well: Unless you dramatically change your way of thinking and become teachable, and learn about Heaven's Kingdom realm with the wide-eyed wonder of a child, you will never be able to enter in. Whoever continually humbles himself to become like this gentle child is the greatest one in Heaven's Kingdom realm. And if you tenderly care for this little one on My behalf, you are tenderly caring for Me."

Children are forever learning. We shouldn't stop learning just because we got older. Children have faith to do and believe all things. Want to walk in Kingdom glory? Become like a child and begin to believe again!

Ask Holy Spirit to renew your childlikeness. Ask Him to restore your wonder, your candor and your innocence. One powerful way to become like a child is to laugh. Ask Holy Spirit to unleash your pent up laughter. It's time to become a child again!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 6

Destroy

1 John 3:7-8 (The Passion Translation)

Delightfully loved children, don't let anyone divert you from this truth. The person who keeps doing what is right proves that he is righteous before God, even as the Messiah is righteous.

But the one who indulges in a sinful life is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God was revealed was to undo and destroy the works of the devil.

Jesus was revealed as the Son of God to destroy the works of sin and death. Holy Spirit came to live in us so we could do likewise. So let's destroy the works of the dark kingdom. Let your light shine!

Think for a moment. Where do you see the works of the enemy working in the world around you? Maybe your family? Your workplace? Your neighborhood? Maybe you watched the news this morning and your heart is troubled about all the evil in the world. You have the power and authority to challenge that darkness! The Light of the world dwells within you. Use your words and speak life and light over every area of evil that troubles your heart. Daddy God troubles us to move us to pray. Release light!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 7

Name

Matthew 16:16-19 (The Passion Translation)

Simon Peter spoke up and said, "You are the Anointed One, the Son of the living God!" Jesus replied, "You are favored and privileged Simeon, son of Jonah! For you didn't discover this on your own, but my Father in Heaven has supernaturally revealed it to you.

I give you the name Peter, a stone. And this truth of who I am will be the bedrock foundation on which I will build my church—My legislative assembly, and the power of death will not be able to overpower it!"

Simon got who Jesus truly was and in this revelation got a new name: "Peter." This revelation has become the foundation of our beliefs. Jesus is Lord! We must allow Peter's revelation to take us deeper in the Spirit.

How? By contemplating in the Spirit who Jesus really is to us. We hear opinions daily of who the world thinks He is. But who is He to you and me? And as we meditate on who He is, we hear the voice of the Spirit whispering who *we* are to Him. He calls us by name—by a *new* name! It's time to tell the world who He is.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 8

Hunger

Psalm 145:13-15 (The Passion Translation)

You are the Lord who reigns over Your never-ending Kingdom through all the ages of time and eternity! You are faithful to fulfill every promise You've made. You manifest yourself as kindness in all you do. Weak and feeble ones You will sustain. Those bent over with burdens of shame You will lift up. You have captured our attention and the eyes of all look to You. You give what they hunger for at just the right time.

God gives people what they hunger for. What do you hunger for? Peace, stability, comfort, mercy, love or something else? These are all available at Father's table. Won't you join me there? There is plenty for all.

Hunger grows with focus. If you start thinking about being hungry, your hunger will intensify. The same is true spiritually. If we focus on our hunger for the Lord, our hunger will grow. Take a minute to concentrate on the hunger of your heart. Allow your hunger to shift from hunger for *things* to hunger for *Him*. Then, as He satisfies the hunger of your heart, let a hungry world know how Jesus satisfies!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 9

Will

Hebrews 13:20-21 (The Mirror Bible)

This is my prayer for you: that the God who made peace with the human race through the blood of the eternal Testament, who raised Jesus from the dead as the supreme Shepherd of the sheep, will thoroughly equip you in the most distinguished way possible, to give expression to His design in you according to His delight realized in Jesus Christ, who is the blueprint of the ages. Jesus is the accurate expression of God's glory. Our lives confirm and echo the Amen!

Daddy God raised Jesus from the dead so that we would be equipped to show the world His will on earth—and His will is to reveal heaven right here on planet earth. On earth as it is in heaven. We can do it. It's His will.

How can you partner with the will of God today? How can you align with His Kingdom agenda, with His plan to release life "on earth as it is in heaven"? Take the time to meditate on this. There is a unique assignment for you. You were created for this task. So ask Holy Spirit to show you how you can personally advance Christ's Kingdom agenda on earth. *Heaven on earth!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 10

Will

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 (The Voice Bible)

Celebrate always, pray constantly, and give thanks to God no matter what circumstances you find yourself in. (This is God's will for all of you in Jesus the Anointed.) Don't suppress the Spirit. Don't downplay prophecies. Take a close look at everything, test it, then cling to what is good. Put away every form of evil.

These seem like simple instructions. Knowing and doing the will of Daddy God is just this simple. Once we begin to do these simple instructions there really is not much more to be done. It's all accomplished in His love!

How can you apply these instructions today? Make plans right now to "celebrate always, pray constantly, and give thanks to God no matter what circumstances you find yourself in." And make up your mind to do this every day. What a beautiful way to live!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 11

Tomorrow

Matthew 6:33-34 (The Passion Translation)

So above all, constantly chase after the realm of God's Kingdom and the righteousness that proceeds from Him. Then all these less important things will be given to you abundantly. Refuse to worry about tomorrow, but deal with each challenge that comes your way, one day at a time. Tomorrow will take care of itself.

How many times do we get all worked up about this or that? Then "this or that" never happens. Tomorrow will come with its own concerns—let's take care of today. Then when tomorrow comes we are starting afresh. Seek the Kingdom of God each day and watch how Daddy takes care of you!

Are you feeling anxious today about "this or that"? Take just a moment and visualize the thing that worries you. Then picture that thing placed in a box. Do you see it in the box? Now take that box and hand it off to Daddy God. Do you see Him taking it from you? Picture the smile on Daddy's face. Now let it go! You are free. Now live out that freedom in the real world.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 12

Needs

Romans 12:11-13 (The Passion Translation)

Be enthusiastic to serve the Lord, keeping your passion toward Him boiling hot! Radiate with the glow of the Holy Spirit and let Him fill you with excitement as you serve Him. Let this hope burst forth within you, releasing a continual joy. Don't give up in a time of trouble, but commune with God at all times. Take a constant interest in the needs of God's beloved people and respond by helping them. And eagerly welcome people as guests into your home.

Father God cares about our needs. He will supply all our needs. Most of the time He uses people just like you to supply the needs of others. You just might be the angel in disguise for someone. As we help others our needs become less important. And Father will send someone to help you.

What are your pressing needs today? Make a list of the top five most urgent needs in your life. Now present that list to Daddy God. Read it to Him. Then fold up the paper and put it away somewhere safe. Set a reminder to look back at your list in thirty days and see what God has done. In the meantime, search for ways to help others while Daddy is working on your list. While you help others, Daddy is helping you!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 13

Will

1 John 5:14-15 (The Passion Translation)

Since we have this confidence, we can also have great boldness before Him, for if we present any request agreeable to His will, He will hear us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we also know that we have obtained the requests we ask of Him.

We often say, "If it be Your will." Or we ask, "What is the will of Father God?" When we spend time in His word, His presence, His rest, His stillness, His _____… (you fill in the blank). I believe you understand what I'm saying. When we spend time with Holy Spirit, Jesus and Father God, we will know Their will.

Be still for just a moment and meditate on Daddy God's will. Lean into His presence. His will is not something outside Him that we find by researching religious rules or rituals. His will is *Him.* So as we seek Him we discover His will. Rest in Him today. Finding His will is not hard. It is easy in His presence. *It is done!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 14

Rest

Hebrews 4:1-2 (The Passion Translation)

Now God has offered to us the same promise of entering into His realm of resting in confident faith. So we must be extremely careful to ensure that we all embrace the fullness of that promise and not fail to experience it.

For we have heard the good news of deliverance just as they did, yet they didn't join their faith with the Word. Instead, what they heard didn't affect them deeply, for they doubted.

Faith is a big part of resting. The Israelites saw many great miracles. They experienced Father's deliverance from many plagues, and then they received many provisions. Yet their faith was weak and they still didn't believe. So they didn't enter into Father's rest. Don't allow your soulish-man to keep you from Father's rest!

Are you facing doubts today? Doubt can block your entrance into God's promises. But releasing doubt is easy! Just turn your heart toward Daddy God and focus your mind on His promises. Ask yourself, "Do I believe God tells the truth? Do I believe He will be faithful to *me?"* If you will focus on faith instead of doubt, doubt will wither and fall away like a leaf in autumn. Rest in Daddy's promises!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 15

Breath

Ephesians 4:21-24 (The Voice Bible)

If you have heard Jesus and have been taught by Him according to the truth that is in Him, then you know to take off your former way of life, your crumpled old self—that dark blot of a soul corrupted by deceitful desire and lust—to take a fresh breath and to let God renew your attitude and spirit. Then you are ready to put on your new self, modeled after the very likeness of God: truthful, righteous, and holy.

No matter how good we were before we followed Christ, life was still dark and useless. Good without God is just bad breath. Take a fresh breath from Holy Spirit today, and begin the transformation to become like Christ.

Stand still for a moment. Close your eyes, stretch out your hands and take a deep breath. Visualize your breath carrying oxygen into your lungs and through your lungs into your bloodstream and then traveling throughout your body. Now picture the oxygen of heaven doing the same thing throughout your soul. Visualize your soul being revived like a watered flower. Let God renew your attitude and spirit so you can face the day with joy. Now share the joy!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 16

Alive

Galatians 2:20 (The Mirror Bible)

So here I am dead and alive at the same time! I'm dead to the old me I was trying to be and alive to the real me which is Christ in me! Co-crucified, now co-alive! What a glorious entanglement! I was in Him in His death; now He is in me in my life! For the first time I'm free to be me in my skin, immersed in His faith in our joint-sonship! He loves me and believes in me! He is God's gift to me!

Were we ever truly alive without Christ in our lives? I would say not really. The day we make the decision to allow Holy Spirit to live in our lives is the day we are truly born. And the new birth we experience in Christ is a recurring birth. We are *born again* over and over again as Holy Spirit makes us alive on greater levels every day.

Do you feel stuck in your relationship with the Lord? Be born again *again!* Let Holy Spirit give birth in you today to a new way of experiencing the love of God. Then let's help others to truly be born and to come alive.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 17

Agenda

1 Corinthians 10:32-33 (The Mirror Bible)

So live your life in freedom and wisdom. Thus the Jews, the Gentiles and the church will all witness the attraction of your life without taking any offense. I am so persuaded about every person's inclusion in Christ that I desire to be everything I need to be in order to win everyone's understanding of their union with Christ; my mission is to be exactly what is required of me in every possible situation to awaken every kind of person, whoever they are, to own their salvation! I have no other agenda.

As followers of Christ, His attributes should show through our lives. His love should be so attractive in us that people are naturally drawn to us. He gave His life so that all could come to know Him and His saving grace. He lives in you, so let those around you see and feel His love.

Take a moment to ask Holy Spirit how you can display His love so that those who are blind to their salvation can see the truth. Close your eyes and see yourself being drenched in the oil of Holy Spirit. Can you smell the sweet fragrance of His presence? Now ask Holy Spirit to increase the fragrance of His love on you all day long. Our prayer is that people around us will be drawn to Christ through that beautiful fragrance. *This is our agenda!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 18

Priest

Hebrews 7:26-28 (The Passion Translation)

He is the High Priest who perfectly fits our need—holy, without a trace of evil, without the ability to deceive, incapable of sin, and exalted beyond the heavens! Unlike the former high priests, He is not compelled to offer daily sacrifices. They had to bring a sacrifice first for their own sins, then for the sins of the people, but He finished the sacrificial system, once and for all, when He offered Himself.

The law appointed flawed men as high priests, but God's promise, sealed with his oath, which succeeded the law, appoints a perfect Son who is complete forever!

Jesus is our High Priest and sits with the Father forever. He is the reminder that the law never could save mankind. His sacrifice made a way for all people to be priests and kings alongside Him forever and ever!

You are a king and priest—a kingly priest, a priestly king!—in the Kingdom of God. Ask Holy Spirit how you can serve in both roles at once today. The world needs priestly both ministry and kingly rule. Just remember that we rule as kings by serving in love. As we learn how to serve as both kings and priests, culture will be transformed. Let's change the world!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 19

Party

Luke 15:4-6 (The Passion Translation)

"There once was a shepherd with a hundred lambs, but one of his lambs wandered away and was lost. So the shepherd left the ninety-nine lambs out in the open field and searched in the wilderness for that one lost lamb. He didn't stop until he finally found it. With exuberant joy he raised it up and placed it on his shoulders, carrying it back with cheerful delight!

Returning home, he called all his friends and neighbors together and said, 'Let's have a party! Come and celebrate with me the return of my lost lamb. It wandered away, but I found it and brought it home.'"

Being lost is lonely. Lost without hope of a future. But once we are found and brought home by Holy Spirit, there is a party of all parties thrown in the heavenlies. Shouldn't we celebrate when a lost soul comes home? Let's have a party and bring some lost people home!

How about starting the party right now? Let's open the day with some party praise! Take a moment to boldly, loudly shout praises to God for those who are being saved today. In fact, celebrate in advance those who will come to Christ because of your testimony. Do you have someone in mind? Celebrate them in advance!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 20

Common

Acts 4:31-32 (The Voice Bible)

They finished their prayer, and immediately the whole place where they had gathered began to shake. All the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began speaking God's message with courageous confidence.

During those days, the entire community of believers was deeply united in heart and soul to such an extent that they stopped claiming private ownership of their possessions. Instead, they held everything in common.

When a community of believers gets together in spirit, things are shaken up. So much so that even natural things become common to them. *Stuff* doesn't matter once we are in one accord with Holy Spirit and each other.

Generosity releases the Kingdom. As you pray over your day, ask Holy Spirit to release the flood of heaven's generosity into your spirit. Ask Him for opportunities today to give away *stuff* like money, food, clothing. As you are generous with earthly goods, heaven's blessing breaks into the world. Giving away the things that money *can* buy provides an opportunity to share the things money *cannot* buy—the *stuff* of heaven!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 21

Look

John 6:5 (The Passion Translation)

As Jesus sat down, He looked out and saw the massive crowd of people scrambling up the hill, for they wanted to be near Him. So he turned to Philip and said, "Where will we buy enough food to feed all these people?"

Have you ever looked at the masses and wondered how God will fix this world? Jesus knew what He was about to do. He wanted the disciples to learn a lesson. He taught them that the solution lies in asking the Father and giving thanks instead of seeing no hope. It's time to look and see what Father is doing. Then join Him and see your world changed.

Have you ever lost hope? Or been tempted to despair? Sometimes our world's problems seem so many that we wonder how the Kingdom will come. Or it may be a circumstance in your own life that seems too big for you to handle. If you feel that today, don't worry. You're not alone. Just lift that feeling up to Daddy God. He doesn't get impatient when you feel discouraged. He understands. Give it to God and let Him shift your point-of-view. God is not discouraged! And now neither are you.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 22

Excuse

Romans 1:19-20 (The Passion Translation)

In reality, the truth of God is known instinctively, for God has embedded this knowledge inside every human heart. Opposition to truth cannot be excused on the basis of ignorance, because from the creation of the world, the invisible qualities of God's nature have been made visible, such as His eternal power and transcendence. He has made His wonderful attributes easily perceived, for seeing the visible makes us understand the invisible. So then, this leaves everyone without excuse.

We try and make up excuses, pretending that we don't know what's right and what's wrong. But Daddy God put those qualities in us from the beginning. To look around and say there is no God is absurd! All creation speaks of Him continually. Deep inside everyone, the knowledge of God is there. We sometimes have to help others dig up that treasure. We are all ministers of reconciliation.

Do you know anyone who tries to deny the reality of God? Pray for them. Ask Daddy God to encounter them today. Ask Him to break through their wall of excuses and make Himself real to them. The truth of God is hidden within them—they cannot deny it! Call their name and watch God move in their life.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 23

Order

1 Corinthians 14:39-40 (New King James Version)

Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order.

When it comes to what we allow at church, we tend to make up rules about order before "disruptive" things even happen. It seems strange to have a rule about something that's not even happening! We major on the "decently and in order" statement and forget about the "let all things be done" phrase. Too many times we won't "let all things be done" because this emphasis on order has been driven deep into us. I want to set you free! "Let all things be done" so we can change our culture.

Let's pray today for the Church. Let's pray for a rebirth of hunger for Holy Spirit and all His manifestations. Let's pray that all religious embarrassment about the gifts of the Spirit will be cast out of the Church. Let's pray for a revival that brings a reformation that leads to a renaissance!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 24

Believe

John 14:11-12 (The Mirror Bible)

"The fact that the Father seems distant or invisible to you does not mean that He is absent. In me he is very present with you! You cannot claim to know Me while you ignore Him—We are inseparable.

Mankind, I dare you [plural] to believe that I am in the Father and the Father in Me—if it seems far fetched, then believe Me because of what I have done and what I am about to do. It is the Father in Me who defines Me. My works exhibit His resolve.

I want you to be fully convinced about this, anyone whose belief concludes in who I am, will also do the works that I do. And because of My relocation to continue to be face to face with My Father, the works that the believer will do, will be of greater proportion and of global influence; the Father is as present in you as He is in Me."

Belief is the key. It is the key to doing what Jesus is doing. His mighty works happen through us as we believe that the Father is in Him and we are in Them. Jesus is still at work today. It's through *you!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 25

Thoughts

Colossians 3:1-2 (The Mirror Bible)

See yourselves co-raised with Christ! Now ponder with persuasion the consequence of your co-inclusion in Him. Relocate yourselves mentally! Engage your thoughts with throne room realities where you are co-seated with Christ in the executive authority of God's right hand. Becoming affectionately acquainted with throne room thoughts will keep you from being distracted again by the earthly (soul-ruled) realm.

When you are just hanging out where do your thoughts go? Are they focused beyond the veil, or do they wander through the troubles of the day? Take control of your thoughts with the power Christ gave you in His resurrection!

Do this. Center your heart on Jesus. Focus your thoughts on Him. Let your mind wander through His goodness. Let the memories of all He's done for you pop up one by one. As they do, cover each thought with gratitude. If any thoughts of fear and doubt—or any thought from the earthly realm—tries to intrude, don't wrestle with it. Just replace it with a Christ-centered thought. As you do, you are training your mind how to take your thoughts captive and bring them under the dominion of Christ. Happy thinking!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 26

Comfort

Isaiah 61:2-3 (The Voice Bible)

He has sent me to announce the year of jubilee, the season of the Eternal's favor: for our enemies it will be a day of God's wrath; for those who mourn it will be a time of comfort. As for those who grieve over Zion, God has sent me to give them a beautiful crown in exchange for ashes, to anoint them with gladness instead of sorrow, to wrap them in victory, joy, and praise instead of depression and sadness. People will call them magnificent, like great towering trees standing for what is right. They stand to the glory of the Eternal who planted them.

This is the gospel! To bring comfort to those who mourn. Holy Spirit is not only *on* us but *in* us. Comfort walks with you daily—won't you give some away today?

Start by opening your heart to comfort. So often we need comfort and don't even know it. We learn to "play hurt" and we don't even know how much we've suffered through the trials of life. We just keep getting up every morning and living life. But Holy Spirit is the Comforter, and He is flowing through you right now like a medicine. He is bringing comfort to your bruised and exhausted heart. And as you receive comfort, you will be able to give it away. You cannot give what you haven't received. Be comforted!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 27

Prayed

Luke 22:31-32 (The Passion Translation)

"Peter, my dear friend, listen to what I'm about to tell you. Satan has demanded to come and sift you like wheat and test your faith. But I have prayed for you, Peter, that you would stay faithful to me no matter what comes. Remember this: after you have turned back to me and have been restored, make it your life mission to strengthen the faith of your brothers."

We could replace the name "Peter" with our name. Jesus is ever praying for us. Just like He told Peter, "I prayed for you," I hear the Spirit saying, "I prayed for you." Now it's time to pray for those in our sphere of influence and strengthen them.

Take just a moment and ask Holy Spirit how He is praying for you. Ask what He's asking Daddy God for on your behalf. He will tell you. It may surprise you when He tells you.

Then ask Him what He is praying for those that you pray for regularly. You may find that what you pray over them will change once Holy Spirit whispers His secrets. Praying in partnership with Holy Spirit is so thrilling!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 28

Command

John 13:34-35 (The Voice Bible)

"So I give you a new command: Love each other deeply and fully. Remember the ways that I have loved you, and demonstrate your love for others in those same ways. Everyone will know you as My followers if you demonstrate your love to others."

Jesus gave a new command—which was not a *suggestion* as some may think. He said to love others in the same manner that He loved. I've never seen a line form of people willing to die for others! But before we get to the dying stage, we simply need to love others just as Jesus loved them. Not just the lovable, but even those who are hard to love.

Do you find it hard to love the unlovable? Open your heart to King Jesus and let Him love the unloveable through you. When you encounter a difficult person, stop trying to love them out of your own strength. Acknowledge that they are tough to love and step back mentally to make way for Holy Spirit. Pray this: "Come through, Holy Spirit, and love people through me!"

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 29

Speech

Zephaniah 3:9 (English Standard Version)

For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the Lord and serve Him with one accord.

So what is pure speech? Is it speech without cuss words (or *curse* words—that's what they are!)? Sure, Daddy God wants our words to be clean. But, most importantly, He wants them to come from a pure heart. One that has no bitterness, no unforgiveness, no hatred. Pure speech is authentic, true and genuine, nothing hidden. Our world needs some pure speech going on.

How do we get a pure heart that produces pure speech? By realizing that our heart is already made pure in Christ! Align your heart with His heart and let His purity be yours.

Visualize a spring of pure water bubbling up out of your deepest soul. Let the pure Spirit flush out all impurities. Then open your mouth and let the river pour out through your pure speech. The world needs the river!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 30

Unity

John 17:21-23 (The Passion Translation)

"I pray for them all to be joined together as one even as You and I, Father, are joined together as one. I pray for them to become one with Us so that the world will recognize that you sent Me. For the very glory you have given to Me I have given them so that they will be joined together as one and experience the same unity that We enjoy.

You live fully in Me and now I live fully in them so that they will experience perfect unity, and the world will be convinced that you have sent Me, for they will see that you love each one of them with the same passionate love that you have for Me."

Humans were created for unity with God and with each other. Even not-saved-yet people want and need unity. Christ is joined with those who follow Him to mediate and manifest unity in the world. So when we join in unity with others in whom Christ lives we release unity into the world. Just as the Church launched with unity in Acts 2, so we are called bring unity back into our society and change the world.

As you wait for a moment in His presence, ask Holy Spirit to bring your heart into unity with Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Then pray for unity with others. *Believers unite!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

JULY 31

Forgive

Luke 23:32-34 (The Passion Translation)

Two criminals were led away with Jesus, and all three were to be executed together. When they came to the place that is known as The Skull, the guards crucified Jesus, nailing Him on the center cross between the two criminals. While they were nailing Jesus to the cross, He prayed over and over, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." The soldiers, after they crucified Him, gambled over his clothing.

Without a revelation of the suffering Christ bore, the word "forgive" becomes just that—a mere *word*. But looking to the cross puts forgiveness in perspective. Jesus had done nothing to deserve such punishment, but because of His capacity to love He was able to forgive. In the middle of being crucified He chose to forgive. Let us learn to love in this way.

Is there anyone in your life that you need to forgive? We all experience pain in relationships, and sometimes we don't even know when there is unforgiveness in our heart. Ask Holy Spirit to reveal any place in you where you need to forgive others. Remember, forgiving *them* sets *you* free! And you were created to be free. Stand in freedom through forgiveness today.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 1

Love

Romans 5:8-9 (The Passion Translation)

Christ proved God's passionate love for us by dying in our place while we were still lost and ungodly! And there is still much more to say of His unfailing love for us! For through the blood of Jesus we have heard the powerful declaration, "You are now righteous in my sight." And because of the sacrifice of Jesus, you will never experience the wrath of God.

Jesus loved us in a way that is truly astounding. When we take a moment to think about His love, it is almost impossible to wrap our minds around it. We will spend eternity marveling at His love. But even when we cannot grasp why He would love us like this, we must simply shake our head in disbelief and accept His love with deep gratitude.

Then we must learn to love in the same surprising way. When we love like Jesus loved, the world around us will be astonished. They are not used to seeing people love with no strings attached!

Ask Holy Spirit to show you how you can love like Jesus loves. Ask Him to use you today to surprise people around you with unconditional love. What a pleasant surprise!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 2

Ask

Luke 11:9-10 (The Voice Bible)

"So listen: Keep on asking, and you will receive. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened for you. All who keep asking will receive, all who keep seeking will find, and doors will open to those who keep knocking."

What is it you want? First, we have to ask. For some things we just need to keep on asking. Remember Daniel's prayer? His prayer was heard right away, but the answer took time to reach him. Some prayers have a battle in the heavens to overcome before the answers reach you. So keep asking. Keep knocking. Daddy will supply all your needs.

Stop for a moment and think. What prayers have you stopped praying because the answers didn't come? Ask Holy Spirit to bring them back to your mind. Now ask Him to show you which of these prayers you need to reactivate. Ask for grace to pray over these things until the answers manifest. *Don't stop asking, seeking and knocking!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 3

Access

Romans 5:1-2 (The Passion Translation)

Our faith in Jesus transfers God's righteousness to us and He now declares us flawless in His eyes. This means we can now enjoy true and lasting peace with God, all because of what our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, has done for us. Our faith guarantees us permanent access into this marvelous kindness that has given us a perfect relationship with God. What incredible joy bursts forth within us as we keep on celebrating our hope of experiencing God's glory!

Faith allows access to a relationship with Father, Spirit and Son. We have all been given a measure of faith, but it's what we do with our faith that allows us to move mountains. Starting our day in Their presence will give us access to all things good.

Sit still for two minutes. Let your faith visualize Jesus transferring the righteousness of Daddy God to you. See it mentally as a package being handed off. Open that package and receive His righteousness today. Hold your hands to your heart like you are gripping a much-anticipated gift. Do you feel that "incredible joy burst[ing] forth" within you? Rejoice! For you are the righteousness of God in Christ. Now share that gift with others.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 4

Healing

Mark 5:54-56 (The Passion Translation)

The moment they got out of the boat, everyone recognized that it was Jesus, the healer! So they ran throughout the region, telling the people, "Bring all the sick—even those too sick to walk and bring them on mats!" Wherever He went, in the countryside, villages, or towns, they placed the sick on mats in the streets or in public places and begged Him, saying, "Just let us touch the tassel of your prayer shawl!" And all who touched Him were instantly healed!

Just the presence of Jesus caused great excitement in the region. Yet Jesus said that we would do even greater things than He did. Was that a suggestion or a command? It's time to take Jesus to the highways and byways, to bring healing and restoration to our land.

Meditate deeply on this truth today: *Jesus promised to do greater works through you than He did in person.* If you really stop to think about that, it is mind-blowing! Concept-shattering. Perspective-shifting. Ask Holy Spirit to show you ways in which He desires to do greater things through you today. Not some day, far away, when all the conditions are right. *Today.* Right here, right now. All He needs is for you and me to believe it. Believe, and healing will flow through you today!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 5

Impossible

Matthew 19:25-26 (The Passion Translation)

Stunned and bewildered, His disciples asked, "Then who in the world can possibly be saved?" Looking straight into their eyes, Jesus replied, "Humanly speaking, no one, because no one can save himself. But what seems impossible to you is never impossible to God!"

We face impossible things daily, but with Christ guiding our lives all things become possible. Think about it: just the fact that Daddy God lives in you is *impossible!* You have the impossible living in you right now, which makes the *impossible possible*. And there is no "impossible" situation greater than the One who lives in us.

Ponder on that today. Visualize the God of the impossible dwelling in you like Light shining out from the deepest part of your soul. Imagine that Light growing ever brighter. Then see that Light pouring out of you like rays of light from the sun. Picture the Light illuminating the darkest places of the world around you, including impossible situations that you cannot change. Watch the Light transform your world! You'll be amazed at all you will overcome because of Christ's love.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 6

Rest

Hebrews 4:8-11 (The Passion Translation)

Now if this promise of "rest" was fulfilled when Joshua brought the people into the land, God wouldn't have spoken later of another "rest" yet to come. So we conclude that there is still a full and complete "rest" waiting for believers to experience.

As we enter into God's faith-rest life we cease from our own works, just as God celebrates his finished works and rests in them. So then we must give our all and be eager to experience this faith-rest life, so that no one falls short by following the same pattern of doubt and unbelief.

As I like to say, rest is much more than mere *inactivity*. Rest is trust in God. In Christ we experience a calm in the storm, a place of trusting Daddy God. Yes, there is a time to rest from activities, but a true faith-rest comes from a close relationship with Holy Spirit. Find the place inside your spirit and come into His rest.

Let's physically enter into rest right now. Still your heart and mind before Him. Put away your phone or any devices that would interrupt your focus on Him. Let your mind wind down completely into rest. Then, after a few moments of stillness, begin to verbally express your trust in God. Speak peace into the storms of life. Rest in Him!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 7

Focus

Hebrews 11:2 (The Passion Translation)

We look away from the natural realm and we fasten our gaze onto Jesus who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith's perfection. His example is this: Because His heart was focused on the joy of knowing that you would be His, He endured the agony of the cross and conquered its humiliation, and now sits exalted at the right hand of the throne of God!

Is your focus on the problem or on the solution? On the circumstance or on the promise? It looked pretty gloomy when Christ was on the Cross, but He kept His focus on the endgame—knowing we would be His prize one day. Christ focused upon the unseen realm knowing in the end *we win*.

Focus on the endgame. Look beyond the cross that you carry—the difficult circumstances you face today—and focus on the outcome. Pull your mind together and imagine right now that you have received what you're hoping for. Do you feel the joy of finally receiving the promise? Celebrate *now* as if you already have it. It is done right now by faith!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 8

Blessings

Ephesians 1:3 (The Passion Translation)

Every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm has already been lavished upon us as a love gift from our wonderful heavenly Father, the Father of our Lord Jesus—all because He sees us wrapped into Christ. This is why we celebrate Him with all our hearts!

Look around and see all the blessings that you already have. Then look into the heavenly realm and see all the blessings you have but haven't realized yet! Just like the gift of Holy Spirit, you can reach out and receive all our Father has for you.

We are often told to "count our blessings." Obviously, our blessing count is always too low because we are blessed in ways we don't even know. If we add the blessings hidden for us in heaven that Holy Spirit is revealing daily throughout our life, *we lose count!*

Yet Holy Spirit is drawing us to count as much as we can, to live every day doing divine math, adding up the blessings in our Spirit ledger and totaling them up with gratitude. How many blessings can you count today? Are you ready to "celebrate Him with all your heart"? *Make it count!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 9

Faith

2 Corinthians 5:7 (The Voice Bible)

The path we walk is charted by faith, not by what we see with our eyes.

Hebrews 11:1 (The Voice Bible)

Faith is the assurance of things you have hoped for, the absolute conviction that there are realities you've never seen.

Faith becomes the very thing for which you believed before you ever see it. Faith makes our hope real in the seen and unseen realms. We live by faith and not by hope.

Are you ready to enter the day walking by faith and not by sight? Take a deep breath of Holy Spirit right now and open your eyes wide in the Spirit and not in the flesh. See the unseen. Be assured of what hasn't happened yet. Because in Christ it is already done!

Take a moment to jot down in your journal what you see that is not yet seen. Describe what faith sees. Then go out and live it out.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 10

New

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (The Mirror Bible)

Now, in the light of your co-inclusion in His death and resurrection, whoever you thought you were before, in Christ you are a brand new person! The old ways of seeing yourself and everyone else are over. Acquaint yourself with the new! The idea of mankind's co-inclusion in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is entirely God's doing!

To now realize that God has indeed brought final closure to the old and for us to see everything and everyone in this new light is to simply see what God has always known to be true about us in Christ; we are not debating human experience, opinion, or their contribution; this is exactly what God believes.

In Jesus Christ, God exchanged equivalent value to redeem us to Himself. He went to the highest extreme in this act of reconciliation to persuade us of our original worth! This God has given us as the mandate of our ministry.

Our flesh is just the vessel that allows us to be in the seen realm. Who you are is *spirit*. And that spirit is what's been made new. Allow your *new spirit* to be the one in charge, not your flesh. Your flesh is just the car that gets you around in this physical world. You are *new*—so live like it!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 11

Burden

Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message Bible)

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to Me. Get away with Me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with Me and work with Me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with Me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.

Has life become way too heavy? Does it seem you cannot get a break? Maybe you need to check with whom you're walking. Jesus said to come to Him if you're burdened, and He'll teach you how to rest in the middle of life's storms. Walking with Jesus won't eliminate your troubles, but it will help you deal with them in a different Spirit.

Let's do a prophetic exercise. Stand still for a moment. Imagine a heavy backpack strapped over your shoulders. (You can use a real backpack, if you want.) Visualize every trouble that you're facing as if it were a rock shoved down in the backpack. How many rocks do you see?

Now, remove the backpack (in pantomime or for real). Set it down on the floor and then push it with your foot away from you toward the Lord. Now take three steps back. Turn and walk away. Leave your burdens with Him!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 12

Earth

Matthew 6:9-13 (The Passion Translation)

"Pray like this: 'Our Father, dwelling in the heavenly realms, may the glory of your name be the center on which our lives turn. Manifest your kingdom realm, and cause your every purpose to be fulfilled on earth, just as it is fulfilled in heaven. We acknowledge you as our Provider of all we need each day. Forgive us the wrongs we have done as we ourselves release forgiveness to those who have wronged us. Rescue us every time we face tribulation and set us free from evil. For you are the King who rules with power and glory forever. Amen.'"

Jesus told the disciples to pray "like" this, not just repeat these words. We generally want a formula or a checklist for life, but Jesus made a way for us to bring the heavenly realm into the open earth. Ask Holy Spirit to open your eyes to the unseen—or, I should say, *the heavenly realm*. Heaven is here, not off in the sky somewhere!

Do this. Since prayer releases heaven into earth, stand up and stretch your hands toward your community—your neighborhood, city and nation. Visualize beams of light pouring out of you into the world around you. Declare blessing and life over your community. Send forth your prayers—the angels are going forth as you pray—and believe when you pray. *Prayer works in the earth!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 13

Testimony

1 Timothy 2:5-7 (The Voice Bible)

Because there is one God and one Mediator between God and us—the man Jesus, God's Anointed, Who gave His life as a ransom for all so that we might have freedom. The testimony was given to me at just the right time. This is exactly what I was appointed to do—tell everyone His story—as a herald, an emissary, a teacher of the outsiders in faith and the truth. (Listen, I promise it's all true. I'm not lying.)

We have all been given this task: to tell what Christ has done for us. To allow what *reigns* on the inside of us to *rain* on the outside. In other words, to allow your testimony to get on others so they too may become a testimony of Christ's faithfulness.

How can we make what *reigns* inside us *rain* on the outside? It starts with being Spirit-led. We must ask Holy Spirit to lead us to those who are seeking for Him. Targeted evangelism is much more effective than just blurting out our testimony to random strangers—unless Holy Spirit says so.

So let's start today with earnest prayer for direction to dry and thirsty people, people who are already praying for rain. *Let it rain!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 14

Gifts

Matthew 10:7-8 (The Voice Bible)

As you go, preach this message: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, raise the dead, and cleanse those who have leprosy. Drive out demons from the possessed. You received these gifts freely, so you should give them to others freely.

As followers of Christ, we were given the gift of healing, the gift of casting out demons and the gift to raise the dead. And so many more gifts. The gift of proclaiming that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. It's closer than our breath! These are gifts to be used, not stored up.

Paul tells us to earnestly desire the best spiritual gifts. When was the last time that you actively, earnestly sought for spiritual gifts? Today is a good day to do so! Claim the promise of the Spirit and open your heart to His gifts today.

Ask Him to show you how to release His gifts in everyday life, to minister to real people in the real world through the power of the Holy Spirit. Gifts are meant to be given!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 15

Bless

Numbers 6:24-26 (The Voice Bible)

The Eternal One bless and keep you. May He make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Eternal lift up His countenance to look upon you and give you peace.

Daddy God has always been about blessing mankind. It has always been mankind that rejects that blessing. My prayer today is that you will receive His blessing. And in turn not only speak blessing over others, but to, as I always say, *be a blessing.*

We can't release a blessing we haven't first received. So take the time right now to open your heart intentionally to the Father's blessing. Ask Holy Spirit to expose any resistance to blessing that may be hidden within you masquerading as humility. Let that resistance melt and fade away as Holy Spirit breathes life into your expectations. Daddy God wants to blow your mind! Let Him bless you right now so you can bless others.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 16

Table

Psalm 23 (The Voice Bible)

The Eternal is my shepherd, He cares for me always. He provides me rest in rich, green fields beside streams of refreshing water. He soothes my fears; He makes me whole again, steering me off worn, hard paths to roads where truth and righteousness echo His name.

Even in the unending shadows of death's darkness, I am not overcome by fear. Because You are with me in those dark moments, near with Your protection and guidance, I am comforted.

You spread out a table before me, provisions in the midst of attack from my enemies; You care for all my needs, anointing my head with soothing, fragrant oil, filling my cup again and again with Your grace.

Certainly Your faithful protection and loving provision will pursue me where I go, always, everywhere. I will always be with the Eternal, in Your house forever.

Won't you join me at His table?

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 17

Drink

John 4:13-14 (The Passion Translation)

Jesus answered, "If you drink from Jacob's well you'll be thirsty again and again, but if anyone drinks the living water I give them, they will never thirst again and will be forever satisfied! For when you drink the water I give you it becomes a gushing fountain of the Holy Spirit, springing up and flooding you with endless life!"

What well have you been drinking from? Is your well full of hurt, pain, discouragement, bitterness and the like? It's time to drink from the well Holy Spirit provides through the sacrifice of Christ. It will change your taste from the things of the world to the things of the Spirit.

So do this. Picture yourself standing by an old well. Imagine it however you like. Fill in the details of the scene in your mind. Experience it mentally, the sights, sounds and smells. Now see yourself drinking from the cold, pure water of the well. Act it out prophetically. Feel the water running down your throat into your belly. That's Holy Spirit! He is filling you right now. *Drink deep!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 18

Fruit

Galatians 5:22-23 (The Passion Translation)

The fruit produced by the Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions: joy that overflows, peace that subdues, patience that endures, kindness in action, a life full of virtue, faith that prevails, gentleness of heart, and strength of spirit. Never set the law above these qualities, for they are meant to be limitless.

Holy Spirit helps us come into the fullness of love. Paul said, "There is faith, hope, and love—yet love is the greatest." Love has many different expressions, so let this kind of love grow in you.

How do we do that? How do we let love grow? Love grows as the fruit of Holy Spirit. So being filled with love starts with being filled with the Spirit. Ironically, we don't actually seek *love* itself—we seek Holy Spirit and He flows out of us as love. So rather than focusing on trying to produce love, especially for the unlovable, we focus on communion with Holy Spirit. Just love on Him and love will flow from Him!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 19

Kingdom

Luke 21:21-22 (The Passion Translation)

Jesus was once asked by the Jewish religious leaders, "When will God's Kingdom realm come?" Jesus responded, "God's kingdom realm does not come simply by obeying principles or by waiting for signs. The kingdom is not discovered in one place or another, for God's Kingdom realm is already expanding within some of you."

Kingdom life has been the struggle from the beginning. Many wars have been fought over kingdoms. Jesus told us the Kingdom is at hand. Even today people still are waiting for the Kingdom of God to be established. It's been here all along—it's within us! Let His Kingdom flow from your innermost being. It's closer than your breath.

Imagine your heart as a throne room. Who is seated on the throne? If it's anything or anyone other than King Jesus, pull it/them down from the throne! Allow King Jesus to be seated on the throne of your heart. Then picture the King ruling from your heart over all the domain you have been given—your family, work and community. The Kingdom starts within but flows without. That's how the Kingdom comes in the world. *All hail, King Jesus!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 20

Boldness

Ephesians 3:11-12 (The Passion Translation)

This perfectly wise plan was destined from eternal ages and fulfilled completely in our Lord Jesus Christ, so that now we have boldness through Him, and free access as kings before the Father because of our complete confidence in Christ's faithfulness.

Our confidence in Christ gives us the courage to approach Father God. Our boldness isn't from arrogance or an entitlement attitude. It comes from our confidence in Christ who made the way possible.

Do you feel boldness when you pray—or hesitation and uncertainty? Holy Spirit is rising within you today to flood your heart with new boldness. The purpose of God in the earth depends on believers becoming bold. It is time to press past every hesitation and boldly claim all God has promised for His people. *Be bold!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 21

Warfare

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 (The Passion Translation)

For though we walk in the world, we do not fight according to this world's rules of warfare. The weapons of the war we're fighting are not of this world but are powered by God and effective at tearing down the strongholds erected against His truth.

Our struggles in the flesh appear to be against other people. The truth is our battles start in the spirit realm. Allow the fruits of the Spirit to grow in you and recognize where the true battle is.

Are you in a battle today? How does the battle manifest in your life? Is it relationships, finances, health, work problems or something else? The battle always appears at first glance to be external, visible, the *stuff* of life. But when you look more closely you will see that there are spiritual forces driving the physical circumstances.

Take just a moment and ask Holy Spirit to show you the spiritual reality behind the visible. Pray for discernment to identify the spirits that are stirring up discord and conflict in your life. Then ask Holy Spirit how to wage war through the Spirit and not in the flesh. A spiritual battle requires a spiritual strategy!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 22

Clothes

Colossians 3:12-14 (The Message Bible)

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

Father cares about every detail of our lives. He clothes the field, the birds and all of creation. He even cares about our clothes. Ask Holy Spirit what to wear today. Your inner appearance will shine even on your outer clothes. So what are you going to wear today?

Do this. Stand in front of your closet and imagine that there is a "spiritual" wardrobe inside. Visualize compassion, kindness, humility, all the things mentioned in the scripture above. Then picture yourself putting them on. Last of all, drape love over everything you put on. Wear love like a beautiful outer coat. And everywhere you go today, you will display the goodness of the Lord like radiant garments.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 23

Yesterday

Hebrews 13:8 (The Mirror Bible)

Take your lead from Jesus. He is your reference to the most complete life. In Him yesterday is confirmed today and today mirrors tomorrow. What God spoke to us in Christ is as relevant now as it was in the prophetic past and will always be in the eternal future!

The Voice Bible puts it like this: "Jesus the Anointed is always the same: yesterday, today and forever." Let's not take this statement for granted. Christ is the bubble in life's level. He's loved us from the beginning, and He will love us today and tomorrow with the same passion. He gave us His all so we could love others with His passion.

Most people live with regret for yesterday and fear of tomorrow—which means that few live *in the moment*. If that's true about you, then let's break that pattern right here, right now. Stand still and pull your mind fully into the present moment. Push away regret and fear and lean into gratitude for right now. Give thanks for *this moment*.

Ask Holy Spirit to help you live fully in the moment all day today. Don't worry about tomorrow. Let's do this one day at a time. Today is the only day we have!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 24

Love

1 John 4:18-19 (The Passion Translation)

Love never brings fear, for fear is always related to punishment. But love's perfection drives the fear of punishment far from our hearts. Whoever walks constantly afraid of punishment has not reached love's perfection. Our love for others is our grateful response to the love God first demonstrated to us.

The word "love" is generally used to describe the affectionate feelings we have toward something. It is used flippantly a lot of the time. The love Daddy God loves us with is an action, not a feeling. Love in our walk with Christ comes from our actions towards others and Christ.

Holy Spirit is with us to help us grow in our love. Have you checked your love tank lately? Are you loving others with passion or as a duty? Love others the same way Jesus loves you. *It's a beautiful day to love!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 25

Cross

Hebrews 12:2 (The Passion Translation)

We look away from the natural realm and we fasten our gaze onto Jesus who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith's perfection. His example is this: Because His heart was focused on the joy of knowing that you would be His, He endured the agony of the cross and conquered its humiliation, and now sits exalted at the right hand of the throne of God!

Our life in Christ isn't on the cross, but it is because of the cross. The cross is the door, the beginning of a life with Christ. Jesus suffered it all because of *you!* His love is everlasting.

Too much of Christianity is stuck at the cross. But the cross leads to the *tomb* and then to the *throne*. Jesus is not still hanging on the cross—He is on the throne. And that's exactly where He wants you! He wants you to share the cross with Him so you can rise with Him and ascend to reign with Him. The goal of the cross is to break the power of death so you can live and reign with Him forever.

Are you ready to reign?

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 26

Life

1 Peter 4:3-4 (The Passion Translation)

Everything we could ever need for life and complete devotion to God has already been deposited in us by His divine power. For all this was lavished upon us through the rich experience of knowing Him who has called us by name and invited us to come to Him through a glorious manifestation of His goodness.

As a result of this, He has given you magnificent promises that are beyond all price, so that through the power of these tremendous promises you can experience partnership with the divine nature, by which you have escaped the corrupt desires that are of the world.

Daddy God has deposited so much in us. We don't even understand a thimbleful of the promises available to us. Thankfully, He not only deposited His promises in us, He also sent Holy Spirit to help us navigate through life and help us discover all of the promises that are ours. All we have to do is ask Holy Spirit for more revelation into a life full of Christ.

Ask now. Pray this prayer: "Holy Spirit, open my eyes to see all Daddy God has promised me. Do not permit me to miss one ounce of blessing that has been preordained for me. I want to be blessed so I can *be* a blessing!"

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 27

Think

Philippians 4:8 (The Mirror Bible)

Now let this be your conclusive reasoning: consider that which is true about everyone as evidenced in Christ. Live overwhelmed by God's opinion of you! Acquaint yourselves with the revelation of righteousness; realize God's likeness in you.

Make it your business to declare mankind's redeemed innocence. Think friendship. Discover how famous everyone is in the light of the gospel; mankind is in God's limelight! Ponder how elevated you are in Christ. Study stories that celebrate life.

Our thoughts control the way we act. So it's very important to know what Daddy thinks of you. Once we get a revelation of how much we look like Jesus, we start seeing others as created in His image. Then it becomes harder to look at others with bad thoughts.

Did you get that? When we understand how we are seen it will transform how we see others. So much conflict in the world comes from a low view of self and others. Stop right now and ask Holy Spirit to open your eyes to see yourself and others as God sees all of us. Ask Him to let you think as He thinks.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 28

Time

2 Timothy 1:9-10 (The Voice Bible)

God has already saved us and called us to this holy calling—not because of any good works we may have done, but because of His own intention and because eons and eons ago (before time itself existed), He gave us this grace in Jesus the Anointed, the Liberating King.

And now, the time has come! That grace was revealed when our Savior, Jesus the Anointed, appeared; and through His resurrection He has wiped out death and brought to light life and immortality by way of this good news.

Jesus came to restore His creation. Through His resurrection, He released redemption and healing into the world. Then He poured out the Spirit of new creation so we could partner with Him in this new creation agenda. It's time that we appropriate the grace of God to bring the world back to the original condition of the Garden of Eden. The plan has always been to make the earth like heaven.

Changing the world might seem like a big job. But it all starts with you and me. We will make earth like heaven by first opening our heart to heaven. Daddy God will change the world one heart at a time. So take a moment and let your heart align with heaven. *The time has come!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 29

Joy

James 1:2-4 (The Mirror Bible)

Temptations and contradictions come in different shapes, sizes, and intervals; their intention is always to suck you into their energy field. However, my friends, your joy in who you know you are leads you out triumphantly every time.

Here is the secret: joy is not something you have to fake, it is the fruit of what your faith knows to be true about you! You know that the proof of your faith results in persuasion that remains constant in contradiction.

Steadfastness provides you with a consistent environment, and so patience prevails and proves your perfection; how entirely whole you are and without any shortfall.

Joy isn't something we conjure up. It is who we are in Christ. Testing just makes our joy more real. So we must know that joy is a fruit of the Spirit that becomes stronger with every trial.

Need joy today? Stand still for a moment. Center your awareness on the deepest part of your soul. Visualize joy like a spring bubbling up in your soul. Now let the joy of Holy Spirit wash over you and pour out into every part of your life. Let laughter burst out of your mouth and rejoice in the goodness of God. No need to fake joy—it's yours!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 30

Hope

Hebrews 6:18-20 (The Voice Bible)

God has given us two unchanging things: His promise and His oath. These prove that it is impossible for God to lie. As a result, we who come to God for refuge might be encouraged to seize that hope that is set before us.

That hope is real and true, an anchor to steady our restless souls, a hope that leads us back behind the curtain to where God is and back into the place where Jesus, who went ahead on our behalf, has entered since He has become a High Priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.

Our hope is anchored in the hope that allows us to go through the veil where Jesus is. Daddy God promises this hope to us. We can live a life from a heavenly perspective.

Are you ready to go beyond the veil? The truth is that *you are already beyond the veil!* You may not realize it, but you are seated with Christ on Daddy God's throne in the heavenly places. But it's a matter of what we believe. Do we *believe* that we are beyond the veil? Take a moment to see yourself seated with Christ. Then make up your mind now that you will live today from a heavenly perspective.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

AUGUST 31

Roots

Hebrews 12:14-15 (The Passion Translation)

In every relationship be swift to choose peace over competition, and run swiftly toward holiness, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. Watch over each other to make sure that no one misses the revelation of God's grace.

And make sure no one lives with a root of bitterness sprouting within them which will only cause trouble and poison the hearts of many.

If the roots of a tree become entangled or damaged by bad water, it will cause the tree to die. As Isaiah said, we are to be Oaks of Righteousness. Our roots are just as important as the fruit of our life. Keep the soil of your life clean and free from any bitterness.

Have you been struggling with bitterness? Unforgiveness? Resentment? Today is the day to let it go! No grudge is worth the damage it does to your heart. Open your heart right now to Holy Spirit and receive grace to forgive. You may not feel an immediate change of heart, but open your heart to Holy Spirit and the healing will come. Then your roots will be healthy and strong!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 1

Truth

John 14:15-17 (The Passion Translation)

"Loving me empowers you to obey my commands. And I will ask the Father and He will give you another Savior, the Holy Spirit of Truth, who will be to you a Friend just like Me—and He will never leave you. The world won't receive Him because they can't see Him or know Him. But you will know Him intimately, because He will make His home in you and will live inside you."

The truth of life lives in you. Truth came to live in you so you can shine in a dark world. We have become a beacon so others may find their way in the dark. Are you ready to shine?

Close your eyes for a moment and imagine an intense darkness covering the earth. Visualize the billions of people who stumble every day in that darkness. Now picture a flash of light over the horizon. The sun is rising! Or should I say, the *Son* is rising. And He is rising in you.

Imagine yourself today as a beacon shining the Light everywhere you go. You are piercing the darkness and shattering the power of the night. You bring truth wherever you go. The darkness cannot withstand the Light. Evil lies cannot withstand the truth. *Shine on!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 2

Love

1 Timothy 1:5 (The Passion Translation)

For we reach the goal of fulfilling all the commandments when we love others deeply with a pure heart, a clean conscience, and sincere faith.

The only ambition our love should have is to see others grow closer to Christ. Once we acquire this kind of love, all of the commandments are fulfilled. Love is the goal!

Take a minute and think through your closest relationships. It is sometimes easy to take for granted those closest to us. So today, let's focus first on loving best those we love most. Ask Holy Spirit how you can surprise your loved ones with unexpected expressions of love. Ask Him to show you what *they* would like to hear or receive from you—not just what *you* think they would want. Ask Holy Spirit to draw your loved ones to Him through the love you show. Make love the goal today!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 3

Thankful

Philippians 4:4-6 (The Voice Bible)

Most of all, friends, always rejoice in the Lord! I never tire of saying it: Rejoice! Keep your gentle nature so that all people will know what it looks like to walk in His footsteps.

The Lord is ever present with us. Don't be anxious about things; instead, pray. Pray about everything. He longs to hear your requests, so talk to God about your needs and be thankful for what has come.

Being thankful allows the world to see joy in all you do. Two different times Paul urged us to rejoice in the Lord. He was serious about joy! Jesus taught us to rejoice that our name is written in *The Book of Life*. I also want to remind you to rejoice that your name is written in the palm of Daddy God. We have so many reasons to rejoice!

Don't start your day until you take a moment to be thankful. Create a quick mental list of at least three things that you can rejoice over. Then speak those things out loud. Lift up your hands and celebrate the good things. Just a few moments of praise will shift your whole day. Now take that gratitude into the world with you and sow the seeds of thankfulness into everyone around you. Let the world see your joy!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 4

Live

Ephesians 5:16-17 (The Passion Translation)

So be very careful how you live, not being like those with no understanding, but live honorably with true wisdom, for we are living in evil times. Take full advantage of every day as you spend your life for His purposes.

Holy Spirit came to help us in all we do. Who are we living for—ourselves or for Christ? Take some time today and ask yourself that question. Then ask Holy Spirit to help you in your understanding so you may live for Christ.

As we live our lives for Christ, we start also living for others. Holy Spirit empowers us to release honor and true wisdom into the world around us. This is what Holy Spirit came to do. He came to flow through us into the world. This is Daddy God's strategy for saving the planet. *We* are God's strategy! And this is why we must live for Christ. We were born for this.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 5

Serve

Luke 22:27 (The Voice Bible)

"Who is greater right here as we eat this meal—those of us who sit at the table, or those who serve us? Doesn't everyone normally assume those who are served are greater than those who serve? But consider My role among you. I have been with you as a servant."

Jesus continually spoke about being a servant. About serving others, about taking the less admirable seat. He taught on being a servant with a Kingdom mindset: if we lift others up then we will be lifted up.

Reflect on what it means to be a servant in your everyday life. How can you serve at home, at work and in your community? How willing are you to serve? Sometimes it is easier to withdraw from people than to serve them in love. Ask Holy Spirit to show you how you can serve people—especially difficult people!—in real ways in the real world. This is not just theory. This is a Kingdom mindset. Let's serve in love.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 6

Self

Philippians 2:2-4 (The Voice Bible)

Don't let selfishness and prideful agendas take over. Embrace true humility, and lift your heads to extend love to others. Get beyond yourselves and protecting your own interests; be sincere, and secure your neighbors' interests first.

Selfless service is the Jesus way. Jesus gave of Himself so others could come to the Father. He came to serve not to be served. Once again, Holy Spirit is talking to us about how we serve in love.

It is easy to get focused on self. Even when we are taking time to pray every morning, it is easy for our prayers to turn inward. And that's not all wrong. But we need to also turn our prayers out, away from self and towards others.

Who are you praying for today? What will Holy Spirit have you request on their behalf? There is a release of love flowing out of you—it is powerful! Open your heart to receive it and your hands to give it. Your *self* is being used by Daddy God to release His Kingdom in the earth. Remember, we find *self* by losing *self!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 7

Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (The Mirror Bible)

The soulish person has no capacity to comprehend the language of the Spirit of God; spiritual things seem meaningless to them; they are incapable to discern that which can only be spiritually appreciated.

Those who are spiritually awakened are immediately compatible to discern all things from a spiritual (grace) perspective, while they themselves are free from anyone's critical scrutiny. There is no other basis to teach from but to echo the mind of Christ; He is the Master mind personified within us!

The war—or, should I say, the *battles*—between the natural-minded and the spiritual-minded are so real. It's like a canyon or a wall dividing the two. Without having a mind like Christ's, it is impossible to understand the ways of Daddy God. Christ came and made a way—it's through Him!

Are you awake? I mean, are you spiritually awake? Do you hear the language of the Spirit? Do you discern what Daddy God is doing in the world? Take a minute right now to cry out for open eyes, a discerning heart and a hearing ear. Let Holy Spirit speak to you, and He will train you how to hear Him daily. That's how the battle is won!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 8

Home

1 John 4:15-16 (The Mirror Bible)

For anyone to see and to say that Jesus is the Son of God is to awaken to the awareness that we are continuously, seamlessly joined in oneness. And thus we have come to know and believe the love that God has unveiled within us.

God is love. Love is who God is; to live in this place of conscious, constant love, is to live immersed in God and to feel perfectly at home in His indwelling.

Many times we say that this world is not our home, but that's not totally true. We are called to make this realm the same as the heavenly realm. Our home is in the indwelling of Christ within us. Whether we are in the flesh or in the spirit our home is in Christ.

Do you "feel perfectly at home in His indwelling"? Do you reside in Him? Of course, you do—but are you deeply aware of that reality? We make this world His home as we make our heart His home. He takes up residence within us and we carry Him with us wherever we go. Take a moment now and invite Him to be at home in His home, at home in your heart. Then take Him with you everywhere you go. Let's make this world His home!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 9

Love

Romans 13:9-10 (The Mirror Bible)

Love makes it impossible for you to commit adultery, or to kill someone, or to steal from someone, speak evil of anyone, or to covet anything that belongs to someone else. Your only option is to esteem a fellow human with equal value to yourself. Everything love does is to the advantage of another; therefore, love is the most complete expression of what the law requires.

The love that Christ demonstrated for us completes all of the law. When we understand the kind of love Daddy has for us, the necessity of the law is made void. Our "want to" changes! Love doesn't want to steal, kill or destroy—only hate does that.

Is there any area of your faith that is still bound by law? Any area where you are motivated to serve the Lord from fear rather than love? Any area where shame drives you more than joy? Ask Holy Spirit to expose any place where law dominates. Now surrender that place to Daddy God. Ask Him to flood you with His love so that all that you do will be a "get to" and not a "have to." Loves fulfills the law!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 10

Words

Proverbs 4:20-22 (The Passion Translation)

Listen carefully, my dear child, to everything that I teach you, and pay attention to all that I have to say. Fill your thoughts with my words until they penetrate deep into your spirit. Then, as you unwrap my words, they will impart true life and radiant health into the very core of your being.

We use words every day to communicate. Holy Spirit also uses words to communicate the things Father wants us to learn and know. Listen to the words spoken through the Spirit, for they are our life-source.

Do this. Use a journal—a paper journal or an electronic one—to record the things that you hear Holy Spirit saying today. "Unwrap" Daddy's words from Scripture, from conversations with others and with the voice of the Spirit in your own heart and let those words soak deep into your heart. Meditate on His words all day.

Then ask Holy Spirit to give you an opportunity to share living words with others today. There will be people who need to hear what Daddy God is saying, and they will hear it through you!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 11

Peace

John 14:25-27 (The Voice Bible)

"I am telling you this while I am still with you. But when the Father sends the Spirit of Holiness, the One like Me who sets you free, He will teach you all things in My name. And He will inspire you to remember every word that I've told you.

I leave the gift of peace with you—My peace. Not the kind of fragile peace given by the world, but My perfect peace. Don't yield to fear or be troubled in your hearts—instead, be courageous!"

We look for peace in so many different places not realizing that the Prince of Peace came to live in us. When we became followers of Christ, His peace became a part of our deepest being. Look inside for the peace you need, not from the stormy world outside of yourself.

The peace that Christ gives is a peace that rests in Him even when storms are rising around us. His peace is not dependent on circumstances. His peace is the atmosphere of heaven, and you are seated with Him in heaven right now. So you can have peace even when the winds and waves are raging all around you. Then you have peace to share with others. The world is being rocked by the storms of life, but you carry peace that shifts atmospheres.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 12

Glory

2 Corinthians 3:18 (The Passion Translation)

We can all draw close to Him with the veil removed from our faces. And with no veil we all become like mirrors who brightly reflect the glory of the Lord Jesus. We are being transfigured into his very image as we move from one brighter level of glory to another. And this glorious transfiguration comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Some families look alike so much that we say they have strong genes. And sometimes it seems that couples even begin to look alike. The more time we spend in the glory of Daddy God the more we look like Him. His genes become our genes! The glory will change not only your spirit-man, but it will even change your physical appearance. We need to spend more time in the glory!

Stop for a moment and think about how much you've changed since you were saved. Sometimes, when we're focused on growing, it's easy to lose sight of how much we've grown so far. You are already looking more like your Father! Rest in His glory today and trust in the process that He is working in you.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 13

Day

Psalm 118:23-24 (The Passion Translation)

The Lord Himself is the one who has done this, and it's so amazing, so marvelous to see! This is the very day of the Lord that brings gladness and joy, filling our hearts with glee.

Every day is the day Daddy has made for us to enjoy. Each day is a gift for us to enjoy. Each day is designed to release a unique blessing that *only* this day can bring. Each day is allotted gladness and joy that we can access and experience for that day. *New mercies every morning!*

Pause for a moment and visualize an overflowing storehouse of blessing. What do you see? Finances? Joy? Healing? Miracles? What blessing is stored up just for today? Now see yourself accessing that blessing. See it flowing into your life. Stand up and give praise for the blessing in advance—don't wait until it materializes, praise now!

Now see yourself pouring that blessing out on others everywhere you go. Give thanks *now* for the opportunity to pour out blessing into the lives of others. That's worth living for!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 14

Faith

1 Peter 1:7 (The Mirror Bible)

This will help you in those difficult times: think of your belief as something much more precious than any possible evaluation of gold; remember that fire does not destroy the metal, it reveals it! Now even gold is an inferior comparison to faith! Gold as a currency has only temporal and unpredictable value; it fluctuates as the market changes.

Now, in the same way that fire reveals gold, your faith in the midst of contradiction, makes Jesus Christ visible and gives much reason to testimony stories worth telling. This is what has permanent value, and exhibits the glory of Christ in you!

Each day has its ups and downs. Good times and bad times fluctuate—just like gold on the market. But faith is a "currency" that does not fluctuate! Which means that we can "spend" our faith every day no matter whether life is up or down. We have a heavenly resource not controlled by the world.

Allow your faith to be strengthened each day. Whether it be in the up or the down, look for Jesus in all your dealings. Do you feel down today? Stop and insist that your mind "cash in" the faith you have been given in Christ. There is no "spending limit"!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 15

Faith

John 3:18 (The Mirror Bible)

Faith and not flesh defines you! In the persuasion of your authentic sonship there is no separation or rejection! For someone to prefer not to embrace this is to remain under their own judgment sustained by their futile efforts to define themselves through personal performance. In their stubborn unbelief they reject what is revealed and redeemed in the Name of the Son, begotten only of the Father and not the flesh.

Our flesh is temporary. Why allow it to have rule over your spirit-being? Christ gave up His flesh so we could live in the Spirit. Who's in the driver's seat of your life?

Take a moment and intentionally set your mind on your spirit. Look past the flesh, the outward, the external, and focus on what Holy Spirit is saying and doing in your spirit. The flesh evaluates life by what it can sense—what it can see, hear, feel, smell and taste. But the spirit tunes in to what heaven is saying and doing. Your spirit is divinely calibrated to align with Holy Spirit.

Once you've "tuned in" to what Holy Spirit is saying and doing in your spirit, set your mind to walk in the Spirit today. The world deserves an encounter with God!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 16

Pursue

Romans 8:27-28 (The Voice Bible)

Don't you know that He who pursues and explores the human heart intimately knows the Spirit's mind because He pleads to God for His saints to align their lives with the will of God? We are confident that God is able to orchestrate everything to work toward something good and beautiful when we love Him and accept His invitation to live according to His plan.

Holy Spirit is the One who pursues us. We think we found God when in truth He found us. And He pursues us into a loving relationship. That has been the plan from day one—a loving relationship with all mankind.

What should you do when you're being pursued by Holy Spirit? Stop running! Let Him catch you. Have you been running a lot lately? Running around in circles, driven by the busyness of life? It's time to stop running for just a moment and let Holy Spirit embrace your tired soul. He wants to explore your heart and draw out the secrets and the mysteries He has implanted there. He wants you to discover love that never fails. *Stop running!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 17

Books

John 21:24-25 (The Passion Translation)

I, John, am that disciple who has written these things to testify of the truth, and we know that what I've documented is accurate. Jesus did countless things that I haven't included here. And if every one of his works were written down and described one by one, I suppose that the world itself wouldn't have enough room to contain the books that would have to be written!

John says that all the works Jesus did couldn't be contained in a world full of books. There were just too many. Jesus is still working. He is working through you and me. So the testimonies continue on and on. Let's keep on writing the books of Jesus!

Do you journal? If not, I suggest that today is a great day to start! When you journal, you are filling the world with another book that tells the story of Jesus. Your journal becomes a testimony record of what God is doing in your life. So often we forget what God has done, but when have a written record of His mighty acts in our life—of His promises fulfilled—then we are easily reminded of all He's done. Let's write another book about Jesus today!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 18

Test

2 Corinthians 13:5 (The Mirror Bible)

I implore you to examine faith for yourselves in order to test what it is that you really believe. Faith is so much more than the mere veneer of a superstitious belief in a historic Christ; faith is about realizing Jesus Christ in you, in the midst of contradiction!

Just as ore is placed into a crucible, where the dross is separated from the gold in a furnace, come to the conclusion for yourselves of His indwelling! Should it appear to you that Christ is absent in your life, look again, you have obviously done the test wrong!

When life becomes hard and we begin to examine our situations, do we begin with looking for sin, or blame or lack of faith? Or do we look for the Christ that's in us? He told us in His written word,

"I have spoken these things to you that in Me you will know the sweet and assured resonance of My peace! In the world you encounter extreme and stressful times, but be of good courage, I have conquered the world-order!" (John 16:33, The Mirror Bible)

Look for Christ in you and stand on that. Then the test has already been passed.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 19

Teach

2 Timothy 4:2 (The Mirror Bible)

Broadcast the Word on every occasion, even when it doesn't seem to be convenient; give evidence to this message; value every individual in your audience highly; esteem people's authentic identity passionately; teach tirelessly!

I often use the quote, "Preach the gospel—and use words if you have to!" A Spirit-filled life will tell of the gospel at all times. Be prepared at all times to give a testimony of what Christ means in your life.

Our testimony must be rehearsed privately before we share it publicly. Sort of like "testimony practice"! So let's take a moment now and do some testimony practice. Say out loud at least three things that Daddy God has done in your life that are clear displays of His supernatural power.

As you hold in your mind the things God has done, the gratitude attitude you cultivate will manifest in your life without you saying a word. Your mindset will shift atmospheres everywhere you go. *It's testimony time!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 20

Word

Hebrews 4:12 (The Voice Bible)

The word of God, you see, is alive and moving; sharper than a double-edged sword; piercing the divide between soul and spirit, joints and marrow; able to judge the thoughts and will of the heart.

Need answers for your life? The solution for every trial, trouble and blessing are contained in the Word of God. Ask Holy Spirit to guide you through them. Remember, Jesus is the Word—this truth will set you free!

Do you have a favorite Scripture? What is it? Write it down. Ponder on it for a while. Ask Holy Spirit to make that verse alive in you like you were hearing it for the first time. Allow Holy Spirit to peel back the layers of the Scripture like delicious fruit. There are hidden truths that you've never seen before.

Then share that truth with someone today. Give it away like fruit given to the hungry. The world is starving for the Word of God—and you have exactly what they need. *Give it away!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 21

Deeper

Luke 5:4-6 (New King James Version)

When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

It's time we push into the deep. When we launch into the deep, it always feels like we're going in over our head—because we are! But not only are we plunging into circumstances over our head, but we also plunge into blessings and rewards that go way over our head. In other words, the benefits are more than we can handle! Who would like to experience that? I would for sure.

Are you ready for more fish than you can handle? Just like Peter and the disciples, you will need to partner with others to manage all Daddy God will give. Ask Holy Spirit to connect you today to people who can help you haul in the blessing catch that is coming to those in the deep. It's time to go *in over your head!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 22

Reborn

1 Peter 1:3-4 (The Voice Bible)

Blessed is God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One! Because He has raised Jesus the Anointed from death, through His great mercy we have been reborn into a living hope—reborn for an eternal inheritance, held in reserve in heaven, that will never fade or fail.

Take some time and ponder on being reborn. Then realize how loved you are. Meditate on how Christ would give up His throne to come and be totally humiliated and beaten just for you. He gave it all up so you could be given the ability to be born again. That's something to rejoice about!

You are reborn as a child of God. Think now about the rights and privileges of being a child of the King. How confident are you to claim your birthright? The enemy tries to diminish our confidence so that we live beneath our privileges, but Holy Spirit is calling you to stand upright and declare whose you are. Declare it now!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 23

Mature

Hebrews 6:1 (The Living Bible)

Let us stop going over the same old ground again and again, always teaching those first lessons about Christ. Let us go on instead to other things and become mature in our understanding, as strong Christians ought to be. Surely we don't need to speak further about the foolishness of trying to be saved by being good, or about the necessity of faith in God.

It's time for us to become mature in the things of God. For too long the church has let the culture decide how the world should be. Let's grow up and change the world!

How do we grow up? First, we must grow up in our faith toward Daddy God. Next, we must grow up in our love for one another. Then, we must grow up in our compassion toward the world. As we grow up, the influence of the Kingdom will grow in the earth and culture will be transformed. Here we grow again!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 24

Mercy

1 Peter 2:9-10 (The Passion Translation)

You are God's chosen treasure—priests who are kings, a spiritual "nation" set apart as God's devoted ones. He called you out of darkness to experience His marvelous light, and now He claims you as His very own. He did this so that you would broadcast His glorious wonders throughout the world. For at one time you were not God's people, but now you are. At one time you knew nothing of God's mercy, because you hadn't received it yet, but now you are drenched with it!

Do you remember when you knew nothing of God's mercy? Do you recall the life you lived when you had no hope? But now, through Christ, Daddy God has made His tremendous mercy known and made us one of His own. We have been brought into His tribe.

The mercy we have received was never intended to be experienced alone. Daddy God always shows His mercy so the whole world may see His goodness. He loves to *show off* on a divine scale! So today, let His mercy flow freely through you. By His mercy we can change our world.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 25

Union

John 15:16-17 (The Mirror Bible)

"I did not begin in you; you began in Me! I am not your idea; you are Mine! I have strategically positioned you in order that you may abound in much fruit bearing, wherever life leads you—fruit that would ceaselessly continue this same incarnate life of union with Me! From within this place, anything you desire has already been granted you by My Father. All these things are the conclusion of My assignment to you and find their context in your love for one another."

We were once *nobodies*. As Peter put it, we once weren't even a people. Without Christ in our lives, we were just aimlessly wandering through life. Christ came so we could begin a life filled with Him. That was His mission: to restore all humankind back to our original design. Church, it's time to begin living.

How do we begin living? It starts right here, right now, with you. Breathe deep in the life you have in Christ. Surrender to the incarnate life of union you have with Him. You are already one with Him—embrace it!

Now take that union into the world. Carry the triune fellowship of Father, Son and Spirit into your family, friendships and community. *You are a uniter!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 26

Enter

Psalm 100:1-5 (The Living Bible)

Shout with joy before the Lord, O earth! Obey Him gladly; come before Him, singing with joy. Try to realize what this means—the Lord is God! He made us—we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Go through His open gates with great thanksgiving; enter His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and bless His name. For the Lord is always good. He is always loving and kind, and His faithfulness goes on and on to each succeeding generation.

We can't sit around expecting Daddy to do everything for us. Jesus even said He only does what He sees the Father do. He had to move when and where Daddy was moving. Even wise men had to travel to enter His presence. Let's enter His presence!

Picture yourself standing outside the gates of the temple. Imagine the doors swinging slowly open and the blasts of the rams horns signaling that it's time for you to enter in. Imagine the sights, sounds and smells of the temple. Now see yourself entering in. Lift your hands and give God high praise as you stand in His presence. This moment of awareness will shift your day from ordinary to exceptional.

Move today in sync with Holy Spirit. Carry His presence!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 27

Spirit

Galatians 5:25-26 (The Message Bible)

Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives. That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original.

In all truth, we are more spirit than flesh. When we chose to follow Jesus we became one with Him. Do we believe this? Jesus prayed that we would be one with Him just like the Father and He are one. We are one with Christ, and Holy Spirit came to seal the deal. It's not just a good idea—it is truth. Embrace Holy Spirit and change your world.

Your body was created to manifest your spirit. Stand still for two minutes and center your awareness deep inside your being, down where your spirit flows up into your soul. Push past the distractions of the flesh—your physical health, family situations, tasks that must be done. Press into the realm of the spirit/Spirit. Allow Holy Spirit to flood your mind, will and emotions. Now lift your hands and align your body with your spirit. Bring the flesh under submission to the Spirit. *Now share it!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 28

Weakness

Hebrews 4:15-16 (The Voice Bible)

Jesus is not some high priest who has no sympathy for our weaknesses and flaws. He has already been tested in every way that we are tested; but He emerged victorious, without failing God. So let us step boldly to the throne of grace, where we can find mercy and grace to help when we need it most.

Fear will keep us away from the very Person who can set us free. In tough times we need to embrace Christ even more. Christ went through and conquered every fear we face. Draw closer to Him in your weakness!

Take a minute to face your fears. Say them out loud. Now speak directly to the fear and declare Daddy God's love for you *specifically* where you are afraid. Afraid of financial loss? Speak God's love over your finances. Afraid of sickness or death? Speak Daddy's love over your health and life. By doing this, your fears become the entry point for His transforming love. Let His strength be made perfect in your weakness!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 29

Thoughts

Philippians 4:6-8 (The Passion Translation)

Don't be pulled in different directions or worried about a thing. Be saturated in prayer throughout each day, offering your faith-filled requests before God with overflowing gratitude. Tell him every detail of your life, then God's wonderful peace that transcends human understanding, will make the answers known to you through Jesus Christ.

So keep your thoughts continually fixed on all that is authentic and real, honorable and admirable, beautiful and respectful, pure and holy, merciful and kind. And fasten your thoughts on every glorious work of God, praising him always.

What has captured your thoughts today? What about yesterday? Sometimes we get stuck in a loop in our thoughts. Turn your thoughts toward Daddy God and all that is good.

Daily devotionals like this one usually assume that we all begin our day with prayer. But prayer is not just an opening exercise for the day. Prayer is a conversation with Daddy God that we keep going all day long—and all night! As today's scripture said, let's saturate our day in prayer and keep our thoughts fixed on Him.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

SEPTEMBER 30

Others

1 John 4:7 (The Mirror Bible)

Beloved, love always includes others, since love springs from God; its source is found in the fellowship of the Father, Spirit and Son. Everyone who encounters love immediately knows that they too are born of the same source! It is not possible to fully participate in love without discovering God. To love is to know God; to know God is to love.

Love begins with Daddy God. We love Him because He first loved us. But love doesn't stop there. Divine love is fully manifested through our relationship with others. Daddy God made us to have others in our lives. That is why fellowship is so important—it allows our love to grow. Let your love for others be seen today.

As you pray today, ask Holy Spirit to reveal any "people blockers" in your heart, places where emotional pain has scarred your mind and shuts people out. Open your heart to Daddy God and let Him heal you and give you grace to forgive. The love you long for cannot be fully experienced apart from loving others.

Look for ways today to love people. Ask Holy Spirit to open your eyes and heart to the needs of those around you. You will *receive* love as you *give* love!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 1

Letter

2 Corinthians 3:2-3 (The Voice Bible)

You are our letter, every word burned onto our hearts to be read by everyone. You are the living letter of the Anointed One, the Liberating King, nurtured by us and inscribed, not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God—a letter too passionate to be chiseled onto stone tablets, but emblazoned upon the human heart.

Your identity is in the letter that Christ wrote about you. Not a letter hidden and kept in a shoebox in a secret place, but a letter written so all who come into contact with you may read it. May many people read it and come to know Christ through your letter. Just like a light isn't hidden, don't hide who you are.

Think for a moment about your story. Think about the times and places where Daddy God worked miracles that turned your life around. Isn't that amazing? Now ask Holy Spirit to give you at least three opportunities today to share a story from your story that brings glory to God. Ask Holy Spirit to perform an "author reading" through you today. Daddy God is eager to shine through you!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 2

Generously

Matthew 10:5-8 (The Message Bible)

Jesus sent His twelve harvest hands out with this charge: "Don't begin by traveling to some far-off place to convert unbelievers. And don't try to be dramatic by tackling some public enemy. Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the Kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons. You have been treated generously, so live generously."

The Kingdom of God is all about generosity. We are called to love wholeheartedly starting right where we are. Our assignment is to touch people like Christ touched us. Those who live under the life-changing touch of the Master's hand are eager to share that touch with someone else.

Are you ready to "touch the untouchables"? The untouchables are actually not untouchable at all—they just think they are! They draw back from being touched because they are afraid of rejection or of being exploited. But those who have been touched by Daddy God carry a special grace to touch those who fear connection.

Ask Holy Spirit to guide you to those who need a touch. The generosity of God is flowing through you today.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 3

Created

Ephesians 2:8-10 (The Voice Bible)

For it's by God's grace that you have been saved. You receive it through faith. It was not our plan or our effort. It is God's gift, pure and simple. You didn't earn it, not one of us did, so don't go around bragging that you must have done something amazing. For we are the product of His hand, heaven's poetry etched on lives, created in the Anointed, Jesus, to accomplish the good works God arranged long ago.

You could say we were re-created in Christ. And being re-created, we are unique, special, one of a kind, made to look and act like Christ. Let's recreate the world we live in and make it like heaven!

So how are we recreated? Of course, *recreated* means to be created all over, afresh, anew. But how does that happen? By Holy Spirit dwelling within! Holy Spirit gives new life to our spirit, soul and body. And then the power of new creation flows out of us into the world around us. We become the source of new creation. That's how Daddy God is saving the world—recreating through recreated people!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 4

Life

Philippians 2:14-16 (The Passion Translation)

Live a cheerful life, without complaining or division among yourselves. For then you will be seen as innocent, faultless, and pure children of God, even though you live in the midst of a brutal and perverse culture.

For you will appear among them as shining lights in the universe, offering them the words of eternal life. I haven't labored among you for nothing, for your lives are the fruit of my ministry and will be my glorious boast at the unveiling of Christ!

Life is meant to be *lived.* Not just existing but living. And the life that we live impacts the lives of others—which then comes back to us in how we are treated. Full circle.

Paul insists that we can live a cheerful life in the middle of a corrupt culture. In fact, we are called to live cheerfully in the middle of a corrupt culture so that we can transform it. Christians are not called to withdraw—we are called to transform!

Practice cheerfulness now in the privacy of your home. While no one is watching, break out in laughter, sing a happy song, dance around in circles. Get your heart ready to be joyful all day long. *Choose joy!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 5

Dwell

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (The Passion Translation)

Have you forgotten that your body is now the sacred temple of the Spirit of Holiness, who lives in you? You don't belong to yourself any longer, for the gift of God, the Holy Spirit, lives inside your sanctuary. You were God's expensive purchase, paid for with tears of blood, so by all means, then, use your body to bring glory to God!

Let's not forget who we are. We are the sanctuary of Holy Spirit. Bought and paid for. The early Church understood they were God's dwelling place, and they expected "God-stuff" to happen—miracles, signs and wonders. They bore the fruit of the miraculous because they trusted in Holy Spirit.

Sometimes it seems like we reduce the Christian experience down to just sitting through a Bible study and stuffing our heads with information. Could it be that we trust more in the Bible than the Spirit? Yet the Bible is a lifeless book without the Spirit to illuminate it. Our bodies are not just libraries for religious information—we are the temple of the Holy Spirit! So we should expect the gifts and the works of the Spirit to happen in us.

Let's not forget we are spirit. Take some time today to intentionally open your heart for Holy Spirit to fill you up.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 6

Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:12-13 (The Voice Bible)

You must know that we have not received the spirit of this rebellious and broken world but the Spirit that comes from God, so that we may experience and comprehend the gifts that come from God. We do not speak of these gifts of God in words shaped by human wisdom; we speak in words crafted by the Spirit because our collective judgment on spiritual matters is accessible to those who have the Spirit.

Just as Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three-in-one, so are we. We are body, soul and spirit—three-in-one. Our spirit can be ruled by either Father God or by the father of lies. We have been given the ability to choose. This is one of many gifts we've received—the ability to choose! With Christ there are many gifts awaiting you. Won't you open them?

What spirit are you receiving into your human spirit today? The spirit of the world? The spirit of the enemy? Or the Spirit of God? Make the decision right now that you will reject any spirit other than Holy Spirit. Then open your heart to the gifts He brings. Ask Holy Spirit to help you activate each one. What gift do you feel He is releasing in you today? Share His gifts with the world!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 7

See

James 1:23-25 (The Mirror Bible)

The difference between a mere spectator and a participator is that both of them hear the same voice and perceive in its message the face of their own genesis reflected as in a mirror; they realize that they are looking at themselves, but for the one it seems just too good to be true; this person departs and immediately forgets what manner of person he is; never giving another thought to the one he saw there in the mirror.

The other one is mesmerized by what he sees; captivated by the effect of a law that frees a person from the obligation to the old written code that restricted one to their own efforts and willpower. No distraction or contradiction can dim the impact of what is seen in the mirror concerning the law of perfect liberty that now frees everyone to get on with the act of living the life. They find a new spontaneous lifestyle; the poetry of practical living.

In Christ we can truly see who we are. Holy Spirit came to help us see who we are in Christ. Don't allow the world to tell you who you are! We are to show the world who *they* are.

Who do you see in the mirror today? Do you see the old you or the new you recreated in Christ? Look again!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 8

Treasure

Ephesians 1:18 (The Mirror Bible)

I pray that your thoughts will be flooded with light and inspired insight; that you will clearly picture His intent in identifying you in Him so that you may know how precious you are to Him. What God possesses in your redeemed innocence is His treasure and the glorious trophy of His inheritance! You are God's portion. You are the sum total of His assets and the measure of His wealth!

When you look into a mirror what do you see? Maybe you see a broken, old, rundown human. Now take another look. This time see with the eyes of Father God. Now you see a twenty-foot warrior dressed in kingly robes with a crown on your head and a belt holding a mighty sword. You see the treasure for which Christ gave His life. A precious jewel that Holy Spirit came to protect and help groom into a world changer. That's what Father sees when you stand in front of the mirror.

How do you feel standing again in front of the "mirror" of the Scripture? Are you ok with facing the twisted perceptions of yourself that have bent your heart away from Daddy God's truth? Stand still for a moment and absorb the truth God sees about you. It's time to break the lies you have believed!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 9

Crucified

Galatians 2:20 (The Voice Bible)

I have been crucified with the Anointed One—I am no longer alive—but the Anointed is living in me; and whatever life I have left in this failing body I live by the faithfulness of God's Son, the One who loves me and gave His body on the cross for me.

The life we lived in the flesh no longer rules over us. Our life in the Spirit is now what guides us through this life. We were co-crucified with Christ so we may live to do the works of Christ. Let's take dominion over the earth, bringing safety to all of Daddy's creation.

Everything you fear or dread has been put to death in Christ. All the guilt, shame and regret have been erased. The past cannot rule over you! It is time to dethrone your yesterdays and let your divine future rule. And as your future manifests today, you will step into the dominion for which you were created.

The world is waiting for the sons and daughters of God to step into their rightful place. Those who live by the life of the Son of God will release new creation dominion over all the earth. Creation cries for your arrival! Let's show up today.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 10

Now

1 Peter 1:13 (The Mirror Bible)

How amazing is that! Jesus is what the Scriptures are all about; and you are what Jesus is all about! Now wrap your minds around that! This unveiling is what tied up all the loose ends that would trip you and frustrate your seamless transition from the old to the new! The revelation of Jesus is no longer a future expectation! Do not allow the old mindset of a future tense glory to intoxicate you and distract you from the relevance of this moment!

Stop pointing to a future Messiah! You're it! You are who the Prophets pointed to! You are the fruit of his sufferings; you are the glorious resurrection generation! Fully engage your minds with the consequence of this grace in the revelation of Jesus Christ! He completes your every expectation!"

Some people get stuck in the past, but many others get stuck in the *future*. They get caught on a merry-go-round of someday, never quite attaining all they have been promised. But we live in the *now,* not in yesterday or tomorrow. We can see what Daddy God is doing now.

Take the time to redeem your time. Live in the moment. Don't let the past or the future rob you of *right now*. Ask Holy Spirit to help you fully engage now. No time to wait!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 11

Life

Galatians 5:25-26 (The Message Bible)

Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives. That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original.

Giving our lives to Christ isn't just a good idea—it's a lifestyle. That's why we walk and act differently than the culture around us. In fact, it means we change the culture around us. Holy Spirit is here to help us accomplish this.

Giving our lives to Christ is also not just a one-time event. We give our lives to Him daily. So let's do that right now. Think back to when you gave your heart to Christ. How moved were you by the love of Christ? Let His love move you again. How awestruck were you by His forgiveness? Recall that feeling and soak in it once again. Then renew your promise to Him, reaffirm your commitment to live your life for Him. *Choose the life of the Spirit again!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 12

Forgive

Matthew 5:43-45 (The Passion Translation)

"Your ancestors have also been taught 'Love your neighbors and hate the one who hates you.' However, I say to you, love your enemy, bless the one who curses you, do something wonderful for the one who hates you, and respond to the very ones who persecute you by praying for them. For that will reveal your identity as children of your heavenly Father. He is kind to all by bringing the sunrise to warm and rainfall to refresh whether a person does what is good or evil."

When we forgive it brings the spirit of love. It also confuses the adversary who opposes our way of life. Forgiveness allows us to tell others how loved they are instead of how bad they are.

It takes grace to forgive. As Jesus said, forgiveness is a characteristic of Daddy God. This means that we can get the grace we need to forgive through union with Him. Oneness with Him connects us to all that dwells within Him. He becomes our source and supply. Instead of concentrating on the will to forgive, we should simply concentrate on becoming one with Him. We don't need to *work hard* to forgive, we simply need to rest in His forgiving nature. Daddy's grace is more than enough!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 13

Reformation

Romans 12:2 (The Passion Translation)

Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in His eyes.

We are to be culture changers—not the ones being changed by the culture surrounding us. This is why we need help to reform our thoughts and actions. Thankfully, Holy Spirit is here to help in this area. All you have to do is ask, listen and be reformed to a heavenly perspective. Others will notice and be drawn to the Spirit within you.

All of us have been shaped from childhood by the culture. But Holy Spirit is working within us to transform us from the inside out. Take a moment to rest in His presence and ask this simple question: "Holy Spirit, show me where you are changing me to no longer be conformed to this world but to be transformed by the renewing of my mind."

Then wait for Holy Spirit to speak. When He shows you an area of transformation, don't make any effort to produce it on your own. Simply yield to His work within you. As a sign of that trust, relax and rest a bit longer in His presence. *Reformation through transformation!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 14

Provide

Genesis 45:10-11 (The Voice Bible)

"I'll arrange for all of you to settle in the land of Goshen where you can be near me—you and all of your children and grandchildren, as well as your flocks and herds and everything you have. I will provide for you there. Since five more years of famine are still to come, I will make sure your household and everything you have will not descend into poverty."

Instead of revenge Joseph provided forgiveness. He's a type of Jesus. Jesus suffered much to provide forgiveness for us. Joseph didn't just provide forgiveness, he also provided safety and protection. In Christ we are promised the same. All of our needs will be met in Christ Jesus. Let's provide forgiveness and safety for those Christ has put in our life.

Take a minute to write down a list of three people who need forgiveness and salvation in Christ. You could probably write down many more, but let's focus on just three for now. Now lift up their name to Daddy God. Ask that a delegation of warring angels would be assigned to them. With the authority you have been given as an ambassador of the Kingdom declare that they are forgiven in Jesus' name. Proclaim that they are saved, healed and whole. Declare that *it is done* in the name of Jesus!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 15

Near

Hebrews 4:22-24 (The Mirror Bible)

We are free to approach Him with absolute confidence, fully persuaded in our hearts that nothing can any longer separate us from Him. We are invited to draw near now! We are thoroughly cleansed, inside and out, with no trace of sin's stains on our conscience or conduct. The sprinkled blood purges our inner thought-patterns; our bodies also are bathed in clean water.

Our conversation echoes His persuasion; His faithfulness backs His promises. Let us also think of creative ways by which we can influence one another to find inspired expression in doing things that benefit others. Good actions give voice and volume to the love of God.

Once we have encountered the presence and faithfulness of Daddy God, we are forever changed. Our desires become His. That's how change happens—we draw near and become one with Him! Then we inspire others to change as our changed life draws people to His presence.

The key to all this is *drawing near.* It may sound too simplistic to the religious, but all our hard work doesn't produce change. Only union with Him can change us.

Do you feel a need to change? *Draw near to Daddy God!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 16

Found

John 15:16 (The Mirror Bible)

"I did not begin in you; you began in Me! I am not your idea; you are Mine! I have strategically positioned you in order that you may abound in much fruit bearing, wherever life leads you—fruit that would ceaselessly continue this same incarnate life of union with Me! From with this place, anything you desire has already been granted you by My Father."

We say, "I found God," but truthfully God was never lost—we were. He found us. And when He found us, He led us down a clear path to an "incarnate life of union" with Him. And now that we are found, Holy Spirit continues to lead us down a clear path deeper into His love.

Daddy God is our destination. Union with Daddy God is our eternal destiny. And in this place of union, "anything [we] desire has already been granted to [us]" by Him.

What do you desire from Daddy God today? Stop seeking the *things* you want and start seeking *Him.* Everything you need is *in Him!* Instead of asking for provision, ask for the Provider. Instead of asking for healing, ask for the Healer. On and on. As you abide in Him, all you need is available to you.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 17

Present

1 Peter 1:13 (The Mirror Bible)

How amazing is that! Jesus is what the Scriptures are all about; and you are what Jesus is all about! Now wrap your minds around that! This unveiling is what tied up all the loose ends that would trip you and frustrate your seamless transition from the old to the new! The revelation of Jesus is no longer a future expectation! Do not allow the old mindset of a future tense glory to intoxicate you and distract you from the relevance of this moment!

Stop pointing to a future Messiah! You're it! You are who the Prophets pointed to! You are the fruit of His sufferings; you are the glorious resurrection generation! Fully engage your minds with the consequence of this grace in the revelation of Jesus Christ! He completes your every expectation!

Holy Spirit brings us to this text again. He wants us to know that He is with us now! Not in some far off distant future. The presence of Father God is here now *with* you and *in* you. Wrap around that in your thinking. Grab hold of the very essence of Christ in His glory. You are His Bride *now!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 18

Perspective

2 Corinthians 5:16-18 (The Voice Bible)

Because of all that God has done, we now have a new perspective. We used to show regard for people based on worldly standards and interests. No longer. We used to think of the Anointed the same way. No longer.

Therefore, if anyone is united with the Anointed One, that person is a new creation. The old life is gone—and see—a new life has begun! All of this is a gift from our Creator God, who has pursued us and brought us into a restored and healthy relationship with Him through the Anointed. And He has given us the same mission, the ministry of reconciliation, to bring others back to Him.

One of the blessings of salvation is a new way of seeing the world—a new perspective. No longer do we see people like the world sees them. We see them the way Daddy God sees them. It is just like being blind for a lifetime and them—all at once!—being able to see clearly.

As we begin a new day, ask Holy Spirit for a new perspective, for the ability to leave yesterday in yesterday and walk into this new day with a fresh start. Our mission is not only to tell others about Christ but to live a life where they can see Christ in and through us.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 19

Love

Ephesians 3:18-20 (The Passion Translation)

You will be empowered to discover what every holy one experiences—the great magnitude of the astonishing love of Christ in all its dimensions. How deeply intimate and far-reaching is His love! How enduring and inclusive it is! Endless love beyond measurement that transcends our understanding—this extravagant love pours into you until you are filled to overflowing with the fullness of God!

Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for His miraculous power constantly energizes you.

Remember that Daddy God's love is beyond our total comprehension. I once read a meme that said, "Solomon asked for wisdom and Daddy God gave him wealth also. Abraham asked for a son and also got generations." We could go on and on. When we ask for love, we get all the attributes of love found in 1 Corinthians 13. You can be sure that Daddy God has more!

Take a moment now and ask for nothing more than Daddy God's love. His love is a gift of gifts, and when you experience His love everything else you need is there.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 20

Imitator

Ephesians 5:1-2 (The Passion Translation)

Be imitators of God in everything you do, for then you will represent your Father as His beloved sons and daughters. And continue to walk surrendered to the extravagant love of Christ, for He surrendered His life as a sacrifice for us. His great love for us was pleasing to God, like an aroma of adoration—a sweet healing fragrance.

People say that imitation is the highest form of flattery. We could put it better and say that imitation—particularly the imitation of Daddy God!—is the highest form of *praise.* We bring glory to God when think, speak and act like Him. We show the world who He is and what He's like.

Jesus imitated Daddy God perfectly because He was *one* with Him. He then told us to do the same and gave us Holy Spirit to empower us for divine imitation. Why? So the world could see Daddy God in you and me. Whatever you find yourself doing, do it to the glory of Daddy God.

One final word—remember that Jesus prayed and is continuing to pray for you. He is praying for you that the imitation of God would be easy for you. Effortless.

Let Him pray!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 21

Song

Psalm 40:3 (The Passion Translation)

A new song for a new day rises up in me every time I think about how He breaks through for me! Ecstatic praise pours out of my mouth until everyone hears how God has set me free. Many will see His miracles; they'll stand in awe of God and fall in love with Him!

Every day has a new song in it. No matter what's going on around us, Daddy God's mercies are new every day. You are called to sing your song so others will hear and join your song.

Stand still for a moment. Listen for your song. Do you hear a new song rising up in your heart? Is there an "ecstatic praise" ready to pour out of your mouth? Wait until you hear it. It may start low and slow, but keep breathing the new song until it bursts forth like a volcano erupting with worship.

Go into the day singing this song. Don't let it die. Sing it all day, everywhere you go. Sing until others are singing with you. Your song has the power to release heaven into earth. *Sing!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 22

Blind

John 9:34-38 (The Passion Translation)

When Jesus learned they had thrown him out, He went to find him and said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" The man whose blind eyes were healed answered, "Who is He, Master? Tell me so that I can place all my faith in Him." Jesus replied, "You're looking right at Him. He's speaking with you. It's Me, the one in front of you now." Then the man threw himself at his feet and worshiped Jesus and said, "Lord, I believe in you!"

The religious leaders threw the previously blind man out for being healed on the Sabbath Day. They had no compassion for his previous condition and no joy that he was healed. That's unbelievable! But Jesus came for the outcast, the weary, the broken, the misunderstood—all those whom religion rejects.

Are you available to love those whom religion rejects? If so, Holy Spirit will send assignments your way that will bring you into contact daily with desperate people longing to get free from toxic religion.

When they get free—just like the blind man!—they will worship God for His goodness and give thanks for the day you came by their way. How incredibly fulfilling that will be.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 23

Life

John 10:9-10 (The Passion Translation)

"I am the Gateway. To enter through Me is to experience life, freedom, and satisfaction. A thief has only one thing in mind—he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect—life in its fullness until you overflow! I am the Good Shepherd who lays down my life as a sacrifice for the sheep."

So many times we try and live our lives on our own terms. Jesus came and explained life and how to have it with abundance. Yet we still listen to the thief of life who only wants to take it from us! Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. (John 14:6) We enter the Kingdom of God through Jesus, the only gateway to complete life.

The example Jesus used here is that of a shepherd and his sheep. The sheep is vulnerable to the thief as long as it is outside the sheepfold. But when the sheep makes it safely through the gateway into the sheepfold, it is safe from the predator. When you entered through Christ—the ultimate Gateway!—into the Kingdom, you were safe from the thief.

Take a moment to rejoice that you are safe! Now tell others about this place of safety in Christ.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 24

Condemnation

John 3:17 (The Passion Translation)

"God did not send his Son into the world to judge and condemn the world, but to be its Savior and rescue it! So now there is no longer any condemnation for those who believe in Him, but the unbeliever already lives under condemnation because they do not believe in the name of God's beloved Son."

Daddy God loves you. The proof is in Jesus who came and restored our relationship with Daddy. Paul even reminded the Church at Rome that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ. (Romans 8:1) Did you get that? You are not condemned!

We need to do a "no condemnation" exercise. Stand still in front of a mirror. Be silent for a minute or two. Then look yourself in the eye and quote Jesus: "There is no longer any condemnation for those who believe in Him." Say it again. Once more. Now ask yourself, "Do you believe that?" Make yourself answer.

Did you do the exercise? Good. Now repeat that to yourself all day long. Every time you feel guilt or shame, quote the words of Jesus in the face of every lie. *"I am not condemned!"*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 25

Come

Matthew 11:28 (The Voice Bible)

"Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Jesus asked us to come follow Him. The benefits are grand. Religion says "go and do," and hopefully you can do what it says. If not, you're condemned to keep trying. Jesus simply said to *follow Him*. No doing or having to do to get His approval. He just says "come." In Isaiah 1:18 Daddy God says,

"Come on now, let's walk and talk; let's work this out. Your wrongdoings are blood-red, but they can turn as white as snow. Your sins are red like crimson, but they can be made clean again like new wool."

Life with Christ is all about coming just as you are. Can you hear His call? He's always saying "come."

Today, you will "walk and talk" with Jesus and "work out" every feeling of shame that sin and death has put upon the children of Adam. You will listen as Jesus reminds you that He paid the full price for your sins—there is nothing left to pay. He paid for every sin in your past, present and future. *It is finished!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 26

Faith

1 Peter 5:7-9 (The Passion Translation)

Pour out all your worries and stress upon Him and leave them there, for He always tenderly cares for you. Be well balanced and always alert, because your enemy, the devil, roams around incessantly, like a roaring lion looking for its prey to devour.

Take a decisive stand against him and resist his every attack with strong, vigorous faith. For you know that your believing brothers and sisters around the world are experiencing the same kinds of troubles you endure.

Holy Spirit is with you today helping you to stay alert. And He is empowering you with faith. And His faith is not just any faith, but it is a strong, vigorous faith, one that is for now and evermore. This passage mentions our adversary, but the focus is on Jesus. We resist the enemy with *faith in Jesus!* We do not resist the enemy by focusing on him. He is defeated.

Are you facing a spiritual battle? Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Does it seem like the adversary is roaring against you? Turn your eyes upon Jesus. And remember that you are not alone in this fight—your brothers and sisters around the world are standing with you. Team Jesus wins!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 27

Weary

Isaiah 40:29-31 (The Voice Bible)

God strengthens the weary and gives vitality to those worn down by age and care. Young people will get tired; strapping young men will stumble and fall. But those who trust in the Eternal One will regain their strength. They will soar on wings as eagles. They will run—never winded, never weary. They will walk—never tired, never faint.

Life has a way of wearing us down. But Daddy God strengthens those who trust in Him. When troubles come, change your perspective and soar above them. Paul tells the Galatians to not grow weary in doing good, but to press on and they shall reap. If life is giving you troubles, press into Holy Spirit and soar above them. You will see the goodness of Daddy God in this life. He won't keep His promises from you.

Let's do a prophetic act together.

Take a deep breath. Close your eyes and feel the strength of Daddy's arms embracing you. *Feel Him*. Let His love wash over you. Take another breath and then lift your arms like the wings of an eagle. Stretch your hands out and soar. Stay in this position until you feel the joy of the Lord rising. Let a smile break across your face and then let laughter burst forth from your soul. *Weary soul rejoice!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 28

Grace

Hebrews 4:14-16 (The Passion Translation)

So then, we must cling in faith to all we know to be true. For we have a magnificent King-Priest, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who rose into the heavenly realm for us, and now sympathizes with us in our frailty. He understands humanity, for as a Man, our magnificent King-Priest was tempted in every way just as we are, and conquered sin.

So now we come freely and boldly to where love is enthroned, to receive mercy's kiss and discover the grace we urgently need to strengthen us in our time of weakness.

Jesus was tempted in every way that we are. But Daddy God's grace was with Him so that He would overcome every temptation and show us that we too may overcome temptation in this earth realm. You have the right to enter Daddy God's throne room and receive the grace you need—all because of Jesus' role as our Kingly-Priest.

Jesus did not need to overcome sin for Himself. He overcame it for you and me. His victory is ours! And now the victory He lives through you is being released into the world. The world needs the grace that is on your life. *Amazing grace!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 29

Expressions

Galatians 5:22-25 (The Passion Translation)

The fruit produced by Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions: joy that overflows, peace that subdues, patience that endures, kindness in action, a life full of virtue, faith that prevails, gentleness of heart, and strength of spirit. Never set the law above these qualities, for they are meant to be limitless.

Keep in mind that we who belong to Jesus, the Anointed One, have already experienced crucifixion. For everything connected with our self-life was put to death on the cross and crucified with Messiah. We must live in Holy Spirit and follow after Him. So may we never be arrogant, or look down on another, for each of us is an original. We must forsake all jealousy that diminishes the value of others.

There are many emotions in our lives, sometimes many different ones in a day. Love is our most valuable emotion, one that is shown in so many ways. The by-products of love—the fruit of the Spirit—become our most valuable weapons in the battles of life. How do we use fruit in the battle? By understanding that our power lies in love and the fruit of the Spirit is love manifest in varied expressions. When we bear the fruit of the Spirit, we are releasing the most powerful weapons on the planet.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 30

Abide

John 15:7-8 (The Mirror Bible)

My words find voice in you. With your abiding in Me and My words abiding in you a conversation is inspired where you will request that which arises in your desire from our union and it shall come to pass for you! These union-inspired desires bear the very fruit that endorses the Father's glory! This is where true discipleship is born.

"Abide" is a word we don't use much, but has a strong meaning. It means "to dwell or live with, or to continue without fading or being lost." This puts Jesus' words "I will never leave or forsake you" into greater perspective. Holy Spirit came to abide with us forever. We are the dwelling place of the Creator of all things. Now that's some good news!

Today, you abide in Christ. Even when you feel evicted and excluded from the Father's house you are still at home in Him. The feeling of being lost is just that—a feeling! And it is a lie. So live today like you live in Daddy's house. *Because you do.*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

OCTOBER 31

Reflection

John 14:6-7 (The Passion Translation)

Jesus explained, "I am the Way, I am the Truth, and I am the Life. No one comes next to the Father except through union with me. To know me is to know my Father too. And from now on you will realize that you have seen Him and experienced Him."

I wonder how many of us realize that we look like Jesus? Once we give our lives back to Christ we become a mirror-image of Him. Yes, it can be a humbling, hard pill to swallow, but it's true. Father, Son and Holy Spirit came to make their home in us. We are Their reflection on earth.

Stand in front of the mirror. Look steadily at yourself for a moment. How many lies have you told yourself about how unattractive you are? Maybe others have said the same. But it's a lie. You are a reflection of the triune God. You were created to manifest His glory to the world. The "ugly" lie the enemy told you is designed to make you self-conscious and afraid to shine.

Say this: I am God's reflection. I am filled with the glory of God. I have beauty shining from me that comes from the Spirit of God within me. Everywhere I go today I will reflect the image and glory of God. My smile will light up every room. *I am royalty!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 1

Follow

John 6:66-69 (The Passion Translation)

And so from that time on many of the disciples turned their backs on Jesus and refused to be associated with Him. So Jesus said to His twelve, "And you—do you also want to leave?" Peter spoke up and said, "But Lord, where would we go? No one but you gives us the revelation of eternal life. We're fully convinced that you are the Anointed One, the Son of the Living God, and we believe in You!"

It never ceases to amaze me that so many people still didn't believe in Christ even after seeing Him do so many miracles. It's no different today. We have seen many leave the faith. Yet the Christian life isn't just about the signs, wonders and miracles—it's about following Christ and returning heaven to earth. It's about spreading the Kingdom of God throughout the earth.

Don't hide your faith in religion or religious activities. Use your life to reveal who Christ is so others may follow Christ along with you. This is what we are called to do. Let your conviction that Jesus is the Son of God compel you to live for the higher purpose of the Kingdom. As you follow Him, others will follow you. And together we will follow all the way home.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 2

Completion

Luke 4:18-19, 21 (The Passion Translation)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, and He has anointed Me to be hope for the poor, freedom for the brokenhearted, and new eyes for the blind, and to preach to prisoners, 'You are set free!' I have come to share the message of Jubilee, for the time of God's great acceptance has begun." Then He added, "These Scriptures came true today in front of you."

Jesus not only fulfilled the scriptures from Isaiah, but He showed us how to live them out in our own lives. The same Spirit that was upon Him now resides in the followers of Christ. By no means has the work of the Kingdom been completed, but Jesus started it and now His people will complete it.

Are you ready to complete what Jesus started? Of course, we complete His task with Him living in us. We are never alone. But we must never believe that we are simply waiting for Jesus to return and do the work for us. No, He plans to finish the work with us, in us and through us.

Let's get started today.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 3

Grace

Romans 5:20-21 (The Message Bible)

All that passing laws against sin did was produce more lawbreakers. But sin didn't, and doesn't, have a chance in competition with the aggressive forgiveness we call grace. When it's sin versus grace, grace wins hands down. All sin can do is threaten us with death, and that's the end of it. Grace, because God is putting everything together again through the Messiah, invites us into life—a life that goes on and on and on, world without end.

Grace carries the power to overcome all things. Law is a fence that restrains us, but grace is an open prairie that releases us. Grace helps us to serve Daddy God and others. We must invite the grace-giver into all areas of our life.

Have you ever struggled with sin? Most likely it was because you were trained to think that you had to work hard at keeping rules and that's how sin would be defeated in your life. But that's not true at all. Sin was already defeated at the cross—in fact, before the foundation of the world.

You will *be* an overcomer when you realize the truth that you *are* an overcomer. Grace is the free gift of salvation that we received in Christ. *Receive more grace today!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 4

Unity

Romans 15:4-6 (The Voice Bible)

You see, everything written in the days of old was recorded to give us instructions for living. We find encouragement through the Scriptures and a call to perseverance that will produce hopeful living.

I pray that our God, who calls you and gives you perseverance and encouragement, will join all of you together to share one mind according to Jesus the Anointed. In this unity, you will share one voice as you glorify the one True God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, our Liberating King.

One of the signs for Jesus' return will be unity in His bride. Our prayers are that all would come to a unity in Holy Spirit. More than ever we must press on toward unity in Christ!

Take a moment to ask Holy Spirit how you can help bring unity to the Church and to your community. Do you know of situations where people are tragically divided? Pray over them. Intercede with strong compassion for them. Declare with boldness that the Spirit of unity is being released over them right now. Unity doesn't come automatically—we must be intentional and "diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit" (Ephesians 4:3 NASB)

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 5

Recognize

John 1:10-14 (The Passion Translation)

He entered into the very world He created, yet the world was unaware. He came to the very people He created—to those who should have recognized Him, but they did not receive Him. But those who embraced Him and took hold of His name were given authority to become the children of God!

He was not born by the joining of human parents or from natural means, or by a man's desire, but He was born of God. And so the Living Expression became a man and lived among us! And we gazed upon the splendor of His glory, the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father overflowing with tender mercy and truth!

Jesus is still among His people—and they still don't recognize who He is. This sad fact becomes more obvious as we approach the end of the year and the holiday season begins. We will soon celebrate His birth as a baby, but we must learn to recognize Him for who He truly is: the Savior and Lord of our lives.

One of the ways the revelation of Christ's true identity is released is through you and me. When we celebrate boldly who He really is and live our lives in imitation of His goodness, others see Christ in us and their eyes are opened to who He really is.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 6

Kingdom

Mark 1:15-17 (The Passion Translation)

His message was this: "At last the fulfillment of the age has come! It is time for the realm of God's kingdom to be experienced in its fullness! Turn your lives back to God and put your trust in the hope-filled gospel!" As Jesus was walking along the shore of Lake Galilee, He noticed two brothers fishing: Simon and Andrew. He watched them as they were casting their nets into the sea and said to them, "Come follow Me and I will transform you into men who catch people instead of fish!"

Jesus came preaching the gospel of the Kingdom. Many times we get the good news confused with salvation and going to heaven, but these are byproducts of the Kingdom of God. Heaven is a destination, but the Kingdom is our mission. "Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven!" Let's demonstrate the Kingdom now and see Daddy God's mission fulfilled.

You are a kingly priest. Stand now like a king surveying his or her domain and stretch your hands out over your "metron" (your assigned area of influence)—your family, work and community. Pray with authority over them. Release the gospel of the Kingdom. Then go out into your metron and manifest the Kingdom through love.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 7

Thoughts

Philippians 4:6-8 (The Passion Translation)

Don't be pulled in different directions or worried about a thing. Be saturated in prayer throughout each day, offering your faith-filled requests before God with overflowing gratitude. Tell Him every detail of your life, then God's wonderful peace that transcends human understanding, will make the answers known to you through Jesus Christ.

So keep your thoughts continually fixed on all that is authentic and real, honorable and admirable, beautiful and respectful, pure and holy, merciful and kind. And fasten your thoughts on every glorious work of God, praising Him always.

Our thoughts can create blessings or curses. The old saying is so true, "Whatever you feed will grow the biggest." This is particularly true about our thoughts. So, as Paul says, direct your thoughts on whatever is of the Kingdom of God. And watch how your actions and life will change.

Lay your hand on your head. Pray over your own mind. Release the mind of Christ into your mind. Visualize the peace of God bubbling up in you like a fountain filling a pool. Let His love wash over you. Then carry that fountain out into the world so others may be refreshed by His love.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 8

Hope

Hebrews 6:18-20 (The Voice Bible)

God has given us two unchanging things: His promise and His oath. These prove that it is impossible for God to lie. As a result, we who come to God for refuge might be encouraged to seize that hope that is set before us.

That hope is real and true, an anchor to steady our restless souls, a hope that leads us back behind the curtain to where God is (as the high priests did in the days when reconciliation flowed from sacrifices in the temple) and back into the place where Jesus, who went ahead on our behalf, has entered since He has become a High Priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.

It's not time to give up! It's time to strengthen ourselves in Daddy God's promises. His promises become our anchor in any storm simply by knowing that Christ is with us and will steady our way. Just as Christ was with Peter when he walked on water, He will be with you through your troubles. Put your anchor of hope out and put your trust in Christ.

What are you hoping for today? Our hope must be more than a vague wish for positive outcomes. Our hope must specific and spoken. Take the time right now put your hopes into words. Decree and declare your hope!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 9

Today

Matthew 6:30-34 (The Message Bible)

"If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don't you think He'll attend to you, take pride in you, do His best for you? What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving. People who don't know God and the way He works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how He works.

Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes."

We get so caught up in the "what if's" of life that we lose out on today. We worry about tomorrow more than the tasks of today. If we can't show His love for us and others today, chances are we won't show it tomorrow. While today is still today, receive His promises—then share them with someone.

Take the time right now to focus on *right now.*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 10

Voices

Galatians 5:2-3 (The Voice Bible)

The Holy Spirit produces a different kind of fruit: unconditional love, joy, peace, patience, kindheartedness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. You won't find any law opposed to fruit like this.

Let me propose that each fruit of the flesh or the Spirit has a voice. These voices have been speaking since the beginning of the universe. The voices of the flesh tell us to be envious, jealous and more. But the the voice of Holy Spirit is goodness, kindness, hope, joy and love.

Sometimes the voice of the flesh seems to be our friend. Listen closely to discern the voice to which you are listening. Holy Spirit will lead you into all truth. Don't allow the voices of the flesh or the world to drown out the voice of love.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 11

Complete

Colossians 2:9-11 (The Passion Translation)

For He is the complete fullness of deity living in human form. And our own completeness is now found in Him. We are completely filled with God as Christ's fullness overflows within us. He is the Head of every kingdom and authority in the universe! Through our union with Him we have experienced circumcision of heart. All of the guilt and power of sin has been cut away and is now extinct because of what Christ, the Anointed One, has accomplished for us.

Christ made the way for our complete reconciliation with Daddy God. Not only our completeness in Him but also the complete forgiveness of all things outside of the Kingdom of God. All we need has been paid for. Accept it and walk in the complete authority Christ paid for.

Ask Holy Spirit to reveal your completeness in Christ. We waste time reaching for what we already have. When we feel incomplete, we partner with a lie. Stand strong today and visualize yourself completely *complete,* lacking nothing that you need.

Now take that completeness into the world around you. *Serve in love!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 12

Love

John 3:16-18 (The Message Bible)

"This is how much God loved the world: He gave His Son, His one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in Him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending His Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again."

"Anyone who trusts in Him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust Him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person's failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to Him."

Daddy God loves His creation so much that He allowed His Son to come and make the world right. Not by rules, manipulation or domination, but by love. An everlasting love!

God so loved the world so much that He gave His Son. God also loved the world so much that He gave *you.* Because you are in Christ and Christ is in you, you have been sent into the world to release Daddy God's love. You are called to love without "point[ing] an accusing finger" and "telling the world how bad it [is]." *Just love!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 13

Come

Revelation 22:16-17 (The Passion Translation)

"I, Jesus, sent my angel to you to give you this testimony to share with the congregations. I am the bright Morning Star, both David's spiritual root and his descendant."

"Come," says the Holy Spirit and the Bride in divine duet. Let everyone who hears this duet join them in saying, "Come." Let everyone gripped with spiritual thirst say, "Come." And let everyone who craves the gift of living water come and drink it freely. "It is my gift to you! Come."

Jesus came inviting us to come. That's all He requires—just come. In Matthew 11:28 Jesus said, "Come all who are weary and I'll give you rest." In other places He said, "Come follow me." Now Holy Spirit is calling out, "Come!" It's time that we as the Bride join the chorus and say, "Come!" Won't you join us in this song?

Stand still for a moment in prayer. Let your mind wander around the people in your circle, your family, friends and acquaintances. Who do you know that needs to come to Christ? Take a moment to allow their names and faces to rise up before you. Now send out an invitation by the Spirit. Commission holy angels to visit them. Ask Holy Spirit to draw them. Use the authority you have been given in your metron to summon them. Say, "*Come!*"

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 14

Source

Ephesians 3:16-19 (The Mirror Bible)

I desire for you to realize what the Father has always envisaged for you, so that you may know the magnitude of His intent and be dynamically reinforced in your inner being by the Spirit of God. This will ignite your faith to fully grasp the reality of the indwelling Christ.

You are rooted and founded in love. Love is your invisible inner source, just like the root system of a tree and the foundation of a building. Love is your reservoir of super human strength which causes you to see everyone equally sanctified in the context of the limitless extent of love's breadth and length and the extremities of its dimensions in depth and height.

I desire for you to become intimately acquainted with the love of Christ on the deepest possible level; far beyond the reach of a mere academic, intellectual grasp. Within the scope of this equation God finds the ultimate expression of their image and likeness in you.

I join Paul in the hope that your love for Christ will grow beyond anything you desire. Christ's love dwells in you. Love is our inner *source.* But we must let love out! Pray now for love to flow out of you today. Love will change our world.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 15

Imitate

John 14:11-14 (The Voice Bible)

"Accept these truths: I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me. If you have trouble believing based on My words, believe because of the things I have done. I tell you the truth: whoever believes in Me will be able to do what I have done, but they will do even greater things, because I will return to be with the Father.

Whatever you ask for in My name, I will do it so that the Father will get glory from the Son. Let Me say it again: if you ask for anything in My name, I will do it!"

When we understand who Christ is in us, then we will ask and do things in the same manner He did. He watched what Daddy God was doing and then did it. *Jesus imitated His Father!* You and I have the same ability today. Look to what Daddy God is doing and adjust your ways to His.

What do you see God doing today? Ask Him to show you. Most of the time we don't see what Daddy God is doing because we don't take the time to ask. So ask. And then wait until you hear His voice. Then ask Holy Spirit to help you do what Daddy God is doing. *Divine imitation!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 16

Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (The Voice Bible)

Therefore, if anyone is united with the Anointed One, that person is a new creation. The old life is gone—and see—a new life has begun! All of this is a gift from our Creator God, who has pursued us and brought us into a restored and healthy relationship with Him through the Anointed. And He has given us the same mission, the ministry of reconciliation, to bring others back to Him.

When Christ becomes the center of our lives, we are made new and we are given the ministry of reconciliation. This means we now help others to be made new and find their mission.

Take a minute to imagine with Holy Spirit what the "ministry of reconciliation" could look like in your life today. Is there someone in your world that immediately comes to mind? Ask Holy Spirit to give you an opportunity to love them today. The ministry of reconciliation is a ministry of divine love—showing people what the love of God looks like.

The ministry of reconciliation is your mission today.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 17

Encourage

Hebrews 10:24-25 (The Passion Translation)

Discover creative ways to encourage others and to motivate them toward acts of compassion, doing beautiful works as expressions of love. This is not the time to pull away and neglect meeting together, as some have formed the habit of doing, because we need each other! In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage and urge each other onward as we anticipate that day dawning.

We have recently come through an unprecedented period in history. People everywhere became scared to leave home or even gather together. Since the global quarantine happened it's even more important to reach out to others.

There are many creative ways to stay connected with each other: email, texts, FaceTime, Zoom or even old school cards in the mail. Ask Holy Spirit whom you should encourage today. We are all in this together!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 18

Kingdom

Matthew 11:11-12 (The Passion Translation)

"For I tell you the truth, throughout history there has never been a man who surpasses John the Baptizer. Yet the least of those who now experience heaven's kingdom realm will become even greater than he. From the moment John stepped onto the scene until now, the realm of heaven's kingdom is bursting forth, and passionate people have taken hold of its power."

The Kingdom of God is stronger than ever on earth. Jesus told us that John the Baptist was the greatest voice on earth, but now the least person in the Kingdom of God is greater than John. That means you and me! Let the Kingdom shine through you in all you do.

The Kingdom is counterintuitive. Some have called it "the upside-down Kingdom." This means that the strength of the Kingdom is found in what appears to be insignificant people. The so-called "nobodies" of the world are the ones that Daddy God delights to use.

Do you feel like a "nobody" today? Great! You are exactly the one Daddy God is looking for. Of course, you are *not* a nobody—you are *somebody* in Christ!—but feeling insignificant just makes you a great candidate for upside-down Kingdom power. *Release the Kingdom!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 19

Wisdom

1 Corinthians 2:8-10 (The Voice Bible)

This wisdom has not been grasped by the ruling powers of this age; if they had understood, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory. But as the Scriptures say, No eye has ever seen and no ear has ever heard and it has never occurred to the human heart all the things God prepared for those who love Him. God has shown us these profound and startling realities through His Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep mysteries of God.

Even though Daddy God has revealed Himself in mighty ways, our world today still rejects the wisdom Jesus came to share. The same spirit that crucified Christ still tries to rule our world. Holy Spirit came and stayed to impart wisdom into us. All we have to do is receive it.

God shows us "profound and startling realities through His Spirit." Wisdom is like a prepaid gift card that you have been given—it is already loaded with the value needed. As you go through the day today and face difficult situations, just swipe your wisdom card.

All the wisdom you need is inside you if you will just take the time to draw it to the surface by the Spirit. Don't rush through challenging circumstances. Take time to let wisdom rise.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 20

Example

Philippians 2:5-9 (The Passion Translation)

Consider the example that Jesus, the Anointed One, has set before us. Let His mindset become your motivation. He existed in the form of God, yet He gave no thought to seizing equality with God as His supreme prize. Instead He emptied Himself of His outward glory by reducing Himself to the form of a lowly servant. He became human!

He humbled Himself and became vulnerable, choosing to be revealed as a man and was obedient. He was a perfect example, even in His death—a criminal's death by crucifixion! Because of that obedience, God exalted Him and multiplied His greatness! He has now been given the greatest of all names!

Jesus became a man so we would have an example to follow. Many times He told others to follow Him. He even told people to go and sin no more. His example shows us that we can live a life that is an example of His.

Stop for a moment and think about it. Meditate on this: what area of your life today could better manifest the example of Jesus? In what way could you be more like Him? Ask Holy Spirit to blow your mind with the possibilities! Ask Holy Spirit to turn your focus on an area of growth within you that is *ripe*, ready to harvest today.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 21

Past

Philippians 3:12-13 (The Passion Translation)

I admit that I haven't yet acquired the absolute fullness that I'm pursuing, but I run with passion into His abundance so that I may reach the purpose that Jesus Christ has called me to fulfill and wants me to discover. I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this; however I do have one compelling focus: I forget all of the past as I fasten my heart to the future instead.

Remembering the past and focusing on the past are two different things. We must look to the future and let it be our driving force. We must not allow yesterday to rule today. We have been made new, so our past isn't truly you and me.

There used to be a cartoon that had a line in its theme song, "George of the jungle, look out for that tree!" Luke 9:62 tells us that anyone who puts his hand to the plow and looks back isn't fit for the Kingdom. Let's keep our eyes on Jesus so we can see the trees coming!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 22

Thankful

Psalm 100 (The Passion Translation)

Lift up a great shout of joy to the Lord! Go ahead and do it—everyone, everywhere! As you serve Him, be glad and worship Him. Sing your way into His presence with joy! And realize what this really means—we have the privilege of worshiping the Lord our God. For He is our Creator and we belong to Him. We are the people of His pleasure.

You can pass through His open gates with the password of praise. Come right into His presence with thanksgiving. Come bring your thank offering to Him and affectionately bless His beautiful name! For the Lord is always good and ready to receive you. He's so loving that it will amaze you—so kind that it will astound you! And He is famous for His faithfulness toward all. Everyone knows our God can be trusted, for He keeps his promises to every generation!"

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving let us remember to be thankful in all we do. The holiday season sometimes brings stress that we generally don't have. Let's not grow weary in doing good. Being thankful comes from the heart, not our feelings.

So many people do gratitude and thankfulness challenges during November. Are you doing one? If not, what do you think about starting it today? *Let's be thankful!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 23

Ate

Mark 14:22-26 (The Passion Translation)

As they ate, Jesus took the bread and blessed it, tore it, and gave it to His disciples. He said to them, "Receive this; it is My body." Then taking the cup of wine and giving praises to the Father, He declared the new covenant with them. And as each one drank from the cup, He said to them, "This is my blood, which seals the new covenant poured out for many. I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the day comes when we drink it together in the kingdom realm of my Father." Then they sang a psalm and afterwards left for the Mount of Olives.

These are days of thankfulness. As you spend time with loved ones and others, remember the meal Jesus had with His closest friends. It not only is a sign of the New Covenant but also a reminder of the promise that He will return. Include Jesus in your celebrations through this season.

Take a moment to send out thankfulness messages to your family and friends. Post thankful memes and messages on social media. Text co-workers with encouraging words. Season your conversation with gratitude. Make your words a pleasant meal that others will enjoy. *Be thankful!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving

Psalm 100 (The Voice Bible)

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You can pass through His open gates with the password of praise. Come right into His presence with Thanksgiving. Come bring your thank offering to Him and affectionately bless His beautiful name! For the Lord is always good and ready to receive you. He's so loving that it will amaze you—so kind that it will astound you! And He is famous for His faithfulness toward all. Everyone knows our God can be trusted, for He keeps His promises to every generation!

Let's focus on this powerful Psalm of thanksgiving again. With all that the world has experienced recently with global shutdowns, holidays have been quite different for so many. But we can still be thankful for all Daddy has done. We can focus on all the bad or turn our efforts to Daddy with thanksgiving. Will you give thanks today?

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 25

Fight

Ephesians 6:11-13 (The Passion Translation)

Put on God's complete set of armor provided for us, so that you will be protected as you fight against the evil strategies of the accuser! Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of demon-gods and evil spirits that hold this dark world in bondage.

Because of this, you must wear all the armor that God provides so you're protected as you confront the slanderer, for you are destined for all things and will rise victorious.

We not only have an outer suit to protect us, we also have Holy Spirit in us. (1 John 4:4) Yes, we have to fight from time to time, but the struggle only shows those who don't know Christ yet that we win!

Are you standing firm in the middle of the battle? Are you weary? Do not be discouraged. Holy Spirit is coming *right now* to strengthen you. Take a deep breath in the Spirit and let Him strengthen you. You are not fighting alone. He fights for you. And the victory is already won!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 26

Patient

Psalm 145:7-9 (The Passion Translation)

Our hearts bubble over as we celebrate the fame of your marvelous beauty, bringing bliss to our hearts. We shout with ecstatic joy over your breakthrough for us.

You're kind and tenderhearted to those who don't deserve it and very patient with people who fail you. Your love is like a flooding river overflowing its banks with kindness.

God, everyone sees your goodness, for your tender love is blended into everything you do.

Daddy God is not only patient with us but has everlasting mercy. Paul talks about it in Romans 12. So many times we really don't deserve His love, mercies or patient kindness, but Christ came and paid for the things we didn't deserve. He declared that we *do* deserve His love and patient mercies. And He calls us to extend that same patience to those around us.

Stand still for a moment. Soak in His love. Don't get in a hurry. All your busyness can wait. A life soaked in His love is more productive anyway. All the things clamoring for your attention will get done. But for now just rest in His love. Be patient in His love and you will be more patient in the rest of your life. The world deserves patient people!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 27

Yes

2 Corinthians 1:20-22 (The Passion Translation)

For all of God's promises find their "yes" of fulfillment in Him. And as His "yes" and our "amen" ascend to God, we bring Him glory! Now, it is God Himself who has anointed us. And He is constantly strengthening both you and us in union with Christ. He knows we are His since He has also stamped His seal of love over our hearts and has given us Holy Spirit like an engagement ring is given to a bride—a down payment of the blessings to come!

Do you ever question if the promises in the Bible are for you? Daddy God says, "Yes!" They are all yours. Jesus came and was not only the payment for our debts but was also the guide to walk in Daddy God's promises. Holy Spirit came and made you a dwelling place for all of the promises. You are extremely loved!

Stop. Do not rush into your day. Wait in His presence for a moment. Listen for His voice. Do you hear His "yes" for you today? Don't move until you hear His whisper. He is fierce for you. He is driving back the "no's" of your adversary, the liar who tricks you into forfeiting the promises Daddy God gave you. *Daddy says yes!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 28

Heirs

Titus 3:7-8 (The Voice Bible)

All of this happened so that through His grace we would be accepted into God's covenant family and appointed to be His heirs, full of the hope that comes from knowing you have eternal life. This is a faithful statement of what we believe. Concerning this, I want you to put it out there boldly so that those who believe in God will be constant in doing the right things, which will benefit all of us.

We have become heirs with Christ in the Kingdom of God. Christ gave up everything so we would become one with Him. He designated us as His heirs so we could bring heaven to earth.

What will you inherit today? Too many Christians believe that their Kingdom inheritance lies on the other side of the Second Coming. But Christ has released the "earnest" of our inheritance *now.* There is no need to live in spiritual and physical poverty when we are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ.

Ask Holy Spirit for your inheritance today. What do you need? Be specific. Ask for it! Why should an heir live with lack? You are a child of the King! Live like it.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 29

Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (The Voice Bible)

All of Scripture is God-breathed; in its inspired voice, we hear useful teaching, rebuke, correction, instruction, and training for a life that is right so that God's people may be up to the task ahead and have all they need to accomplish every good work.

I've heard and even said that the Bible is our manufacturer's handbook. It is that, for sure, but so much more. The Bible is alive, words breathed by Holy Spirit. To not only guide us but to correct our path, to encourage us and to strengthen us. Scripture even gives us instructions on things that don't work, examples of walking the wrong way. Listen to what you read in the Scriptures.

Do you have a favorite passage? Or possibly a passage that Holy Spirit has been playing on repeat in your mind for a few days? Take a minute to meditate on that scripture. Soak in the words of life. Ask Holy Spirit to explain layers of meaning that you haven't considered before. Ask Him to peel it back like juicy segments of delicious fruit.

Then take that word with you into the real world. People need a word from the Lord today like never before. *You carry that word!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

NOVEMBER 30

Plan

2 Timothy 1:9-10 (The Voice Bible)

God has already saved us and called us to this holy calling—not because of any good works we may have done, but because of His own intention and because eons and eons ago (before time itself existed), He gave us this grace in Jesus the Anointed, the Liberating King.

And now, the time has come! That grace was revealed when our Savior, Jesus the Anointed, appeared; and through His resurrection He has wiped out death and brought to light life and immortality by way of this good news.

Even before time began Daddy God had a plan. In His plan, He had you and me in mind. Jesus came and fulfilled the plan with His life. His plan is a gift and all we have to do is accept it. Even when we reject His plan it's still available to us. A gift is a gift—won't you accept yours?

Then ask Holy Spirit how you can bring a gift—even *be* a gift!—to those around you today. You receiving God's gifts and then sharing them with others is God's plan. He has no other plan for saving the world. *You are God's plan!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 1

Gift

Ephesians 2:8-10 (The Voice Bible)

For it's by God's grace that you have been saved. You receive it through faith. It was not our plan or our effort. It is God's gift, pure and simple. You didn't earn it, not one of us did, so don't go around bragging that you must have done something amazing.

For we are the product of His hand, heaven's poetry etched on lives, created in the Anointed, Jesus, to accomplish the good works God arranged long ago.

Our salvation is purely a gift from Daddy God. Religion has tried to make it something we have to earn or something we have to do. But a gift isn't paid for—*it's free!* Go ahead and open it up. It's yours. Then we get to help others discover their gift.

We are in the holiday season where people focus on gifts for others. That's a good thing. But the greatest gifts we can bring are not things we can buy in a store or online. The greatest gifts are *grace-gifts*, the gifts that flow from free salvation purchased for us by Christ Jesus.

Looking for a gift for the difficult-to-buy-for-person in your life? Give them grace! Release the gifts of God in their life through prayers for them and the love you show.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 2

Robe

Colossians 3:12-14 (The Passion Translation)

You are always and dearly loved by God! So robe yourself with virtues of God, since you have been divinely chosen to be holy. Be merciful as you endeavor to understand others, and be compassionate, showing kindness toward all.

Be gentle and humble, unoffendable in your patience with others. Tolerate the weaknesses of those in the family of faith, forgiving one another in the same way you have been graciously forgiven by Jesus Christ.

If you find fault with someone, release this same gift of forgiveness to them. For love is supreme and must flow through each of these virtues. Love becomes the mark of true maturity.

We often talk about putting on the armor or God, but what about putting on a robe of love? Love is our best defense against the wickedness of our current culture. Love always wins! Put on Daddy God's robe and let's change the world together.

What will you wear today? I don't mean the sweater or the shoes you put on this morning. I mean what virtues, what characteristics, what traits will you put on? Look back at the wardrobe Paul describes and *get dressed!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 3

Rest

Matthew 11:27-30 (The Voice Bible)

Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Put My yoke upon your shoulders—it might appear heavy at first, but it is perfectly fitted to your curves. Learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. When you are yoked to Me, your weary souls will find rest. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

In the middle of everyday struggles there is a place of rest into which we can enter. It's not weakness to rely upon the rest Christ provided. In fact, at some point in our journey of life all will come to Jesus. He says to put on His yoke of rest. Today would be a great day to enter into His rest.

Over and over as we've spent this year together taking our *The Daily Vitamin,* I've suggested that you take a moment to rest. Hopefully, we are learning to integrate rest into our daily, weekly and monthly rhythm.

So, once again, pause for a moment to rest in His presence. Starting the day with rest ingrains the habit so that we can rest in the middle of challenging circumstances that arise later in the day. Be sure to share your spirit of rest with the people around you. We all need rest!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 4

Faith

James 2:17-19 (The Mirror Bible)

It is clear then that without corresponding acts of kindness, faith on its own is fake. Faith is not in competition with works; the one cannot operate without the other. Faith remains invisible without action; indeed the only way to communicate faith is in doing the things prompted and inspired by faith.

Congratulations! So you believe in one God; so do demons; however, their belief in God doesn't change them it just gives them the shivers. Hey man, if you have nothing to show for your faith your faith is meaningless; it remains a dead doctrine.

James tells us to have authentic faith. Authentic faith produces works that can be seen. In reality, *faith-and-works* work together to perfect our beliefs. Put your faith to work by finding what Daddy God is doing, by adjusting to Him and joining Him in it. Then others will see and believe.

What do you believe God will do? What promises have you received? Stand now on firm faith and declare, "It is done!" Then ask Holy Spirit what actions you can take *now* to partner with the promise and put your faith into action. Do whatever Holy Spirit says. *Faith works!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 5

Peace

John 14:26-27 (The Passion Translation)

"When the Father sends the Spirit of Holiness, the One like Me who sets you free, He will teach you all things in My name. And He will inspire you to remember every word that I've told you. I leave the gift of peace with you—My peace. Not the kind of fragile peace given by the world, but My perfect peace. Don't yield to fear or be troubled in your hearts—instead, be courageous!"

Daddy God sent Holy Spirit to help, guide, teach and remind us of all the things Jesus taught. Jesus left with us a gift called peace. And not just any peace, but a peace that the world systems will never understand. A peace that will even at times be unexplainable and beyond even our own comprehension.

Do you need peace in a specific area? Ask Holy Spirit to help you find it. Peace is your inheritance in Christ. You have a right to request it! Too often we live with confusion and chaos because we do not know that peace belongs to us. Peace is a gift given to you by King Jesus. Claim your gift now. Then give that gift away. Share your peace with others—particularly with difficult people. *Give them a peace of your mind!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 6

Favor

Luke 2:51-52 (The Voice Bible)

Jesus went back to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. His mother continued to store these memories like treasures in her heart. And Jesus kept on growing—in wisdom, in physical stature, in favor with God, and in favor with others.

Though Jesus is God, yet as a man He was no different than us. He had to grow up and be obedient not only to His Heavenly Father but also to His earthly parents. In doing so He grew in favor and wisdom in both the spiritual world and the physical world. He's our example of how to live in favor. It starts with obedience. Where do you need more favor? Maybe you need to correct some things so you can grow in wisdom and favor.

Stand still with hands outstretched in front of you. Visualize the favor of God being poured over you like warm oil—soothing, cleansing, healing. Now stretch your hands upward and receive wisdom like rain falling down. Let the favor and wisdom of God wash over you. Now ask Holy Spirit how you can best steward what you have received by grace so that you may *grow in favor and wisdom.* Your obedience will increase what you have received. Obedience is simply partnering with God in alignment. *Just do what you see Him do!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 7

Veil

2 Corinthians 3:18 (The Passion Translation)

We can all draw close to Him with the veil removed from our faces. And with no veil we all become like mirrors who brightly reflect the glory of the Lord Jesus. We are being transfigured into His very image as we move from one brighter level of glory to another. And this glorious transfiguration comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Jesus removed the veil that separated us from Father, Son and Spirit. We were made in Their image, but sin separated us from Them until the day Christ paid for our separation with His very own blood. Receiving His payment brings us back into full fellowship with Them. Then the glory that is in you shines and reveals Their love to our world.

Let's do a prophetic act. Find a piece of paper that you can place over your face like a veil. Now ask Holy Spirit to show you the lies you've believed that have blocked your revelation of the Triune God. Listen quietly until He speaks. Write on the paper the lies that are blocking your view of Them. Then cross those lies out one by one in the name of Jesus and write over each one the truth that replaces the lie. Now rip the paper in half and declare, "*The veil is gone!*" You will live today in a new revelation.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 8

Fear

Psalm 23:4-6 (The Passion Translation)

Lord, even when your path takes me through the valley of deepest darkness, fear will never conquer me, for You already have! You remain close to me and lead me through it all the way. Your authority is my strength and my peace. The comfort of Your love takes away my fear. I'll never be lonely, for you are near.

You become my delicious feast even when my enemies dare to fight. You anoint me with the fragrance of your Holy Spirit; you give me all I can drink of you until my heart overflows.

So why would I fear the future? For your goodness and love pursue me all the days of my life. Then afterward, when my life is through, I'll return to your glorious presence to be forever with you!

The question is why should we trust our fears about our future? Does fear tell the truth? I don't think so! Fear is a liar. Daddy God is with us through all the junk of life. His "goodness and love pursue [us] all the days of [our lives]." *Did you see that?* Daddy God is chasing you down with goodness and love! So why should you fear anything you face? It is time to send fear out the door!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 9

Thoughts

Philippians 4:6-8 (The Passion Translation)

Don't be pulled in different directions or worried about a thing. Be saturated in prayer throughout each day, offering your faith-filled requests before God with overflowing gratitude. Tell him every detail of your life, then God's wonderful peace that transcends human understanding, will make the answers known to you through Jesus Christ.

So keep your thoughts continually fixed on all that is authentic and real, honorable and admirable, beautiful and respectful, pure and holy, merciful and kind. And fasten your thoughts on every glorious work of God, praising to Him always.

Our thoughts have way more power than we realize. Our thoughts can raise our blood pressure, maybe even give us stomachache. Or they can bring joy, peace, love and so much more. Let me ask: what are you thinking about?

Take a minute to think about your thoughts. Too often we develop negative mindsets simply because we don't consciously examine how we think. We just think on "autopilot." Our minds *wander*. So we must intentionally and deliberately *fix* our minds on right thinking. Throughout the day today, *think about your thoughts.* Ask Holy Spirit to help you think right.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 10

Forget

Philippians 3:12-14 (The Passion Translation)

I admit that I haven't yet acquired the absolute fullness that I'm pursuing, but I run with passion into His abundance so that I may reach the purpose that Jesus Christ has called me to fulfill and wants me to discover.

I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this; however I do have one compelling focus: I forget all of the past as I fasten my heart to the future instead. I run straight for the divine invitation of reaching the heavenly goal and gaining the victory-prize through the anointing of Jesus.

Yesterday is gone. You can't change it. To continue to worry or fret about yesterday is like dragging a corpse around thinking you can change it. Repent of past wrongs, rejoice over the victories and forget them. Do this so you may run your race unhindered.

Remember to forget. Holy Spirit brings things to our mind from the past so we can address them and be healed. But once He has healed our heart, we must "forget" what we remembered. And sometimes forgetting takes time. To forget, we must remember that we have forgotten those things and put them back under the blood of Jesus each they resurface. How? By fastening your heart on the future as you forget the past today. *Remember to forget.*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 11

Jars

2 Corinthians 4:7-11 (The Passion Translation)

We are like common clay jars that carry this glorious treasure within, so that the extraordinary overflow of power will be seen as God's, not ours. Though we experience every kind of pressure, we're not crushed. At times we don't know what to do, but quitting is not an option.

We are persecuted by others, but God has not forsaken us. We may be knocked down, but not out. We continually share in the death of Jesus in our own bodies so that the resurrection life of Jesus will be revealed through our humanity. We consider living to mean that we are constantly being handed over to death for Jesus' sake so that the life of Jesus will be revealed through our humanity.

We are frail beings that can catch a common cold or a devastating sickness. We can also overcome great tragedies. Yet Christ chooses to dwell with us. We have the power to bring others into a whole life in Christ. In troubling times comfort one another with the love Christ.

Do you feel that tension between being frail and being an overcomer? Sometimes we are such a mixed up blend of weakness and strength, problems and potential. We must make the choice where we will live today—in our weakness and frailty or in the strength of Holy Spirit?

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 12

Love

1 John 4:18 (The Passion Translation)

Love never brings fear, for fear is always related to punishment. But love's perfection drives the fear of punishment far from our hearts. Whoever walks constantly afraid of punishment has not reached love's perfection. Our love for others is our grateful response to the love God first demonstrated to us.

Love never brings fear. What a powerful statement! Love never seeks punishment. Love never works through fear, judgment or manipulation. *What kind of love is this?*

This is Daddy God's love for you. His love for you has not one ounce of the fear of punishment in it. His love purifies but never punishes. Even when He chastens us it is to correct us.

Do you live in fear of punishment? It's time to allow Daddy God's love to penetrate through your fear and cast it out. Sometimes the hardness of the world around us corrupts our view of love, but today Daddy God is showing you what His love is really like. And as He does, you are empowered to show others how He loves.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 13

Wisdom

James 1:2-5 (The Passion Translation)

My fellow believers, when it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience the greatest joy that you can! For you know that when your faith is tested it stirs up power within you to endure all things. And then as your endurance grows even stronger it will release perfection into every part of your being until there is nothing missing and nothing lacking.

And if anyone longs to be wise, ask God for wisdom and He will give it! He won't see your lack of wisdom as an opportunity to scold you over your failures but He will overwhelm your failures with His generous grace.

Wisdom seems to be a lost commodity in our society even though Daddy God has promised it to us repeatedly. All we have to do is ask. When Jesus was in our realm He asked Daddy for it. How about you? When troubles come, look to Daddy God for the wisdom to walk through it.

How do we receive wisdom? Just ask! It is really tragic to live your life lacking wisdom when it is so freely given. So take a moment now and ask for wisdom. Silence the distractions of life and still your mind. Now ask. Then let His wisdom flow through you. You may not sense it at first, but you will experience wisdom in the real world.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 14

Tradition

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (The Voice Bible)

I passed on to you the tradition the Lord gave to me: On the same night the Lord Jesus was betrayed, He took the bread in His hands; and after giving thanks to God, He broke it and said, "This is My body, broken for you. Keep doing this so that you and all who come after will have a vivid reminder of Me."

After they had finished dinner, He took the cup and in the same way said, "This cup is the new covenant, executed in My blood. Keep doing this; and whenever you drink it, you and all who come after will have a vivid reminder of Me."

Every time you taste this bread and every time you place the cup to your mouths and drink, you are declaring the Lord's death, which is the ultimate expression of His faithfulness and love, until He comes again.

Has taking communion (as we call it) become mere tradition or a powerful reminder of Christ love? Sometimes we get caught up in the tradition of an act and forget the reason why we have this tradition. Take some time today and remember what Christ has done for you. If it helps, partake of the bread and cup on your own today to remind yourself of exactly why we do this.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 15

Anxiety

Psalm 46:10-11 (The Passion Translation)

Surrender your anxiety! Be silent and stop your striving and you will see that I am God. I am the God above all the nations, and I will be exalted throughout the whole earth. Here he stands! The Commander! The mighty Lord of Angel Armies is on our side! The God of Jacob fights for us! Pause in his presence.

Anxiety is a common problem in our world. We have all types of medicines, supplements and practices to relieve anxiety and stress in our lives. Daddy God had the remedy from the beginning: *give it to Him.* Then, relax and watch Him overcome your anxiety. And if that wasn't enough, Jesus came and defeated it and sent Holy Spirit to help. Lean on Them and relax.

Take a deep breath. Hold that breath for a few moments. Then slowly release your breath. Do it again, but this time compress all your anxiety into that breath and slowly breathe it out. Visualize Holy Spirit in you breathing love in and pushing fear out. When we are afraid, we usually take in a sharp breath. But God has not given you a spirit of fear, so refuse to breathe fear in. *Anxiety must go!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 16

Joy

Philippians 4:4-6 (The Mirror Bible)

Joy is not a luxury option; joy is your constant! Your union in the Lord is your permanent source of delight; so I might as well say it again, rejoice in the Lord always!

Show perfect courtesy towards all people! The Lord is not nearer to some than what He is to others!

Let no anxiety about anything distract you! Rather translate moments into prayerful worship, and soak your requests in gratitude before God!

Joy is not just a feeling—it is a choice. We can choose joy instead of sorrow. Joy is available in all things. In fact, joy is new every morning. As Paul said—and I'll say it again—*choose joy!*

In this season of joy, so many are sad. We often mask our pain so we don't spoil the holidays for others. But Daddy God wants you to be honest with Him about the pain you feel so He can give you joy that is real, not pretend joy.

Opening your heart to Him is the first choice you make when choosing joy. Then, as He heals you, you can choose joy because you are free. *Choose real joy!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 17

Live

Philippians 1:27-28 (The Voice Bible)

So here is what I want you to do: conduct yourselves as true and worthy citizens of the Anointed's gospel, so that whether I make it or don't make it to see you, I will at least hear that you continue to stand, united in one spirit, single-minded in purpose as you struggle together for the faith in the gospel.

Don't be paralyzed in any way by what your opponents are doing. Your steadfast faith in the face of opposition is a sign that they are doomed and that you have been graced with God's salvation.

And now, you have been given the privilege of not only believing in Jesus the Anointed, our Liberating King, but being chosen to suffer for Him as well.

Living our lives for Christ is not always easy, but it has the most fulfilling benefits. We not only get to live for Christ, we get to share in all aspects of life with Him. Whether in gladness or suffering count it all joy. For in the end *love wins!*

Now go share that love with the world around you. Ask Holy Spirit to let your path cross today with someone who is crying out for love. *Let's live love!*

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 18

Image

Hebrews 1:1-3 (The Passion Translation)

Throughout our history God has spoken to our ancestors by His prophets in many different ways. The revelation He gave them was only a fragment at a time, building one truth upon another. But to us living in these last days, God now speaks to us openly in the language of a Son, the appointed Heir of everything, for through Him God created the panorama of all things and all time.

The Son is the dazzling radiance of God's splendor, the exact expression of God's true nature—His mirror image! He holds the universe together and expands it by the mighty power of His spoken word. He accomplished for us the complete cleansing of sins, and then took His seat on the highest throne at the right hand of the Majestic One.

Christ is the exact image of Daddy God. He lives in you and me. He made a way for us to look just like Daddy God. The ability to walk like God, talk like God, to be His image on earth lives *in you!* Just as people say "you look like your mom, dad, brother or sister," they will say "you look just like your Father in heaven." Allow His image to shine through you.

Stand still for a moment in front of a mirror. Ask Holy Spirit to show you how you can look more like Daddy.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 19

Sacrifice

Psalm 40:5-6 (The Passion Translation)

O Lord, our God, no one can compare with You. Such wonderful works and miracles are all found with You! And You think of us all the time with Your countless expressions of love—far exceeding our expectations!

It's not sacrifices that really move Your heart. Burnt offerings, sin offerings—that's not what brings You joy. But when You open my ears and speak deeply to me, I become Your willing servant, Your prisoner of love for life.

Sacrifice is not what Daddy God wants. What moves His heart more than anything is a willing servant. He wants our living, loving obedience—an obedience that flows from faith and not from fear.

The only sacrifice that God really wants is you. Not just something that you bring in place of you. He wants *you*. He wants relationship with you. He wants intimacy with you. He wants fellowship with you.

Offer your heart to Him now. Give yourself up to His heart as a living, loving sacrifice. *All He wants is you!*

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DECEMBER 20

Giving

2 Corinthians 9:7-9 (The Passion Translation)

Let giving flow from your heart, not from a sense of religious duty. Let it spring up freely from the joy of giving—all because God loves hilarious generosity!

Yes, God is more than ready to overwhelm you with every form of grace, so that you will have more than enough of everything—every moment and in every way. He will make you overflow with abundance in every good thing you do.

Just as the Scriptures say about the one who trusts in Him: Because he has sown extravagantly and given to the poor, his kindness and generous deeds will never be forgotten.

Giving is a "get-to" not a "have-to"! Once we learn this everything we need will be supplied. It becomes part of everything we do. Giving is in our DNA—unlock the benefits by being a hilarious giver in every aspect of life.

When we think of giving we usually think of giving money. And being generous with money is a good thing. But there is so much more to giving than just money. And in this season of giving, let's ask Holy Spirit to release new, creative ways to give to others. Remember, it's a "get-to" not a "have-to"!

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DECEMBER 21

Weakness

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 (The Mirror Bible)

I almost believed this lie and even implored the Lord three times to remove the thorn from my flesh. Finally it dawned on me that grace is God's language; He doesn't speak "thorn-language"! He said to me, "My grace elevates you, to be fully content."

And now, instead of being overwhelmed with a sense of my own weakness, He overwhelms me with an awareness of His strength! Oh what bliss to rejoice in the fact that in the midst of my frailties I encounter the dynamic of the grace of God to be my habitation!

When we are weak He is strong. No matter what your trouble or troubles may be, Christ is there making you stronger when you believe. Trust in His grace to bring you through all things.

In what ways do you feel weak today? Think about it. Don't avoid the reality just because it's negative. Now focus on that weakness with this revelation: every weakness is an opportunity for God's strength to be revealed. Instead of seeing your weakness as a liability, see it as place where Daddy God displays His glory. *When you are weak, then you are strong!*

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DECEMBER 22

Pressure

2 Corinthians 4:7-10 (The Passion Translation)

We are like common clay jars that carry this glorious treasure within, so that the extraordinary overflow of power will be seen as God's, not ours. Though we experience every kind of pressure, we're not crushed. At times we don't know what to do, but quitting is not an option.

We are persecuted by others, but God has not forsaken us. We may be knocked down, but not out. We continually share in the death of Jesus in our own bodies so that the resurrection life of Jesus will be revealed through our humanity.

We have many pressures in life, but Christ is with us guiding us through them all. This way the world will see Christ's love through us and want to know Him.

Do you feel under attack, facing serious pressure that you're not sure you can handle? Just remember this: every piece of pottery goes through tremendous pressure from the hands of the potter to prepare it to carry its cargo. When you experience pressure, the divine Potter is simply preparing you for your assignment. You were born to carry a glorious treasure within. But you cannot be trusted with treasure until you have been trusted with pressure. *There's a promise in the pressure!*

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DECEMBER 23

Prayers

Luke 11:9-10 (The Passion Translation)

"So it is with your prayers. Ask and you'll receive. Seek and you'll discover. Knock on heaven's door, and it will one day open for you. Every persistent person will get what he asks for. Every persistent seeker will discover what he needs. And everyone who knocks persistently will one day find an open door."

Sometimes it seems like heaven doesn't hear or understand our need. But remember Daniel, who kept praying when the answer was delayed. His answer was sent right away, but it found resistance on the way. Another great example is the story of the lady with the sick child who kept asking until she got her answer. Here's the bottom line: some answers come straightaway and others may take awhile.

Does it seem your answers are delayed? Just remember (as Bill Johnson says), delayed answers gain interest. Keep praying until the answer comes. You are closer than you think. Don't give up! Keep asking, keep knocking, keep seeking. In the end you will receive your answer.

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DECEMBER 24

Bow

Philippians 2:10-11 (The Passion Translation)

The authority of the name of Jesus causes every knee to bow in reverence! Everything and everyone will one day submit to this name—in the heavenly realm, in the earthly realm, and in the demonic realm. And every tongue will proclaim in every language: "Jesus Christ is Lord Yahweh," bringing glory and honor to God, His Father!

It's Christmas Eve. What a beautiful day to bow our knee and worship earth's true King. Sometimes the promise that "every knee shall bow" is used as an excuse to wait until the end of time to bow before the Lord. But today is the day to bow and worship!

Life is hard. But a life lived without worship is even harder. We were born to bow, born to worship the King. But as we bow we are lifted up to sit beside Him in His throne and rule the nations with Him. We bow so we can rise. Make this Christmas season a time of unprecedented worship. As you do, His Kingdom will come to earth through you!

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Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 25

Gift

2 Peter 1:4-5 (The Mirror Bible)

This is exactly what God always had in mind for us; everyone of His abundant and priceless promises pointed to our restored participation in our godly origin! This is His gift to us! In this fellowship we have escaped the distorted influence of the corrupt cosmic virus of greed. Now the stage is set to display life's excellence. Explore the adventure of faith!

Imagine the extreme dedication and focus of a conductor of music; how he would diligently acquaint himself with every individual voice in the choir, as well as the contribution of every specific instrument, to follow the precise sound represented in every single note in order to give maximum credit to the original composition.

This is exactly what it means to exhibit the divine character. You are the choir conductor of your own life. Familiarize yourselves with every ingredient that faith unfolds! See there how elevated you are, and from within this position enlightened perspective will dawn within you.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, we can't forget "the reason for the season." He is the gift that gave it all for us. His birth made a way for His death, His death made a way for our life. Celebrate His gift of life!

Be a blessing,
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DECEMBER 26

Important

1 Corinthians 15:11-13 (The Mirror Bible)

Whether you came to faith through my preaching or someone else's is not important. What is important though is that you understand the revelation of His resurrection.

The resurrection of Christ from the dead is the theme of preaching; for some to say that He is not also raised within you is to miss the whole point of the message. If our co-resurrection is not proclaimed then the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is no longer relevant.

The important thing in our walk with Christ is to believe He is alive. And not just alive, but alive in you. It doesn't matter who you once were—it's who you are now that counts! You are one with Christ.

Take a moment to ask Holy Spirit how Jesus can come alive in you today. He is more than just an idea—He is a Person who lives within your heart! He longs to become real in your life today. His deepest passion is to know you and be known of you. And He longs to make Himself known to others through you. *This is what He longs for!*

Since He desires your heart so passionately, you don't have beg for His presence. This is the most important thing to Jesus, and He wants it to be important to you.

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DECEMBER 27

Fruit

John 15:15-16 (The Mirror Bible)

"I do not communicate with you on a slave-boss basis; slaves have no clue what their Master is about to do. I talk to you as my friends telling you everything that I have heard in my conversation and intimate association with my Father. This I explain to you in the clearest possible terms. I did not begin in you; you began in Me! I am not your idea; you are Mine!

I have strategically positioned you in order that you may abound in much fruit bearing, wherever life leads you—fruit that would ceaselessly continue this same incarnate life of union with Me! From within this place, anything you desire has already been granted you by my Father."

Think about it: you were the idea of the Creator of all things. All that He asks of you is that you would love others with the same kind of love. And in doing so you will bear fruit of all kinds that will never end.

Jesus has "strategically positioned" you so you will bear much fruit. Do you feel like you're going through circumstances that have put you in a bad position? It's time to shift your point-of-view. The position you're in is designed to maximize your fruitfulness. In other words, *you* will reap the benefit of what you're going through. Do not be discouraged. *It's the right place at the right time!*

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DECEMBER 28

Throw Off

Ephesians 4:21-24 (The Voice Bible)

If you have heard Jesus and have been taught by Him according to the truth that is in Him, then you know to take off your former way of life, your crumpled old self—that dark blot of a soul corrupted by deceitful desire and lust—to take a fresh breath and to let God renew your attitude and spirit. Then you are ready to put on your new self, modeled after the very likeness of God: truthful, righteous, and holy.

The English language doesn't give us a true meaning of the Greek words rendered "take off." It's a strong phrase meaning "to throw off our worldly ways" and then be re-created into Christ with a whole new you. What things do you need to throw off today? There is a whole new you waiting for you to step into you.

Let's do a prophetic act. Drape several towels or cloths over your shoulders. As many as you like. Now call each towel or cloth a thing—whatever it may be—that you need to "take off." Worry, fear, addiction, unforgiveness, etc. Now seize each one and yank them violently off your back. Throw them away. *The new you is emerging!*

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Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 29

Passion

Colossians 1:28-39 (The Passion Translation)

Christ is our message! We preach to awaken hearts and bring every person into the full understanding of truth. It has become my inspiration and passion in ministry to labor with a tireless intensity, with His power flowing through me, to present to every believer the revelation of being His perfect one in Jesus Christ.

Paul could have easily given up. But he didn't. He labored with "tireless intensity." And he changed his world.

What gets you up in the morning? Is it just to go to work and get a paycheck? Or do you get up to change the world around you? My prayer today is that we would live a life full of passion with an intensity to change our world. All of heaven and earth eagerly await you!

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 30

Trials

1 Corinthians 10:13 (The Passion Translation)

We all experience times of testing, which is normal for every human being. But God will be faithful to you. He will screen and filter the severity, nature, and timing of every test or trial you face so that you can bear it. And each test is an opportunity to trust Him more, for along with every trial God has provided for you a way of escape that will bring you out of it victoriously.

Jesus had trials and temptations just like us. He overcame them as a man, not as God. In doing so, He gave us an example that we too can be overcomers. The way out of temptation is to submit to Daddy God, looking to Holy Spirit to show you the way. Look what Daddy is doing and join Him.

Daddy God is "screening and filtering" every test we face. He will not allow you to go through what you cannot handle. And everything you go through is designed for you to escape the limitations of the flesh and break through to the limitless potential of the Spirit. The test simply breaks off the things that hinder our growth. The test certifies you for greater glory. You will get *past* the test when you have *passed* the test! There is life beyond your trial. Don't lose heart now.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

DECEMBER 31

Celebrate

Matthew 25:23 (The Passion Translation)

"Commending his servant, the master replied, 'You have done well, and proven yourself to be my loyal and trustworthy servant. Because you were faithful to manage a small sum, now I will put you in charge of much, much more. You will experience the delight of your master, who will say to you, "Come celebrate with Me!"

It is New Year's Eve. You and I have spent a year together in the Word and prayer. What a powerful time together! I pray it has been a blessing.

I want to leave you with this final word: *celebrate!*

And I don't just mean to celebrate the New Year. That's good, but there's more. I want you to celebrate that you have been faithful with this year. You have been faithful to do the will of Daddy God.

We look at this "judgment scene" as a future event, but I hear the Lord saying this is for every day of our lives. As we are faithful in what He has asked us to do, we can celebrate with Him daily. It's your time to shine! Won't you join Daddy God in His celebration of your life?

Happy New Year.

Be a blessing,
Sir Gregory

About the Author



Gregory Dewbrew is a man after God's own heart. He loves the Lord, and he loves people. He has spent many years ministering to youth and to the needy, especially those in need of food. Three decades ago, he started out by spending untold hours volunteering to help a small food outreach. He did that full time without pay for ten years, which eventually led to the founding of Harvesting in Mansfield Ministry Center. (www.himcenter.org)

Over the past 20 years, the HIM Center has grown into one of the largest private food banks and food pantries in North Texas. A pantry gives directly to families in need. A food bank provides food to other pantries. HIM Center does both on a massive scale, helping hundreds of thousands of people each year.

Here's how it all started.

Back in 1987, Gregory had a Damascus Road type of experience while sitting in a pickup truck with a co-worker. From that moment on Gregory's life was radically and permanently changed. He went from a Saul to a Paul. He went from being a drug addict—whose greatest ambition was to be a drug lord!—to being a sold-out believer whose sole desire is to love people out of

darkness into Christ's marvelous light. As radical as Gregory had been for the dark side, he is now twice as radical for the Kingdom of Light.

Since 1991, Gregory has worked tirelessly getting food to families who struggle to make ends meet. He volunteered his time for the first ten years, serving the church like Anna in the New Testament, staying in the church nursery and then later in homes across the street. He literally lived by faith that entire time. He has seen the Lord do many miraculous things! Although this *The Daily Vitamin* is authored by him, there will be books written about this man of God. His story will impact many lives.

Gregory went from handing out bags of groceries through an old church window to giving away millions of pounds of food a year. He went from pickup truck loads to semi-truck loads of supplies for those who have more month than money and for our seniors who would otherwise have to choose between medication or food.

Not only has he poured out his life to feed the poor, but Gregory also pours out his life for Christ's Church. The common denominators here are his passion for Jesus and his love for people. He is a pastor-shepherd at heart who gives his time and energy like that of a true father, loving and lifting others up. He has both a nurturing personality and a strong prophetic gifting. Our community has been quietly and unassumingly influenced behind the scenes for decades by this man of grace.

Over the years, Gregory has served in a variety of church positions and has assisted with innumerable outreaches and events both at home and abroad. Serving as a domestic disaster director, Gregory was instrumental in developing food distribution hubs during Hurricane Katrina, the Oklahoma floods and the North Texas tornadoes.

Some of his favorite memories come from years of doing street ministry, serving the homeless and others who needed frontline help. God would show up powerfully — healing, multiplying food, and leading people into personal encounters with Christ.

In local churches, Gregory has served as youth pastor, young adult pastor, associate pastor and elder. Currently, Gregory helps lead the Prayer & Prophetic Team at Freedom Life Church in Mansfield, Texas.

Gregory is a graduate of both Christ for the Nations Institute (CFNI) as well as the former Arlington School of Biblical Studies.

This amazing man leads with the heart of a servant and serves with the heart of a king. He is a prophetic minister who clearly hears the voice of the Lord, sharing God's heart for His children. His personal integrity and level of giving are evidence of a life that was radically changed — one that models the Servant of all.

Gregory enjoys spending time with his family and traveling when the opportunity arises. He is adored by his wife, Susan. They have four amazing children, and a small, blended herd of grandchildren.

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