



DISCIPLESHIP FOR BEGINNERS

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Understanding Your New Life in the Kingdom

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Preface

I give honor first and foremost to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith, without whom this book would not exist. Everything I write flows from His grace and the revelation He has graciously given me through years of walking with Him. I also extend heartfelt gratitude to my wife and mother, whose unwavering encouragement and prayers have sustained me through this writing journey.

This manual was born from necessity, not theory. In over a decade of ministry—from the streets of Philadelphia to the villages of India and the urban centers of Mexico—I have witnessed the same pattern repeatedly: new believers hungry for truth but lacking foundational understanding of basic Kingdom principles. They know they’ve been saved, but they don’t know how to walk in the fullness of what Christ has provided.

Too often, modern Christianity hands new converts a tract and expects them to navigate the complexities of spiritual warfare, faith, and Kingdom living without a proper foundation. This is spiritual malpractice. No soldier enters battle without training; no builder constructs without understanding the fundamentals. Yet we send spiritual babies into a war zone without teaching them how to pray effectively, operate in faith, or even understand what repentance truly means.

This book addresses that crisis. It is designed for beginners, not to keep them beginners, but to establish them on bedrock

truth that will sustain them for a lifetime of Kingdom advancement. Every chapter builds upon the previous one, creating a progressive foundation from prayer to the operation of God's anointing.

I write not from academic theory but from the battlefield of personal transformation and front-line ministry. These truths have been tested in the crucible of real life—in deliverance sessions with the demon-possessed, in prayer meetings that lasted through the night, in moments when only supernatural faith could sustain us. What you'll read here works because it's rooted in the unchanging Word of God and refined through practical application.

This manual is for those who refuse to remain spiritual infants. It's for new believers who sense there's more to Christianity than what they've been shown. It's for those who hunger for the deep things of God but need a trustworthy guide to navigate these waters safely. If you've been born again but feel like you're still crawling when you should be running, this book is your invitation to maturity.

The content within these pages will challenge religious thinking and comfortable Christianity. You'll learn that prayer is more than requesting favor—it's aligning with heaven's purposes. You'll discover that faith operates by specific principles, that spiritual warfare is not optional, and that the anointing is not reserved for the elite but available to every believer walking in obedience.

Each chapter ends with a practical application because head knowledge without heart transformation is worthless. The Kingdom of God advances through disciples who don't just know truth but live it, breathe it, and reproduce it in others.

My prayer is that this book serves as a bridge between your

spiritual birth and your calling as a mature disciple. May the Holy Spirit use these foundational truths to establish you in faith, equip you for warfare, and launch you into the abundant life Christ promised.

The Kingdom of God is advancing, and He's calling you to more than just salvation—He's calling you to discipleship. May you rise to that call with wisdom, courage, and an unshakable foundation in His truth.

For His glory and your transformation.

In Christ,

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1

Prayer

“I Don’t Understand” Is a Prayer

Let me start with something that might shock you: “I don’t understand” is one of the most powerful prayers you can pray.

Most people think prayer has to be eloquent, perfectly worded, or theologically correct. Wrong. Prayer begins with honesty about what you don’t know. Prayer starts with desperation, not declaration.

When I was broken and desperate, sitting in the wreckage of my own life, I couldn’t pray pretty prayers. All I could manage was, “God, I don’t understand any of this. Help me.” That’s when everything changed. That confusion, that admission of spiritual bankruptcy—that was my gateway to an authentic relationship with the living God.

The Chasm Between Heaven and Earth

Here's the reality we must face: there is a massive chasm between finite human beings and the eternal God. We cannot bridge this gap through human effort, religious activity, or intellectual pursuit. We are spiritually helpless without divine intervention.

This is why the Bible sounds like fiction to most people. This is why reading Scripture feels like trying to decipher an ancient code. There's a veil over human understanding when it comes to spiritual things, and that veil can only be removed by God Himself.

The enemy of our souls has worked overtime to ensure the Bible is misrepresented, misused, and misunderstood. Religion has twisted God's Word into a tool of control rather than what it truly is—basic instructions before leaving earth. Everything in Scripture points to one reality: the Kingdom of God.

But here's what religion doesn't want you to know: God never intended to trap you in religious systems. The Almighty God desires a relationship, not ritual. He wants intimacy, not institutions.

The Supernatural Nature of Scripture

The Bible is unlike any other book on earth. It's not just inspired—it's supernatural. It's alive. It's so layered with spiritual truth that the natural mind cannot comprehend it without divine revelation.

When God created man with free will, He was taking a risk. Would His creation choose to love and trust Him, or would they choose their own way? That choice—love and trust versus

independence and rebellion—is at the heart of every human relationship, and it’s certainly at the heart of our relationship with God.

Think about it: isn’t this what we all crave? To be loved and trusted? To love and trust in return? This is the foundation of an authentic relationship—mutual, reciprocated, complete.

The Problem of Sin and the Solution of Christ

God created man for eternity, but sin created separation. Sin brought judgment, death, and a veil that blinds us to spiritual reality. Romans 1 describes humanity as “without understanding,” especially regarding God and spiritual matters.

In our finite thinking, influenced by Satan’s deception, we’ve created idols and false gods. We worship created things rather than the Creator. We think our ways seem right, but they lead to death, not life.

This is precisely why Jesus had to come 2,000 years ago. He came to tear the veil between heaven and earth. He came to restore the relationship that sin had destroyed. Only through the gospel of Jesus Christ can God and man be reunited.

The Prayer That Changes Everything

So, where do you start? Right where you are, with what you don’t understand.

“I don’t understand You, God.”

That’s not weakness—that’s wisdom. That’s not failure—that’s the beginning of a breakthrough.

The next words out of your mouth should be: “Reveal to me who You are. Help me understand You, God.”

Jeremiah 29:11-13 contains one of the most powerful promises in Scripture: God knows the plans He has for you—plans for good, not for evil, to give you hope and a future. But notice what comes next: “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:13 ESV).

There’s a condition attached to knowing the one true God: you must seek Him with your whole heart. Not halfheartedly. Not casually. Not when it’s convenient. With everything you’ve got.

The Posture of Authentic Seeking

There must be a sincere, genuine hunger in your heart to know truth. There must be longing, desire, yearning to understand what you don’t know. You cannot be satisfied with religious answers or surface-level Christianity.

When you say, “I don’t understand,” you’re positioning yourself for revelation. You’re admitting your need. You’re acknowledging that human wisdom falls short and divine wisdom is required.

This is where authentic discipleship begins—not with having all the answers, but with admitting you don’t. Not with spiritual pride, but with spiritual poverty. Not with religious performance, but with desperate dependence.

The most important question you’ll ever answer is this: How will you respond to God when He begins to reveal Himself to you?

Will you come with humility or arrogance? With desperation or casualness? With your whole heart or with divided affections?

Your response to this question will determine everything about your spiritual journey. Because here’s the truth: God reveals Himself to the humble and hides Himself from the proud.

He draws near to the desperate and remains distant from the self-sufficient.

So if you're feeling confused, overwhelmed, or spiritually bankrupt, good. You're exactly where God can work. Your "I don't understand" is not a barrier to prayer; it's the beginning of a breakthrough.

Start there. Start with what you don't know. Start with your need for revelation. Start with the honest admission that you cannot figure God out on your own.

That desperation? That's your invitation to dependency. That confusion? That's your gateway to clarity. That spiritual poverty? That's your qualification for divine riches.

"I don't understand" is not the end of prayer—it's the beginning of transformation.

2

Knowledge, Understanding, and Wisdom

The Foundation of All Knowledge

God is a God of knowledge. Everything you know, everything you can learn, everything that exists in the realm of understanding—it all originates from Him. We couldn't function without knowledge; we're designed that way. Yet most people never stop to ask the most basic question: Where does knowledge come from?

An atheist believes knowledge emerged from nothing. Think about that absurdity for a moment. They claim that intelligence arose from non-intelligence, that order came from chaos, that meaning evolved from meaninglessness. The very fact that you can reason, learn, and understand points to an intelligent Designer far superior to any human being who has ever lived.

The signs, wonders, and miracles of creation provide overwhelming evidence of this superintelligence. True science—not the science fiction masquerading as fact today—reveals the

intricate design and purpose woven into every aspect of our existence.

But here's where it gets dangerous: there are two sources of knowledge operating in this world.

The Two Kingdoms, The Two Trees

In the natural realm, we can study and understand certain things through observation and experience. But there's also a spiritual realm—invisible, veiled from natural sight, yet more real than anything you can touch. This spiritual dimension can only be accessed through spiritual means.

And here's the critical truth most people miss: just because knowledge comes from the spiritual realm doesn't mean it's good. Just because it's supernatural doesn't mean it's from God.

There's occult knowledge wrapped in light to deceive people. There's witchcraft disguised as wisdom. There are spiritual sources of information that will destroy you even as they appear to enlighten you.

This is why Genesis 3 is so crucial to understand. Most people dismiss it as a fairy tale, but it reveals the fundamental reality governing all human existence. In the Garden of Eden, there were two trees: the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

These weren't just literal trees—they represent two systems, two sources, two kingdoms operating in the spiritual realm:

- The Kingdom of God versus the Kingdom of Darkness
- The Tree of Life versus the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil
- Divine wisdom versus satanic deception

The Ancient Deception Still Operating Today

Revelation 12 identifies the serpent in the garden: the dragon, Satan himself—crafty, subtle, the great deceiver. There's a supernatural, invisible power at work in this natural realm that most people cannot see or understand.

This is why it's absolutely imperative to know where your knowledge comes from: Is it from God or from the devil?

Throughout Scripture, especially in Psalms and Proverbs, you'll see the constant contrast between fools and the wise. The Bible always presents this choice: good versus evil, righteous versus wicked, holy versus profane, light versus darkness.

Here's what happened after the Fall: humanity began worshipping the dragon, the serpent. Ancient civilizations worldwide embraced Luciferian doctrine—the lie that man can become his own god. This ancient knowledge system that started in Eden continues to control world systems today.

The enemy has spent millennia covering up truth with legends, mythologies, and false narratives. Even modern movies and entertainment are designed to make biblical truth seem like fantasy while presenting satanic lies as enlightenment.

Religious Deception vs. Spiritual Truth

Here's something that will shock most Christians: religion and religious people have been deceived by Satan as well. Jesus Himself confronted the religious leaders of His day, telling them, "You are of your father the devil" (John 8:44), because of their corruption and spiritual blindness.

Religious knowledge can be just as deceptive as secular knowledge if it's not rooted in Christ and revealed by the Holy Spirit.

You can memorize Scripture, attend church, and follow religious traditions while still being plugged into the wrong tree.

The Holy Spirit is the only way to get understanding of the right narrative of the world and its history. Without Him, you'll be deceived by either secular humanism or religious tradition.

Two Sources, Two Destinies

Let me make this practical for you. There are only two sources you can be plugged into:

The Tree of Life (Christ):

- Divine wisdom, knowledge, and understanding
- Life, peace, and truth
- Supernatural revelation and discernment
- Eternal perspective and Kingdom understanding

The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil (Satan's system):

- Human wisdom mixed with deception
- Death disguised as enlightenment
- Good works that cannot save
- Temporal success leading to eternal failure

Here's the shocking truth about the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil: even the "good" fruit is poisonous. No matter how much good you do, how moral you are, or how successful you become, if it's apart from Christ, it leads to death.

The good and evil are mixed together in this tree. People living from this source will perish, even if they have excellent morals and achieve worldly success. Why? Because God is not in death—

He is the God of the living.

The Modern Application

Look at the world around you. There's so much evil being justified because "everybody's doing it." Sinful, wicked practices that have been taught from ancient times by those who received their knowledge from Satan are now considered normal, progressive, even virtuous.

When God's knowledge exposes these lies, people feel condemned. But that's not condemnation—that's conviction. God is looking for those who will turn away from their wickedness and sin to receive His grace and become His children who operate according to Heaven's principles.

The Choice Before You

In modern terms, knowledge, understanding, and wisdom are equal to information, comprehension, and application. The right type of information brings the right type of comprehension, which leads to the right application and ultimately to success.

But which source are you drawing from?

- Are you seeking wisdom from the world's system or from Christ?
- Are you building your understanding on human reasoning or divine revelation?
- Are you applying secular principles or Kingdom principles?

God's Invitation to True Wisdom

Here's the beautiful promise: God desires all of us to walk in His wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. He says to pray for these things. James 1:5 promises that if any of you lacks wisdom, ask God in faith, and He will give it to you liberally without finding fault.

God is pleased when you desire wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. He gives these gifts liberally to those who seek Him with their whole heart.

We're talking about the God of life, the God who resurrects the dead, the Most High who cannot die, who is eternal, infinite, immortal, who cannot lie, who cannot fail. This God wants to reveal Himself to you through supernatural wisdom and understanding.

Your journey into the supernatural realm just opened up. There's so much God wants to reveal because it's His desire to show you all things. The only condition is: Will you follow and obey?

God wants to be loved, not just served. That's why He created you. He wants a relationship with you, not the superficial interaction that characterizes so much of religion.

The Ultimate Question

Which tree are you eating from? Which source are you plugged into? Which kingdom are you operating in?

Your fruit will reveal your source. Your life will demonstrate your choice. Your understanding will expose your foundation.

True wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord. True knowledge starts with acknowledging Christ as the source of all truth. True

understanding comes through the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

Everything else—no matter how impressive, how moral, how successful—if it's apart from Christ, it's still fruit from the wrong tree.

Choose the Tree of Life. Choose Christ. Choose divine wisdom over human reasoning.

Your eternal destiny depends on this choice.

3

The Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the Knowledge of Him

The Source of All True Knowledge

The first mention of the Holy Spirit appears in Genesis 1:2 as “the Spirit of God.” Just a few verses later, God speaks and says, “Let us make man in our image.” In the first chapter of the Bible, God is called Elohim—the plural form of God.

There wasn’t a word back then to adequately describe God because human language is finite and God is infinite. We have many names attributed to God, but there’s only one name by which we must be saved: Jesus Christ. Elohim makes perfect sense when you understand that God is triune—the eternal Godhead consisting of God the Father, the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit.

Here’s what most people miss: the Spirit of God is not just a force or an influence. He is the very breath of God, the life of God, the wisdom of God.

The Breath That Gives Life

Second Timothy 3:16 tells us that all Scripture is “given by inspiration of God”—literally “God-breathed.” The Word of God is living and active because it carries the breath of the Almighty.

Remember how Adam was created? God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils... (Genesis 2:7). The breath of God is the life of God. The breath of God is the Spirit of God.

John 1:1 declares that “the Word was God.” Have you ever wondered where language came from? How is it possible for human beings to communicate with one another? How is everything in creation, despite all the corruption we see, still functioning with such intricate design?

It’s because we live in God’s creation, and His breath—His Spirit—is woven into the very fabric of existence.

Paradise Lost

Genesis 1 ends with a stunning declaration: “Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good” (Genesis 1:31). Try to imagine what life was like before the Fall: no stress, no problems, no pain, no worries, no sadness, no abuse, no hate, no sin, no curse.

This was the life God created for mankind. Adam was created in His likeness and image, carrying the very DNA of God—which is the Spirit of God.

God created a son to have fellowship for all eternity on a good earth. The word “Eden” means “delight,” and the garden came to be called paradise. Deep within every human heart is a desire

to enter paradise, but sin has closed off that access.

When sin entered the world, the Holy Spirit departed from humanity. This is the great separation between God and human beings that has defined our existence ever since.

The Promise of Restoration

But God had a plan for restoration. The promise of God fulfilled is that you can receive the Holy Spirit and return to paradise.

Look at the gospel account when Jesus was crucified. Two thieves hung on crosses beside Him. One thief cried out, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!” Jesus responded, “Today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

Paradise isn’t just a future destination—it’s a present reality available through the Holy Spirit.

God’s heart was broken when sin entered the world. He had to do something about it. That’s why He promised the Messiah would come to finish a work that only He could accomplish. Ever since the Fall, man could not save himself. Humanity desperately needed a Savior, and that Savior is Jesus Christ.

For all humanity, the only way back to paradise, back to Eden, back into the Kingdom of Heaven, is through the Holy Spirit.

The God Who Walks in the Cool of the Day

Genesis 3 reveals something beautiful that was lost but is now found in Christ Jesus: God used to come “in the cool of the day” to walk and have fellowship with man. How wonderful that must have been!

To experience paradise means to experience the Holy Spirit. When sin entered the human heart, it brought all its atrocities—

pain, suffering, and anguish of soul. Why? Because the Kingdom of Heaven was taken out of man.

But 2,000 years ago, God came down from Heaven in the likeness of human flesh. The Word of God took on flesh. The Spirit of God took on flesh. God Incarnate—fully man, fully God—became known as the Son of God, who has authority on earth as the Son of Man.

The Lost Knowledge Restored

There are many mysteries to humanity because of our lost knowledge of the Holy One. But because of what Jesus Christ accomplished, we now have access to “the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him” (Ephesians 1:17).

This is one of the Holy Spirit’s most important titles because He reveals the lost knowledge of who the Most High God truly is.

Remember when Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do men say that I am?” Some said Elijah, others said John the Baptist. But Peter declared, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus’ response is crucial: “Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.”

Flesh and Blood Cannot Reveal Spiritual Truth

Here’s the reality in our day: when people are operating in their flesh and blood, living natural lives, they have no clue who God really is. Humans have no idea of God’s true nature. They know how to keep traditions passed down through generations and cultures, but this often becomes another form of idolatry.

When God is truly worshipped, He is worshipped in spirit and

in truth—not through human tradition or religious ritual.

Through sin, all who came after Adam became spiritually lost. The first Adam—representing all of humanity in that genealogy—brought the curse. But the last Adam, Jesus Christ, came into the world to save the descendants of the first Adam.

Scripture names two men at the head of humanity: “The first man Adam became a living being. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit” (1 Corinthians 15:45). Adam was the first man on the planet, but because he sinned and brought a curse into the world, all who are in the world are affected by it.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus redeemed us from the curse of Adam. He is known as the last Adam. All who come into the last Adam become new creatures in Christ.

The Spirit of Adoption

This is the promise of the Father: He would send the Holy Spirit, also known as “the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, ‘Abba, Father’” (Romans 8:15 KJV).

God becomes our Father again—lost but now found, just like the parable of the prodigal son. Christ awaits you to come into Him so that you may become a new creature in Christ.

Those who receive Christ and are born again by the Spirit of God—the “last” in the world’s eyes—will be the first to enter the new race of beings in the Kingdom of God. The Lord prepares a place for His followers. When this earth ends, God will create a new heaven and a new earth populated by those who have entered His Kingdom.

Your Access to Divine Knowledge

The Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him explains and teaches us who we are in Christ. The Holy Spirit is the One who shows us everything we need to know that is in the Word of God, the words of Christ, and what the Father is speaking to us.

The Holy Spirit helps us experience God like Adam did in the Garden of Eden—not as distant strangers, but as beloved children walking with their Father in intimate fellowship.

The Choice Before You

You have two options for gaining knowledge about God:

Flesh and Blood Revelation:

- Human tradition and religious practice
- Cultural Christianity passed down through generations
- Intellectual understanding without spiritual life
- Knowledge that puffs up but doesn't transform

Father's Revelation Through the Holy Spirit:

- Direct revelation of who Christ is
- Supernatural wisdom and understanding
- Knowledge that comes from intimate relationship
- Truth that sets free and transforms

Which source are you drawing from? Are you trying to figure out God through human reasoning, or are you allowing the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to unveil the knowledge of Him?

The Practical Application

Here's how this works practically:

1. **Recognize your need:** Admit that flesh and blood cannot reveal spiritual truth
2. **Ask for the Spirit:** Request the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him
3. **Expect supernatural insight:** Believe that God wants to reveal Himself to you personally
4. **Walk in fellowship:** Allow the Holy Spirit to restore the Eden experience of walking with God

The same Spirit who breathed life into Adam wants to breathe spiritual life into you. The same Spirit who inspired Scripture wants to illuminate Scripture for you. The same Spirit who revealed Christ's identity to Peter wants to reveal who Jesus is to you personally.

This isn't just theological information—this is your invitation back to paradise. This is your access to the knowledge that was lost in Eden but restored through Christ.

The Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him is not just a title—it's your inheritance. It's God's promise that you don't have to remain spiritually ignorant or dependent on human tradition.

You can know God personally, intimately, supernaturally—just like He always intended from the beginning.

The question is: Will you ask for this revelation, or will you settle for flesh and blood understanding?

Your spiritual growth depends on this choice.

Biblical Faith

What Faith Is NOT

Let me shock you right from the start: if you think biblical faith is going to church on Sundays, attending Wednesday night Bible study, listening to sermons, singing songs, and dropping money in the offering plate—you're dead wrong.

That's not biblical faith. That's religion. And guess what? Every other religion in the world does the exact same thing. What makes Christianity different from Buddhism, Islam, or Hinduism if all we're doing is religious activity?

Biblical faith is not about theology, academics, denominational identity, or Christian cultural traditions. It's not about memorizing Scripture, having good doctrine, or even knowing Bible stories from Sunday school.

Most modern churches have become nonprofit organizations masquerading as the body of Christ. To me, they're businesses run for profit under a nonprofit license, with hirelings instead of shepherds.

Jesus warned about this in John 10 when He said, “All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers.” Satan comes to steal, kill, and destroy, and he uses religion and religious people to accomplish this mission. He uses them to steal, kill, and destroy relationships with God.

The Religious Deception

Jesus rebuked the religious Pharisees hard: “For you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.”

We have academic, theological pastors with degrees who get hired in church institutions created by man. They use the Bible to build organizations that benefit them while claiming they obey God. The hypocrisy and corruption in the modern church is why people are turned off from Christianity.

There’s so much hurt in the church that it’s heartbreaking. I’m one of those people who have been wounded by church people. But let me be clear: God is for us, not against us. It was God who reached out to humanity from the beginning, and He continues reaching out until the end. That’s because God is faithful—even when His people aren’t.

Now, am I saying the entire modern church is wrong? No. Are there spiritual disciples who genuinely love God and people within institutional churches and seminaries? Absolutely. But Jesus warned us there would be false shepherds, false brethren, false prophets, and false Christs. There are many look-alikes that require sharp spiritual discernment.

The Crisis of Broken People Fixing Broken People

We, as born-again Christians, need to warn people and disciple others to see the truth. We have problems in society that only God can fix. Broken humans trying to fix other broken humans only create more brokenness.

We can't put Band-Aids on these wounds anymore because they're too severe. Biblical faith has been so corrupted that people don't want to believe in God. But I have to say this clearly: it wasn't God's fault—it was people and their sins.

We will all be held accountable on judgment day when we stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Everything recorded in our lives will be present in the courtroom of Heaven. God, on His mighty throne, will judge all humanity.

Hebrews tells us it's appointed for man to die once, then comes judgment. God holds a special place of judgment for those who deceive and corrupt His sheep—those wolves in sheep's clothing. God hates evil and wickedness, but in His infinite mercy, He gives people a chance to repent before it's too late.

What Faith Actually IS

When we think of biblical faith, it's not just reading the Bible, knowing the Bible, memorizing Scripture, or having good theology. Those things are valuable for study and research, but they are not faith itself.

Faith is spiritual, and it is pleasing to God.

Let's look at the basics. Faith in Greek is *pistis*—which means trust. Picture a rope made of several twines woven together to create one strong cord. If you take just one twine and put pressure on it, it will snap. That single twine represents your

life trying to handle trials, hardships, adversities, opposition, resistance, stress, and trauma alone.

But when multiple twines are woven together into one rope, they become incredibly strong. This is what biblical faith looks like—not a single thread of human effort, but multiple strands woven together with God’s strength.

Trust vs. Mental Assent

Faith is about trusting in the One who can help you live this life. Trials, testing, and temptations happen every day. If your “faith” is just mental assent—just a thought or intellectual belief—it’s flimsy and will fail you.

Here’s the problem with most people today: they believe God exists, but they don’t trust Him. When pressure comes, they sin, disobey, refuse to trust God, and try to handle everything in their own strength, wit, and willpower.

True biblical faith is trust. When all else fails, biblical faith provides supernatural power to overcome any obstacle, trial, hardship, adversity, opposition, persecution, or accusation—because you know the one true God.

Faith Is Supernatural, Not Human

Faith is much more than a human thing—it’s actually a God thing. Faith is supernatural. It started with God. In the beginning, God said, “Let there be light,” and light was. Faith is about creating something out of nothing. Faith is about mustering strength that doesn’t come from you but from God.

You can study faith all your life in the Bible and never actually live by faith.

Biblical faith is about knowing God, not just knowing about God. After you've gone through battles, trials, and testings, you come to understand by revelation who God is. Human understanding is limited, but by faith, we connect with God who is infinite, immortal, eternal, and almighty.

We have a problem when we put God in a box or confine Him to just a book. God uses something as small as the Bible to get our attention, but too often everything becomes about doctrine, division, strife, denominational pride, and proving who's right. This becomes demonic.

Experiential Knowledge vs. Head Knowledge

Revelation means God unveiling Himself, and what He unveils, we come to know by experience. That's experiential knowledge. When we enter into faith through something God has revealed to us by experiencing Him, biblical faith becomes real and personal.

Biblical faith isn't just reading your Bible—although we should do that daily. It's practice. It's obedience to Him. Biblical faith is a trusting relationship that endures through the test of time and grows in intimacy with God.

God designed our relationship to be built on faith. It's a process He established to reveal Himself to us, especially during times of uncertainty. When we don't have all the answers, our trust and faith in Him deepen, allowing us to experience His care through healing, deliverance, and divine direction.

The Requirements of Biblical Faith

True faith requires several non-negotiable elements:

Holiness: Faith requires following after God in His holiness. You can't live like the world, look like the world, and call yourself a Christian. That's not living by faith at all.

Sacrifice: Biblical faith requires sacrifice. Throughout Scripture, we see countless people who obeyed God and had to sacrifice for God's deliverance.

Obedience: Remember the father of the tormented boy who cried out, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24)? And remember Jairus, when word came that his daughter was dead? Jesus told him, "Do not be afraid; only believe" (Mark 5:36)—and Jairus kept walking toward a dead child. The word "believe" implies complete obedience—full, total, absolute submission to the Word of God.

Old Testament vs. New Testament Faith

Old Testament saints had it harder because they didn't have the Holy Spirit dwelling within them. We live in New Testament times with access to the Holy Spirit, yet many of us make it harder on ourselves because we don't want the Holy Spirit's control in our lives.

Modern convenience makes it easy to live in the world's system, and sometimes we choose not to operate by faith. When we read the Epistles and Gospels, we often see faith is absent from our daily experience.

Being the Church vs. Going to Church

Keith Green said it perfectly: “Going to church doesn’t make you a Christian any more than going to McDonald’s makes you a hamburger.”

The only way to be a Christian is to make a decision to follow Jesus and, most importantly, to receive the Holy Spirit. It’s not about playing church or going to church—it’s about being the church.

The word “church” means “called out ones.” So here’s my question for you: What are you called out of?

The Choice Before You

You have two options in front of you:

Religious Faith:

- Intellectual belief without personal experience
- Church attendance without life transformation
- Bible knowledge without obedience
- Cultural Christianity without spiritual reality

Biblical Faith:

- Trusting relationship with the living God
- Experiential knowledge through trials and testing
- Obedience that demonstrates belief
- Supernatural power to overcome obstacles

Which one describes your experience? Are you practicing religion or walking in biblical faith?

The Test of True Faith

Here's how you know if you have biblical faith: When everything falls apart, when all human solutions fail, when you're facing impossible circumstances—do you still trust God? Do you still obey His Word? Do you still believe He's good and faithful?

That's biblical faith. It's not faith in your faith—it's faith in God Himself. It's not positive thinking—it's supernatural trust in the One who spoke the universe into existence.

Biblical faith doesn't eliminate trials; it gives you supernatural power to overcome them. It doesn't promise easy living; it promises that you're never alone in the battle.

The question isn't whether you believe God exists. The question is: Do you trust Him enough to obey Him when it costs you everything?

That's biblical faith. That's what separates true disciples from religious pretenders.

Which one are you?

How to operate in faith?

Faith Equals Authority

Here's a revelation that will transform how you understand faith: Faith equals authority.

Look at the word “authority”—it contains the word “author.” An author is someone who begins something, who originates something. To have authority is to have faith, and authority carries faithfulness—being full of faith from beginning to end.

Hebrews 12:2 reveals that Jesus Christ is “the author and finisher of our faith.” He is the captain, the commander. Faith operates under authority, not independent of it.

Here's the question that will determine everything about your spiritual life: What authorizes you to live? What can you do? What can't you do?

Faith Operates by Command

Let's look at faith from the Lord's perspective. There is a command, and faith operates by command. That's exactly why faith produces obedience. Command equals obedience.

If you're a person under authority, you understand protocol, order, and government. Faith is of the Word of God. The nature of faith is like the nature of God Himself.

Since God is the Creator, Author, and Originator, we understand there is a beginning. Faith must be discovered and, at the same time, received. It doesn't happen in your mind—it's something that happens internally in your heart. Even deeper than the heart is your spirit.

Since God is a spirit, the nature of faith is spiritual. Another name for the Holy Spirit is "the Spirit of Faith" (2 Corinthians 4:13).

Understanding Spiritual Dimensions

When we realize these truths, there are certain realities we must access by faith through the Spirit. There are spiritual realities that govern the universe.

We exist in three dimensions: length, width, and height. But there's a fourth dimension—the invisible realm known as the spirit realm. Faith operates under the governing authority and power of God in this spiritual dimension.

There are parameters to faith. There are spiritual implications, principles, and rules of engagement regarding faith. It's good for our minds to learn principles and educate ourselves, but when it comes to faith, we must have revelation that comes directly from God.

Scripture provokes our minds to dive into spiritual things. Naturally, our minds are inclined toward this earthly realm. We have to train our minds through practice in how to operate by faith through our inner man, which is spiritual.

The Roman Centurion's Understanding

Look at Matthew 8. The Roman centurion was a man under authority who understood faith. He told Jesus, "And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes" (Matthew 8:9).

This centurion understood faith because he understood authority. When you speak from proper authority, it shall be done. You understand the outcome from beginning to end, and faith becomes something that gets fulfilled in your life.

Most people operate in worldly faith: they plan, study, work toward goals, believing that through hard work they'll become successful, have a family, children, and retire. This version of worldly faith—though it uses principles God built into creation—is not pleasing to God when it's separated from His will.

Although we've been made in God's image and likeness, using those abilities in the world's system to achieve earthly things is not biblical faith.

Operating in God's Will

Operating by faith means understanding God's will, God's Word, and God's truth. When you discover the will of God through the Word of God by the Spirit of God, you will operate with a higher level of faith.

Faith is, in essence, obedience to God by walking out His will.

This gets very tricky because religion, humanity, and Satan work together to distort, deceive, and hinder you from walking in the way God wants you to operate by faith. God's intention was good, but after the Fall, the wisdom by which you live out faith according to God's way has been lost.

Jesus: The Ultimate Example

The greatest example of faith is Jesus Christ Himself. We get to see the living Word of God—who IS the Word of Faith—coming to pass in this life.

Consider this: there are many prophecies in the Bible spanning from the beginning of time until just before Jesus came to earth that were all meant to be fulfilled by one person. Have you ever considered the magnitude and significance of one individual accomplishing everything foretold by these prophecies?

That's mathematically impossible. Only God could fulfill all those prophecies through one man 2,000 years ago. That's the Incarnate God—fully man and fully God.

God operated by authority from the beginning since He is the Author and Finisher. He came to earth to finish His works by showing us that He is the Word of God made flesh.

No other book in the history of all generations could be written like Scripture. It's humanly impossible. One thing God said He's able to do that no other being can do is keep what He has said. When He speaks a word, it must come to pass. It must be accomplished. He wouldn't be God if He couldn't accomplish what He promised.

Operating as Sons of God

Are we called to operate by faith at God's level? No, because He's God and we're not. But what God has designed for us to follow in faith is still operating like the Son of God who walked the earth.

Our model of faith isn't Father God fulfilling everything from beginning to end. It's how we walk the earth as sons of God, following the example of the Son of God. This can only be done through the Holy Spirit.

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 15:50). But John 1:12 tells us that to those who believe in the Messiah, He gave authority to become sons of God. There's a believing component that eventually solidifies into biblical faith—the revealed faith we need to know.

Dead to Self, Alive to God

Galatians 2:20 contains one of the most crucial verses for understanding how to operate in faith. Paul says he's dead to himself, which means he doesn't live the life he used to live. He now lives by the faith of the Son of God.

This is a key point where we must understand the significance and spiritual nature of this transformation. The Spirit of the living God abides inside you to help you operate in faith as the Son of God operated in faith.

This training is called discipleship.

Discipleship: Learning to Walk Like Your Master

Our discipleship is designed to make us walk like our Master. The disciple shall be like his master, the student like his teacher, and a son like his father (Matthew 10:24–25; John 5:19).

When you come into faith, your nature changes. Everything about you transforms. There's a shift where you become aware of the spiritual realm. Faith brings a reality that you're able to operate in.

All of this is taught by the abiding anointing. First John 2 says this anointing that abides in you teaches you all things.

When we study by ourselves, researching the Bible, that doesn't help us enter into faith. It gives us guidelines, but the only One who can help you come into faith is the Lord through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit's Role

Jesus is not here on earth physically. The One who is here on earth to finish the work is the Holy Spirit, specifically working through those who are sons of God.

When Jesus left the earth, He gave the baton to His disciples (Acts 1:8). You can read about who this transition made us in Ephesians 2.

Faith is a lifelong journey, and faith is hard to understand logically because it's spiritually discerned. If your inner man is weak or dead, it will not understand. If you are strong in the Lord and have understanding because of the trials you've gone through, then being alive to God will bring revelation of faith.

Practical Steps to Operating in Faith

Here's how you practically operate in faith:

1. **Recognize Your Identity as a Son** Faith is knowing that we have access to the Father as sons here on this earth. The more we understand our identity as sons of God according to our new nature in Christ Jesus, the deeper we can see spiritual things prepared for us.
2. **Submit to Spiritual Authority** Like the Roman centurion, understand that you operate under authority. You speak and act from the authority Christ has given you as His disciple.
3. **Align with God's Will** Discover God's will through His Word by His Spirit. Faith operates within the parameters of God's revealed will, not your personal desires.
4. **Live by the Spirit** Allow the Spirit of Faith to operate through your spirit man. This requires dying to your own understanding and living by revelation.
5. **Practice Discipleship** Learn to walk like Jesus walked. This takes practice, training, failure, and hitting rock bottom. It takes everything to learn faith.

Faith as a Lifestyle

Faith varies according to the measure of faith and how far people are willing to take it. Faith is a lifestyle. Faith is living like Jesus lived.

We learn, live, and have our being because of Him. This isn't a one-time experience—it's a daily surrender, a continuous walking in spiritual authority, a lifestyle of obedience to the

Spirit's leading.

However, this is all contingent upon your decision to follow Jesus Christ. You can't operate in biblical faith while maintaining control of your own life.

The Bottom Line

Faith is living before a holy God. It's operating from the authority He's given you as His son or daughter. It's speaking and acting from the place of spiritual authority that comes through relationship with Jesus Christ.

But here's what most people miss: this authority comes through submission. The Roman centurion had authority because he was under authority. You have spiritual authority because you're under Christ's authority.

The question isn't whether you believe in faith—it's whether you're willing to live by faith. Are you willing to die to your own understanding and live by the Spirit of Faith? Are you willing to operate as a son of God rather than an independent agent?

Operating in faith means you no longer live—Christ lives through you. Your words carry weight because they're His words. Your actions have authority because they flow from His authority.

This is how you operate in faith: not by trying harder, but by surrendering deeper. Not by increasing your efforts, but by decreasing your self-reliance.

Faith operates by authority, and that authority comes through relationship with the Author and Finisher of our faith—Jesus Christ.

The question is: Are you ready to live under His authority so you can operate in His power?

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The Deep Things of God

Beyond Surface-Level Christianity

The first thing to understand about God is the operation of faith. The beginning and end of our spiritual journey are according to faith. What we need to learn while on this journey is how to have access to God.

From the very beginning, this access has been granted by faith and grace. It's not something you can earn or obtain through earthly means. This is why we must understand the words of Jesus Christ. The Word of God gives us access to the heavens.

When Jesus taught us to pray "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven," He was revealing that we can access heavenly realities while still on earth.

Here's the problem: we can read the Bible on a surface level and gather general information because it's been written down and anyone can read it. But there are hidden things that God wants to reveal, and these come only by grace and through the movement of your faith.

Hebrews 11:6 makes this clear: “He who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

The Order of Faith’s Operation

We must understand the order in which faith operates. As soon as we realize God’s grace, there should be an overflow of thanksgiving, praise, and worship. We enter into adoration for God because of what He has done for us.

This is what Psalm 1 describes—meditating on the Word of God day and night. It’s thinking deeply about the Word: What does it mean? What does God mean when He says this?

But here’s the danger: we can misconstrue and misunderstand the intended purposes of what God is speaking. We can believe one thing when God means something entirely different.

Truth vs. Error in These Last Days

The doctrine being taught today can be completely different from God’s way. The Spirit of God is called the Spirit of Truth, and what comes against the Spirit of Truth is the spirit of error.

In these last days, as the Holy Spirit warns, there is intense demonic activity leading people astray from truth. Faith operates by truth, and those who walk by faith must have sharp discernment to distinguish truth from error.

We’re so accustomed to sinful living that sometimes our discernment doesn’t function properly. Remember that faith is spiritual, and God is a spirit who must be approached in spirit and truth.

One of the primary roles of the Holy Spirit is to convict us

of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:8). If we're sensitive to the Holy Spirit, it becomes easier to repent. The greatest way to repent is to understand what God truly means, because there are many ways our wrong beliefs can lead us away from truth.

The Prerequisites for Accessing Deep Things

If you are genuine, sincere, and serious, and God sees that, He will provide a way for you to walk by faith. When your heart, posture, and alignment are set to obey God's will, this opens the door to enter the Kingdom of God.

The deep things of God reside within the Holy Spirit, and to unlock the mysteries of Christ, believers must have access to the Holy Spirit.

Here's a revelation: The Holy Spirit brings the Kingdom of God into you. The Kingdom is two words—the King who rules and reigns over a domain. If the Kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17:21), that means God's domain is in your spirit, which resides in your heart.

In simple terms, when the Kingdom of God comes into you, God rules and reigns in you and through you. Without people, there is no Kingdom. So when you step into faith and receive the Holy Spirit, you are walking in the Kingdom of God.

The Supernatural Operation of God

The Kingdom of God comes with power, and that power is designed to govern you. Colossians 1:29 talks about the working of God. The word "working" means operation—specifically, a supernatural working of God operating in you.

The Lord God Almighty is heavily interested in your heart. He's more concerned about your internal condition than your external appearance.

First Corinthians 2:10 tells us that the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. The world calls spiritual things foolishness. But those who are of faith know that the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God (1 Corinthians 3:19).

Paul adds this crucial insight: "But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14). The natural man—in Greek, *psychikos*—is not only the sinful man. He is any man living from his soul without the Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit, there is no revelation of God's truth.

Christ: The Revelation of God

Christ is the revelation of God. He is the only way we have access to Heaven. To go deeper into the things of God, the basics and fundamentals must be established, and you must discover faith according to God's design.

You have to search, seek, and give yourself completely over to God to go deeper.

God desires to show you "great and mighty things" (Jeremiah 33:3). It's God's desire that you trust, depend, and rely on His Spirit to receive revelation and wisdom. God wants you to understand and increase in the knowledge of Him.

God loves you and wants deeper intimacy with His children. This is where Jeremiah 29:13 comes alive: "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."

The Humility Factor

Here's something crucial: the deep things of God are about your relationship with Him. Proverbs tells us that humility comes before honor. God is looking for those who will humble themselves and seek Him with their whole heart.

Those who seek truth will find truth, and that truth is found in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus declared, "I am the truth."

We must carefully study the life of Jesus. There are so many deeper things we don't see because of our human limitations. Yet thank God, He supersedes all things in the earthly realm.

The Bridge Between Heaven and Earth

Sin created a disconnection between God and humanity. There needed to be a connection between Heaven and earth, and Jesus Christ is that bridge. Our sins have been paid for by the blood of the Lamb.

Truthfully, our faith starts at the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This seems like just a regular story to many, but it's a supernatural event that took place 2,000 years ago by the Spirit of God.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." He declared this before His death and proved to everyone that He is the resurrected One.

The Supernatural Flow

When you enter into the deep things of God, it's a supernatural flow of the Holy Spirit moving inside you. There are revelations you cannot gather through life's research—they come only by

God's grace through supernatural revelation.

The operation of faith has prerequisites. Jesus teaches us in John 14: "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15). He promises that those who love Him will experience the Trinity making their home in their spirit. He also speaks about the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, coming alongside to teach you everything you need to know.

The Holy Spirit is our Teacher, and every human teacher serves under Him (1 John 2:27).

Belonging to God

The things of God belong to Him alone. If you don't belong to God, He will not reveal His truths to you. Faith belongs to God; it's His way of reuniting us with Him. It starts with Him and ends with Him.

The most crucial aspect of life concerning God is hearing from Him. We often get so distracted with everyday life that we miss the signs God shows us. If you're attentive enough, there are many hints that God gives for you to turn to Him and seek Him.

The Process of Deeper Revelation

Jesus said in the Gospels, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). To develop a deeper, more intimate relationship, there need to be questions—deeper questions—and God provides intimate answers.

Sometimes, to receive intimate answers, we must go through the pain and suffering that life brings. We ask God "Why?" or "How?" because we don't know the answers.

Many times in our lives, we go through trials, and those trials produce faith. Acts tells us that “we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God” (Acts 14:22 KJV). Suffering in this life brings us closer to God.

There’s much about life that we don’t understand, and God is the Creator of all life. We are the ones who must seek out the hard things of God, and only God can answer them because He is the Creator of life.

The Heart of God

The deep things of God originate in the heart of God. The heart of God is the Spirit of God; it is the mind of Christ. We read about these realities in 1 Corinthians 2.

Sometimes faith is simple; sometimes it’s very difficult. But in the process, it all pertains to the life God provides for us. How much are we aligning ourselves with His provision so we can receive it?

If our posture is not right before God, it’s very hard to receive anything from Him.

How to Access the Deep Things

Here’s the practical pathway to accessing God’s deep things:

1. **Humble Yourself** The best way to receive the deep things of God is to humble yourself and receive grace from Him. God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.
2. **Obey What You Already Know** Jesus said, “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15). Doing the things of God unlocks faith when you obey what you already

understand.

3. **Be Sensitive to the Holy Spirit** The Holy Spirit is given to those who obey Him (Acts 5:32). Develop sensitivity to His voice, His conviction, His leading.
4. **Seek with Your Whole Heart** Don't seek God casually or halfheartedly. Jeremiah 29:13 promises you'll find Him when you seek Him with all your heart.
5. **Ask Deeper Questions** Move beyond surface-level Christianity. Ask God the hard questions about life, suffering, His purposes, and His ways.
6. **Embrace Trials as Faith-Builders** Understand that trials and tribulations are designed to bring you closer to God and develop deeper faith.

The Bottom Line

The deep things of God are not academic information you can learn in seminary. They're not theological concepts you can master through study. They're intimate revelations that come through relationship with the living God.

These deep things are accessible to every believer, but they require:

- Genuine hunger and sincerity
- Humility before God
- Obedience to what He's already revealed
- Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit
- Willingness to go through trials and suffering
- A heart postured for intimacy, not just information

The question is: Are you satisfied with surface-level Christianity,

or are you hungry for the deep things of God?

God is waiting to reveal great and mighty things to those who diligently seek Him. The depth of your relationship with Him determines the depth of revelation you'll receive.

How deep are you willing to go?

The Operation of God

The Supernatural Working Within You

“Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily” (Colossians 1:29).

Paul speaks here of a supernatural operation of God working within him with mighty power. This isn’t human effort or religious activity—this is the divine operation of the Almighty God functioning through surrendered vessels.

Most Christians have never experienced this supernatural working because they don’t understand what the operation of God actually is or how it functions.

Understanding Scripture Through Christ

We have the Holy Bible—a collection of writings assembled over thousands of years. It contains the origins of humanity, history, and the narrative of God. When we see the Old Testament and New Testament come together, we now have God’s complete

narrative.

Jesus Christ is the living Word of God who became flesh and dwelt on earth to show us how to return to the Father. Jesus Christ is the heart of the Father; He is the fulfillment of the Torah, the Psalms, and the Prophets. Everything in the Old Testament points to Christ.

Here's something most people don't understand: when the Old Testament is read without Christ, a veil prevents perceiving what needs to be understood. There's still a disconnect between the Old and New Testaments for most readers.

To understand the Bible, you must first understand Christ and the New Testament. Then everything in the Old Testament becomes clear.

The Mystery of Christ Revealed

When you read the epistles written by the apostles, they declare that the mystery of Christ is revealed. How is this possible? It's because of the operation of God—the Holy Spirit working on earth today through the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the good news of the Kingdom of God. He didn't just bring a message about the Kingdom; He IS the Kingdom.

The operation of God is to bring forth the Kingdom of God back into humanity. The Bible is fundamentally a book about kingdoms. In Daniel, we see various kingdoms revealed, but the last Kingdom is the Kingdom of Christ, ruling and reigning for all eternity.

Solving the Riddle of First and Last

Scripture speaks of a first and a last that most people never see until the Holy Spirit brings revelation.

The first is Adam, the first man. The last is Christ, the last Adam: “The first man Adam became a living being. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit” (1 Corinthians 15:45).

Here’s how this works: “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:22). Therefore, those who come into the last Adam (Christ) will become first in the Kingdom of God. That’s why I hear an echo of this in Jesus’ words, “the last will be first” (Matthew 20:16).

God’s Master Plan

When you understand the prophecies from Genesis to Malachi, you’ll understand why Christ had to come to earth. God’s will was to provide a way back to paradise and to restore fellowship, just like in the Garden of Eden.

The most profound thing God did was come into this world as the Son of God to show us who the Father is. First Timothy 3:16 declares: “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”

In Jesus’ prayer to the Father in John 17, He mentions to the Father that He is one with the Father, and we are one with Him, which makes us one with the Father. Everything about the operation of God is ultimately about becoming one with God.

The Spirit of Adoption

The Holy Spirit is called “the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’” This is crucial because God cannot be our Father if we don’t have the Holy Spirit.

Luke 24 reveals that the whole purpose of Christ was to fulfill the promise, and the promise of the Father is the Holy Spirit. God reunites and reclaims those who have been lost and are now found. We see this perfectly illustrated in the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15.

Sometimes we don’t realize what God is doing because we’re so lost and disconnected. But God seeks a way to rescue us from the impending dangers of Satan’s deceptions.

The Cosmic War Context

Here’s what most people don’t understand: we’re in a cosmic war that has been raging for millennia. As humans, we have no idea why things are the way they are. We can develop philosophies, live earthly lives, and die without ever understanding the spiritual reality behind our existence.

God wants us all to know the truth, but spiritual warfare keeps people blind, deaf, and spiritually dead. Our problem is not natural—it’s spiritual. Without the help of the Holy Spirit, we are truly doomed.

This is why the gospel message is so hard to receive when people don’t want to believe in God or His message.

Two Kingdoms, Two Operations

There's an invisible war raging. Something is fighting against God, and in the midst of this conflict, humanity has free will. It's about winning people to one side or the other.

There are two kingdoms and two operations:

- The operation of the Kingdom of Darkness
- The operation of the Kingdom of God

These two are in constant conflict here on earth. That's why it's so difficult to win people to Christ—most people remain in sin and operate according to the Kingdom of Darkness.

Revelation 12 describes this cosmic warfare. The accuser of the brethren, known as the dragon, Satan, persecutes the born-again body of Christ. For 2,000 years, Christians have been martyred for their faith in bringing the testimony of Christ to earth.

Choosing Your Operation

The operation of Christ still works today for those who have ears to hear, eyes to see, and hearts to understand. We have free will, and it's all about cooperating with God or Satan. It's one or the other.

That's why it's crucial to understand that submitting to God is obedience, and submitting to Satan is disobedience. When operating in the spirit realm, we must quickly discern who we're serving so we can fully grasp what's happening in the spiritual dimension.

What we're seeing today is exactly what Scripture declares,

especially in Revelation—Satan is the deceiver who deceives the whole world.

How God's Operation Works

The operation of God working in you involves the Holy Spirit revealing truth that destroys the enemy's lies. Satan is the father of lies and seeks to devour. He's also called the thief who steals, kills, and destroys.

When we understand both kingdoms and how this war is waged, we can stand in truth and come against the Kingdom of Darkness.

The operation of God is designed to train, disciple, strengthen, and empower you to become a son of God who operates in the authority and power given to you for use against the Kingdom of Darkness.

Acts 10:38 provides our model: "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

This is the example that sons of God are called to follow on earth today.

Victory Through Occupation

How do we win spiritual warfare? Jesus Christ already won the victory. Now it's up to us to occupy here on earth with the weapons of God that are found in the Holy Spirit.

As sons of God, we're being discipled and helping others get discipled. This is the operation of God expanding His Kingdom through transformed lives.

The Role of Revelation

To fully understand the operation of God, we must allow the Holy Spirit to reveal these truths to us first from Scripture. Then the Holy Spirit teaches us about the revelation of the Word.

Romans 10:17 tells us, “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” But it’s not just reading Scripture—it’s receiving revelation through the Spirit.

In John 14–16, Jesus shows us that it’s the Holy Spirit who brings truth and revelation to believers. The role of the Holy Spirit is to convict us of sin, show us God’s righteousness, and warn us of coming judgment (John 16:8). Through that conviction, He helps us repent.

These three things are vital to every disciple. Without the Holy Spirit showing us God’s truth, we’ll live by our own understanding. God has set things up so we can live in truth, in the life, in the way that pleases the Father.

The Ultimate Alignment

In John 17, we read Jesus’ prayer to the Father on the night before the cross. This prayer reflects who we are in Christ as Christ is in the Father. This is the alignment where Heaven and earth meet: God in Christ in us.

“Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27). Romans tells us all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. But when we enter into Christ, we enter into glory. Peter speaks about the Spirit of Glory resting on us.

Without the Holy Spirit, there’s no inner working of this operation that belongs to the Kingdom of God.

Religion vs. Spirit-Led Life

The promise of the Father that Jesus speaks about in Luke 24 is widely misunderstood because it's all about the Holy Spirit. Religion has the Scriptures but doesn't have the Holy Spirit.

We, as disciples who have the Holy Spirit, are granted this operation that works within us.

When it comes to church ministry and missions, without the Holy Spirit, it's just religion. The true body of Christ consists of those who have the Holy Spirit.

I'm not talking about those who operate in supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit—those gifts are meant to help people, but they're not the means to salvation. What God is really after are hearts submitted to the Holy Spirit, because without the Holy Spirit, there's no connection with God.

The Ultimate Purpose

Everything about the operation of God is designed to bring the body of Christ into communion and fellowship through the Holy Spirit. We're looking to the Father for a great inner working that transforms our lives to conform to the image of Jesus Christ.

This transformation is only possible through the Holy Spirit.

How to Experience This Operation

Here's how you can experience the supernatural operation of God in your life:

1. **Recognize the Cosmic Context** Understand you're in a spiritual war between two kingdoms. Every choice you

- make serves one kingdom or the other.
2. **Submit to the Holy Spirit** The operation of God only functions through those who have genuinely surrendered to the Holy Spirit's leadership.
 3. **Allow Scripture Revelation** Don't just read the Bible academically. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Christ throughout Scripture and show you the operation of God.
 4. **Embrace Your Identity as a Son** Understand you're called to operate like Jesus did—healing all who are oppressed by the devil, demonstrating Kingdom authority.
 5. **Participate in the Discipling Process** Allow God to disciple you while you help disciple others. This is how the operation expands.
 6. **Expect Supernatural Power** The operation of God is supernatural, not natural. Expect and depend on His mighty working within you.

The Bottom Line

The operation of God is not a theological concept—it's a supernatural reality available to every born-again believer. It's God's way of transforming you from a lost sinner into a son of God who operates in Kingdom authority and power.

But this operation only functions through those who:

- Have genuinely received the Holy Spirit
- Understand the cosmic spiritual warfare context
- Submit to God's authority rather than operating independently
- Allow the Spirit to reveal Christ throughout Scripture
- Participate in the discipling process

The question is: Are you experiencing this supernatural operation, or are you stuck in religious activity without spiritual power?

God wants to work mightily within you, just as He did through Paul. But it requires complete surrender to His operation rather than dependence on your own efforts.

Are you ready to let God operate supernaturally through your life?

The Kingdom of Darkness

Satan's Greatest Deception

The biggest lie Satan makes people believe is that he doesn't exist.

Think about the genius of this strategy: if you don't believe your enemy exists, you won't prepare for battle. You won't recognize his attacks. You won't use your weapons against him. You'll live completely unaware that you're being systematically destroyed.

The Kingdom of Darkness rules and reigns through people's ignorance. As long as sin exists in the world, sin becomes the means by which Satan rules and reigns through people.

Here's a crucial truth: the Kingdom of Darkness cannot operate without human beings, just as the Kingdom of God rules and reigns through people. Both kingdoms require human cooperation to function on earth.

The Hierarchy of Darkness

There is a clear hierarchy in the Kingdom of Darkness. Satan rules over fallen angels and demons. We learn from Job that Satan goes “to and fro on the earth,” but he’s not omnipotent, omniscient, or omnipresent like Almighty God. He lacks these three divine attributes.

Satan is a created being who had iniquity—lawlessness—within him, which corrupted him and eventually led him to attempt overthrowing God. He took a third of the angels in Heaven with him and was cast down to earth.

In Luke 10:18, Jesus mentions how quickly Satan was cast down to earth “like lightning.” Satan was utterly defeated and didn’t have a chance against Almighty God. You can read more in Isaiah 14:12–15, Ezekiel 28:12–17, and Revelation 12:7–9.

Satan’s Methods of Operation

Satan is crafty and subtle in all his ways, able to deceive masterfully. He’s called “the father of lies” because deception is his native language. He operates by enchanting those he wants to control—this is essentially witchcraft.

Satan manipulates to steal, kill, and destroy. In the Garden of Eden, he manifested as a serpent and tricked Eve into eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Satan is incredibly crafty in what he says and how he presents his lies.

Since he became God’s enemy, he went after Adam and Eve, who were supposed to rule and reign on earth within the Kingdom of God. Once Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, they lost their right to the Kingdom of God. Adam forfeited humanity’s right to rule on earth according to God’s design.

When Adam surrendered to Satan, sin became a legal contract whereby Satan gained the right to rule through Adam and Eve on earth. This is where we first encounter the messianic prophecy in Genesis 3:15—that the Messiah would come through the seed of the woman to crush the head of the serpent.

Two Universal Spiritual Laws

From Genesis 3 onward, the fall of mankind resulted from the cosmic warfare described in Revelation 12. Romans 8 reveals there are two universal spiritual laws operating:

1. The law of sin and death
2. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

Satan rules within the first law, working to keep everyone trapped in this law of sin and death perpetually. His goal is to prevent people from receiving the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus that makes them new creatures.

The Kingdom of Darkness rules in the invisible realm where people cannot see, hear, or understand what's really happening to them.

Satan's Temptation Strategy

When Jesus began His ministry after His 40-day fast, He encountered Satan, who tempted Him to bow down and worship him in exchange for all the kingdoms of the world. This encounter reveals several crucial facts:

- Satan rules earthly kingdoms

- Satan has delegated power (though limited)
- Satan knows exactly who Jesus Christ is

Just as Satan came to tempt the first Adam to sin, he came to tempt the last Adam to sin. The Kingdom of Darkness uses temptation, sin, corruption, and ultimately death to destroy humanity.

The Reality of Spiritual Oppression

Evil spirits are disembodied beings desperately hungry to possess human bodies because they are wicked entities who want to use physical bodies to sin. The Kingdom of Darkness keeps people in spiritual captivity.

Sin causes trauma, and its effects are devastatingly damaging, often resulting in mental illness and psychological torment. People may look fine on the outside, but deep inside where darkness reigns, Satan rules their thoughts, emotions, and decisions.

Satan's number one objective is to hijack God's creation because he is fundamentally a thief.

The Nature of Deception

The Kingdom of Darkness operates primarily through deception. Here's the insidious nature of deception: if you knew you were deceived, you wouldn't be deceived anymore. Deception keeps people ignorant, unknowingly doing things without any realization of why they're acting the way they are.

The Kingdom of Darkness uses lies to trap you into believing the opposite of God's truth:

- “There is no God”
- “All religions lead to the same place”
- “You don’t need to be born again”
- “The Bible isn’t reliable”

Even if people believe in the Bible and God, Satan works overtime to keep them from receiving the Holy Spirit. He tries desperately to prevent people from being born again because that’s the only way out of the Kingdom of Darkness.

The opposite of darkness is light, and Christ is the light.

Cultural Programming

It’s shocking how people delight in evil and wicked things for entertainment and don’t think it’s strange or wrong. Hollywood movies routinely break all Ten Commandments, yet people consume this content as harmless entertainment.

Satan is embedded in everything in the world, systematically blinding people from seeing the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Deception of Good and Evil

Let’s examine the tree of the knowledge of good and evil more carefully. When Adam and Eve ate its fruit, they gained knowledge of good and evil. But what was the actual temptation?

God said: “Thou shalt surely die” (Genesis 2:17 KJV). Satan said: “Ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil” (Genesis 3:5 KJV).

Which one was right? Did Adam and Eve die after eating the fruit? Scripture says their eyes were opened and they realized they were naked. To physical eyes, they didn’t appear dead.

But here's the truth: death is separation from God. God said they would surely die, and the first thing that happened was spiritual death, followed eventually by physical death.

Satan's temptation was, "Ye shall be as gods." Interestingly, when we see people acting wickedly, we sometimes say they're "acting like devils." Could this be more literal than we realize?

The fruit of the knowledge of good and evil produced the law of sin and death under which the Kingdom of Darkness rules planet earth. This is the curse on humanity. God's word is true and final.

The Deception of Human Goodness

Humanity has been deceived by Satan until Jesus Christ transfers us into His Kingdom. Even then, it's extremely difficult because we're fighting an invisible war that must be won spiritually. The Holy Spirit is our weapon.

Most people believe they are innately good despite the sins they've committed. But no person can reach God in their natural state because sin creates eternal separation between God and humanity.

As long as we operate within the mindset of the tree of good and evil, we're corrupt before God—producing spoiled fruit. The only fruit God receives is the fruit of the Spirit, which is produced through Christ.

People defend their condition by saying, "Nobody's perfect." That's true, but God can only receive perfect people because He is holy. Sin causes death and ultimately leads to hell.

Satan's World System

Here are more of Satan's major deceptions:

- Hell doesn't exist
- Religion can save you (Satan rules the religious world)

James 4 talks about being friends with the world as being enemies of God. When you study the word "world" in Scripture, it encompasses government, education, art, entertainment, secular culture, economy, and religion. Everything in the world system is ruled by Satan.

The Kingdom of Darkness operates behind the scenes of all these worldly institutions. People live in this system, work within it, and are shaped by it.

There's also a system where "good" fights against "evil" and "evil" fights against "good." It's fascinating how good and evil work together in this deceptive system. Satan deceives people through their good morals even while evil is present within them.

This is the nature of the tree of good and evil—it's profoundly deceptive. The Bible calls this "the old man" or "the sinful flesh." Without the Holy Spirit and God's help, we are hopelessly lost in darkness.

Satan's Tactics Exposed

Revelation 12 identifies Satan as "the accuser of our brethren" and the one "who deceives the whole world" (Revelation 12:9–10). His tactics are like those of a corrupt lawyer who uses dirt against you. He plays dirty and manipulates you into

playing dirty too.

We see this constantly in movies, and it happens in real life through scandals involving religious leaders, governments, and family secrets. Satan has exercised his tyranny within the realm of sin throughout all generations.

Your Authority Over Darkness

When you begin understanding Scripture and walking in the Spirit, you start to realize that the spiritual warfare you're engaged in is greater than your individual life. God is looking for people who will seek out truth.

God grants access to truth, which exists in His light. Luke 10:19 declares that Christ has given us "power over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

God has given you rights and authority, but the enemy constantly tries to trick you into believing you don't have them.

The Spiritual Nature of the Battle

There are many things we must obtain from God that are completely spiritual in nature. That's why it's extremely difficult for natural human beings to grasp spiritual realities.

But here's God's will: He wants you to know the truth, and the truth will set you free. "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

How to Overcome the Kingdom of Darkness

Here's your practical strategy for defeating Satan's kingdom:

1. **Acknowledge the Reality** Stop believing Satan's lie that he doesn't exist. Recognize you're in a real spiritual war with a real enemy.
2. **Understand the Hierarchy** Know that Satan rules through fallen angels, demons, and human cooperation. Don't give him legal ground through sin.
3. **Recognize Deception** Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to areas where you've been deceived. Test everything against Scripture.
4. **Reject the World System** Don't be friends with the world. Recognize that government, education, entertainment, and even religion can be tools of Satan's kingdom.
5. **Receive the Holy Spirit** Being born again is the only way out of the Kingdom of Darkness. You must have the Holy Spirit to fight spiritual battles.
6. **Use Your Authority** Exercise the authority Christ has given you over all the power of the enemy. You have legal rights in the spiritual realm.
7. **Stay in the Light** Walk in God's truth rather than Satan's deceptions. The truth will set you free from every form of bondage.

The Bottom Line

The Kingdom of Darkness is real, organized, and operating through systematic deception to keep humanity in spiritual bondage. Satan's goal is to prevent you from being born again

and walking in the authority Christ has given you.

But here's the good news: Jesus Christ has already defeated Satan. The victory is won. Your job is to enforce that victory through the authority and power of the Holy Spirit.

Satan's kingdom operates through ignorance, deception, and human cooperation with sin. God's Kingdom operates through truth, revelation, and human cooperation with the Holy Spirit.

The question is: Which kingdom are you cooperating with?

Don't be deceived any longer. The Kingdom of Darkness is real, but so is your authority over it through Jesus Christ.

It's time to stop being a victim and start being a victor. The power of the Kingdom of God within you is greater than the power of darkness around you.

Wake up, rise up, and take your place in the battle. The Kingdom of Darkness has no legal right to rule over those who belong to Jesus Christ.

Walk in your authority. The victory is already yours.

What is spiritual warfare?

The Origin of the War

Where does spiritual warfare come from? Why does it concern us?

The reason for spiritual warfare lies in the fact that it began with the fall of man from the very beginning. This entire cosmic conflict represents God's rescue mission to save what was lost.

Jesus told the Pharisees that He came to save lost sinners, not the righteous. I believe He was referring to self-righteous individuals, and He's absolutely correct—self-righteous people cannot be saved. In Romans 10, Paul speaks about the Israelites who sought their own righteousness rather than God's righteousness.

The war started with Lucifer's rebellion, and the consequences of Satan's uprising affect every human being, whether we're aware of it or not. This war is far greater than anything humanity can handle, which is why God had to intervene in His created world.

The Authority Question

When Jesus Christ came into the world, He referred to Himself as “the Son of Man.” Why is this title so significant?

Because it relates directly to the first law pronounced on earth for Adam and Eve—to have dominion over the earth. This implies that humanity has authority on earth; in other words, man has been authorized to operate under the law of dominion.

However, here’s the tragic reality: man does have dominion in the world, but not according to godly principles. Humanity is fallen and inherently evil, which is evident in the wars and conflicts throughout all of history.

Historically, wars have been about dividing and conquering to create slaves. We witness this invisible war manifesting in the natural realm, operating under the law of sin and death.

The Battle for Souls

This invisible war is fundamentally about souls—how many souls can God save versus how many souls can Satan condemn.

We have free will, and God chooses to present Himself and the gospel of Jesus Christ to all who will hear, believe, and repent. But for those who refuse, they are condemned by their own choice.

Hell was not created for humans; it was created for the devil and his angels. However, those who follow Satan will end up in hell with him.

Sin is so ingrained in human nature that it becomes nearly impossible to detach from it. We are sinful by nature, and this curse leads to a perpetual cycle of life and death.

Satan's Core Deception

God has other plans for humanity, but His creation often chooses to believe other things because Satan is their ruler. This truth is evident in Romans 1—God is to be worshipped, but people worship everything else except God.

Here's Satan's fundamental desire: he wants to be like God. Actually, he wants to BE God. So he sold his lie to Adam and Eve: they could be gods too.

Through this deception, Satan and the entire Adamic race became their own gods. This means everyone operates independently of God; man makes his own choices—man becomes his own god.

What does this entail? Humans are now at war with the one true God by being used by Satan to accomplish his agenda. It's completely wrong, yet that's exactly what's happening.

The Tragic Pattern

Why do people go through life trying everything else—from New Age spirituality to drugs to other religions—and nothing works for them? Finally, they say, "I'll give Jesus a try," and then they encounter the true God.

Many testimonies follow this pattern, and it's heartbreaking. Yet it reveals something beautiful about God's character. God is patient and long-suffering, wanting all who come to Him to be saved because God is love.

God is incredibly merciful, though most people don't realize it. Humanity is plagued with horrible experiences in this life, and they blame God for every wrong and evil thing, always blaming God. But then they turn around and do evil themselves, pursuing

every evil thing and every false religion, claiming it represents God when it doesn't.

The Original Design vs. Reality

God created all the world, Heaven, and earth, and Genesis 1 declares that when God created everything, "it was good"—meaning there was no evil present.

When Adam and Eve were created, there was no evil in them. So why did they need to know about evil? The truth is, humanity doesn't need to know about evil.

The sad reality is that evil is present because God is absent in this world. Adam and Eve kicked God out, partnering with Satan—the most treacherous thing our first parents could have done.

Understanding Sin, Rebellion, and Witchcraft

The Hebrew word for sin means to miss the mark. But Scripture also calls sin transgression, and in Hebrew that word means rebellion. When we examine rebellion further, we discover that in 1 Samuel, Samuel declares, "Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft."

Why is this connection made? Because Satan is the one who brought the first rebellion to earth.

Now let's understand what "witchcraft" means. It means to divine, as in divination. You are conjuring up something spiritually through a spell, curse, or evil spirit to gain something you want.

Witchcraft uses manipulation and lies to satisfy lustful greed. In essence, rebellion operates through pride and greed: "I'll

have what I want, when I want it, how often I want it, and I don't care about anyone else but myself."

Does this sound familiar? This self-centeredness is embedded in fallen humanity, and it's a curse. This is exactly how Satan operates.

Satan is a thief, a liar, and a murderer. John 10:10 states, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy." Satan will use you, abuse you, then discard you because you are expendable to him.

Doesn't this sound like the world system? That's because Satan is the ruler of this world, blinding people from seeing the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Nature of Spiritual Warfare

Spiritual warfare is about knowing who God is and remaining in truth by discovering and discerning Christ. The warfare that comes against us operates through deception—spiritual deception.

This is why it's so difficult for people to escape deception when they've been brainwashed by it. God commands us to renew our minds and have them regenerated by the Spirit of God. That's the only way to undo the deception and web of lies that Satan, the father of lies, has woven.

The apostle John writes in his first epistle that the love of the Father is not found in the world. What's in the world is "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life."

The world and God are enemies. There is nothing in the world that belongs to God's system—the world represents the Kingdom of Darkness. The world represents the absence of God; therefore, it is Satan and fallen mankind operating together.

The Default Human Condition

This is why so many people are hostile toward a good God—there's tremendous blame directed at God. Remember, in the Garden, when Adam sinned, he blamed the woman God gave him, and Eve blamed the serpent.

Human beings are, by default, independent and desire to remain independent, ruling and lording over each other. This creates massive problems because sin brings guilt, shame, and condemnation.

Sin has become a catastrophic issue for humanity, and the violations are severe. Selfish humanity thinks it's acceptable to violate others while making fun of it, but it's not okay to be violated in return. It's fine to injure others, but not acceptable when they get injured.

Hurting, wounding, fighting, and wars occur because devastating damage has already been done to mankind through sin. Sin opened a door to Satan, fallen angels, and demons. Disobedience always has consequences.

The Cosmic Legal Framework

The Kingdom of Darkness wages war on humankind to wage war against God. When humanity falls, it grieves God, even though God is almighty. But God is a loving God who wants to save His creation.

However, because of free will, certain spiritual laws are in place. God is perfect; therefore, He will not violate or overstep established boundaries.

In kingdoms, there's always hierarchy. Adam was originally on top, but because of sin, he fell to the bottom. Satan assumed

authority over Adam, though God remains above all.

Jesus: The Game Changer

Then Jesus Christ comes as the last Adam, which gives Him authority as the Son of Man. Through this legal position, He receives authority in Heaven and on earth, destroying him who had the power of death, the devil, and holding the keys of Hades and of Death (Hebrews 2:14; Revelation 1:18).

Now, all those who are in the last Adam are positioned above the Kingdom of Darkness. Your identity and purpose must be fully understood through Christ. Once you know this, spiritual warfare becomes a matter of walking in victory that Christ has already won.

The War is Already Won

Here's the crucial truth about spiritual warfare: it's warfare in the heavens, but you must understand the truth about it.

Satan lost. Jesus won.

Humans need to discover this reality and get filled with the Holy Spirit. The war is already decided, but the enemy fights until his time runs out.

In the end, Christ is coming back for His bride, and this represents the ultimate test for all humanity—to follow Christ and enter the Kingdom of God.

How to Actually Do Spiritual Warfare

This is how you engage in spiritual warfare: by knowing who you are in Christ as a new creature in the Kingdom of Heaven, walking in the Spirit of God as sons of God, manifesting the glory of the Father.

Spiritual warfare is NOT about struggling against Satan and the Kingdom of Darkness as if the outcome is uncertain. If you are in Christ, you are exercising authority over the Kingdom of Darkness because Satan is under your feet since you are in Christ.

The Believer's Position

Here's your actual position in spiritual warfare:

1. **You Fight From Victory, Not For Victory** Christ already defeated Satan. You're not trying to win a war; you're enforcing a victory that's already been accomplished.
2. **You Have Legal Authority** As a son of God in Christ, you have legal authority over all the power of the enemy. Satan is under your feet positionally.
3. **Your Identity Determines Your Authority** Knowing who you are in Christ is essential. You're not a struggling victim; you're a victorious son of God.
4. **The Holy Spirit is Your Power Source** You don't fight in your own strength. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead operates through you.
5. **Truth is Your Primary Weapon** Spiritual warfare is primarily about staying in truth and exposing deception. The truth sets people free.

Practical Application

Stop fighting like you're losing. Stop begging God to do what He's already done. Stop acting like Satan has any real power over you.

Instead:

- Walk in your identity as a son of God
- Exercise the authority Christ has given you
- Speak truth that destroys deception
- Manifest the Kingdom of God through your life
- Help others discover their victory in Christ

The Bottom Line

Spiritual warfare isn't about battling demons all day or rebuking everything in sight. It's about understanding that you are positioned in Christ above every principality and power.

The war is won. Satan is defeated. You have authority over the Kingdom of Darkness.

The question isn't whether you can win—it's whether you'll walk in the victory that's already yours.

Your job isn't to defeat Satan; Jesus already did that. Your job is to enforce Satan's defeat and help others discover their freedom in Christ.

You're not fighting for victory; you're fighting from victory. Know who you are in Christ, and spiritual warfare becomes what it should be—demonstrating the Kingdom of God through the authority of the King.

The Kingdom of God

Beyond Human Observation

The Kingdom of God does not come through human observation—through sight, taste, touch, hearing, or smell. The Kingdom of God exists within the realm of God’s Spirit. This is precisely why humans cannot see it or accept it.

The Kingdom of God comes with power; it is God ruling and reigning over His people. The entire Bible revolves around the Kingdom of God, and with this perspective, we can see as God intends us to see.

God is the King of glory, the Lord of hosts, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords. These titles define who He is, but He is more than all of these combined—He is the Most High God.

The Mystery That Must Be Revealed

God seeks those who are humble, poor in spirit, and willing to accept and receive Him. He is a mystery that needs to be revealed, and everything about the Kingdom of God is not about a physical place—it's about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus brings the message of the Kingdom of Heaven, which is not subject to time, place, or matter. It supersedes all things because it is above everything. Humans do not understand the Kingdom of God, and fallen humanity cannot receive it because it is spiritual.

In John 3, we read that man must be born again to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus says, “You must be born again” (John 3:7), and that we must be born of the Spirit—the Spirit of God. In Luke, Jesus declares, “The Kingdom of God is within you.”

When your spirit becomes born again, you can enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Eternal Hunger Within

Ecclesiastes reveals that Solomon understood eternity is placed in our hearts. There's something we seek out, try to attain, but fail to find satisfaction in. Whether it's winning the lottery, getting a better car, taking a better vacation, or achieving a better lifestyle, we're always looking for something better.

Yet after we obtain these things, we're still not satisfied because nothing in this life will ever satisfy the human heart.

Since we've lost fellowship with the Almighty, we pursue other things instead of God, leading to idolatry and covetousness. The prophet Isaiah declared, “All we like sheep have gone astray.”

We cannot escape the law of sin and death—a universal law

operating on earth. All who are born into sin will die. However, in this physical life, God gives us space to repent and believe the gospel so we can enter the Kingdom of God.

The Price Already Paid

Jesus Christ has already paid the price for our sins, curses, and eternal separation, restoring the fellowship with God that was lost in the Garden of Eden.

The Kingdom of God was present from the beginning, but Adam and Eve lost it to the Kingdom of Darkness. However, because of Jesus Christ, the Kingdom of God is now back on earth. Those who follow Christ and have the Spirit of God ARE the Kingdom of God.

There will come a day when the end arrives, and then the Lord God Almighty will create a new Heaven and a new earth for His people. Those who did not receive Christ will depart into the lake of fire, where Satan and his angels belong, having committed treason and abomination against the Most Holy, Most High God.

The Most Powerful Kingdom

The Kingdom of God is the most powerful force in the universe. It's outside the universe, yet it rules within the universe because God is not subject to time, space, and matter like we are.

When we study the Bible and everything spiritual, we must change our mindset and enter into the mind of Christ.

Breaking Through Limited Thinking

There are so many self-limiting beliefs and limiting beliefs about God. God is eternal, immortal, almighty, and all-wise, yet we try to put Him in a box. We're so foolish that we cannot even fathom how great God is.

We are naturally in disagreement with God. Romans 8 tells us that the carnal mind is at enmity with God. Therefore, if we don't change our thinking and beliefs, we'll miss the opportunity to engage with God because of our "stinking thinking."

God is so gracious and merciful that He tries to get our attention by sending hints and signs to help us. Scripture reveals that His eyes run "to and fro throughout the whole earth" (2 Chronicles 16:9), looking for those who will worship Him. Jesus said they must worship Him "in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).

God is searching the earth for people who want truth and who want to escape the worldly system.

God's Order vs. Human Rebellion

God is a God of order, and He understands perfectly how everything works because He's God. The problem is with us: we believe what we want to believe. The crazy part is that we have free will, and God will respect our will even when we choose to believe lies.

In the book of Judges, there's a common theme: "Everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25). That's humanity's problem, not God's problem.

God gave humanity free will to live however they choose, and the responsibility rests on man, not God. God has established certain principles in this world for us to operate by because we

are finite while He is infinite. He is God; He is King; He is Lord; He is Creator; He is Master.

The Human Heart Problem

Here's a shocking truth: our human nature, in its essence, hates God. We hate authority; we hate someone being above us. We are dishonorable, which demonstrates the rebellion—the sin factor—in the human heart.

Despite all of this, God still wants to help us. In Isaiah, He says, “Come now, and let us reason together” (Isaiah 1:18). He is in the saving business, but there are conditions.

The condition is: “Be ye holy; for I am holy” (1 Peter 1:16 KJV). God is a holy God, and those who walk with Him must walk in holiness. That's why sinners don't want to associate with a holy God—because they can't sin in His presence, and God does not sin.

Sin is an enemy of God, so we have this fundamental issue that must be resolved, or it will be impossible to have a relationship with God.

God's Heart Concern from the Beginning

Go back to the beginning of the Bible with Cain and Abel. After Cain murdered Abel in the field, the Lord God confronted Cain: “Where is Abel your brother?” ... “What have you done?” (Genesis 4:9–10).

God rebuked Cain about sin, warning him that sin was “at the door” of his heart, ready to enter if he didn't do well. From the very beginning, God's concern was about getting man's heart right.

Throughout Scripture, we see that God is more interested in changing people's hearts because the condition of the heart was always sinful, wrong, continually evil, and filled with violence.

Divine Justice vs. Human Perspective

As a just God, God must send judgment if He is righteous. This is difficult for us to understand because of the vast difference between humans and God.

Even on earth today, we have justice systems to penalize people, yet these systems often reflect a corrupted version of God's righteous principles. For example, the elite get away with whatever they want because they're powerful, while poor people suffer under the full weight of the law. It's a wrong setup.

We often think God is evil for judging and destroying people, but these actions are punishments for sins. People tend to believe they are good, but sin is inherently evil. God's punishment targets wickedness, even for those who seem to lead somewhat good or righteous lives on earth.

God sees everything, and our lives are preserved only in this lifetime. Ultimately, there's still an end because all people on earth are subject to the law of sin and death.

The Entry Requirements

This is why you cannot enter the Kingdom of God through your works or merit. God would grant you access, but because you have Adam's blood in you—which operates under the law of sin and death—you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 15:50). Sin cannot enter. Nothing that belongs to the world

system can enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Only those who are born again by the Spirit of Christ can enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Only Way In

Jesus said, “I am the door” (John 10:9), and “I am the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). He is the gate; He is the shepherd who leads the sheep into the pasture. Everything you read in the Old Testament points to Christ providing the way to bring people into the Kingdom of Heaven.

John 1:12 declares that God has given us the right and authority to become sons of God to those who believe in the Messiah. We have access through believing in the finished work of Christ.

It is only through Christ that we enter the Kingdom of Heaven. We must follow the One who came down from Heaven to earth and follow Him through the way He has provided.

The Promise of the Father

All the gospel of the Kingdom is designed to bring us the promise of the Father. The promise of the Father is the Holy Spirit.

Here’s a revelation that will transform your understanding: **The Holy Spirit brings the Kingdom of Heaven into you.** Those who receive the Holy Spirit receive the Kingdom of Heaven and can enter paradise.

How to Enter the Kingdom

Here's the practical pathway to entering God's Kingdom:

1. **Recognize Your Need** Acknowledge that you cannot satisfy the eternal hunger in your heart through earthly things. Admit your spiritual poverty.
2. **Understand the Holiness Requirement** God is holy and cannot accept anything unholy. Your good works cannot bridge this gap.
3. **Accept the Payment Made** Jesus Christ has already paid the price for your sins and provided the only way into the Kingdom.
4. **Be Born Again** You must be born of the Spirit to see and enter the Kingdom of God. This is not reformation—it's regeneration.
5. **Receive the Holy Spirit** The Holy Spirit brings the Kingdom of Heaven within you. Receiving Him means you've entered the Kingdom.
6. **Walk in Holiness** Those who belong to the Kingdom must walk in the holiness that characterizes their King.

Two Kingdoms, One Choice

Every human being lives in one of two kingdoms:

- The Kingdom of Darkness (ruled by Satan through sin and rebellion)
- The Kingdom of God (ruled by Christ through the Holy Spirit)

There is no neutral ground. There is no third option. You are either in Adam (Kingdom of Darkness) or in Christ (Kingdom of God).

The Kingdom of God is not a democracy—it's a monarchy. God is the King, and His word is final. If you want to enter His Kingdom, you come on His terms, not yours.

The Ultimate Reality

The Kingdom of God is not about escaping earth to go to Heaven someday. The Kingdom of God is about Heaven coming to earth through those who have been born again by the Spirit of God.

When you receive the Holy Spirit, you carry the Kingdom within you. You become an ambassador of Heaven, demonstrating Kingdom principles and power wherever you go.

The Kingdom of God is already here, operating through those who have been translated from the Kingdom of Darkness into the Kingdom of God's dear Son.

The Choice Before You

The Kingdom of God is available, but it requires total surrender. You cannot serve two kingdoms simultaneously. You cannot live for yourself while claiming to belong to God's Kingdom.

Jesus said, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

The question is: Are you ready to surrender your rebellion and enter the Kingdom through the only door—Jesus Christ? Are you ready to be born again by the Spirit of God?

The Kingdom of God is within reach, but it requires abandoning the kingdom of self and submitting to the King of kings.

Which kingdom will you choose?

What does it mean to repent?

The Simple Definition That Changes Everything

The biggest thing about repentance is that there are many different ways to understand it, but we need to grasp its basic, simple, and fundamental essence.

Repentance simply means to change your mind—to change the direction you were going.

Picture this: you were heading one way, thinking it was the right way, and then you do a complete 180-degree shift to go back in the right direction. If a person continues on their current path, they will get lost and eventually lose all eternity with God.

God shows us what repentance is—it's following Jesus Christ.

What Must We Change Our Minds About?

So what exactly are we supposed to change our minds about? We must change our minds about sin, our life, and God, and acknowledge that Jesus Christ is truly the Messiah.

If we could discover this truth on our own, it would be a tremendous revelation. However, as humans, we don't know the way. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Here's a shocking reality: there is no one on planet Earth—no human being—who understands anything about God apart from divine revelation.

The Total Depravity of Humanity

Through the Psalms and in Romans 3, the apostle Paul quotes Scripture, stating that "there is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10). He goes on to describe humanity as without understanding, violent, liars, deceivers, full of cursing and bitterness.

If you strip away everything from humanity, what's left in a person's heart is sin. This is how mankind has lost the reality of God and relationship with Him.

Religion always attempts to reach up to God, but the Gospel of Jesus Christ is God coming down to earth as a man to show us how to be reunited with Him.

The Lost Truth Restored

This truth has been lost since the beginning of time, since the fall of man. Idolatry, religion, corruption, and tyranny have ruled the planet, resulting in people believing whatever they want to believe, and sin has allowed it.

In the chaos of humanity's mess—because of the curse and our sinful state—Christ came down from Heaven to earth to reveal the true nature of God to us. He came so that all may believe in

His righteousness, which is given to all humanity through His sacrifice on the cross.

Repentance truly begins by believing the gospel message. This gospel message is designed to restore us to the Kingdom of God.

Repentance as Renewal of the Mind

Another way to understand repentance is as a renewal of the mind. It's central to the walk of a disciple because there are previous and preconceived ideas that don't align with the Man who came down from Heaven—Jesus Christ.

When we learn from and follow Jesus Christ, our thought life and hearts transform because there's power that comes from Him. This power emanating from Him is the Holy Spirit.

Here's the crucial truth: **We alone cannot change or transform ourselves.** There needs to be supernatural power to have a transformed life. The Holy Spirit is the One who helps us and regenerates our internal life to think and align our thoughts with Christ.

Without the inner working of the Holy Spirit, repentance toward truth is virtually impossible. Most people—if not all—already believe what they believe and are futile in their thinking, coming against God.

Cooperation with the Spirit of Truth

Repentance is cooperation with the Spirit of Truth.

When we read about the prodigal son in Luke 15, we see that the younger son wandered off, squandering a life meant for good. He chose the wrong direction, driven by his desires. Later, when he hit rock bottom, he came to his senses and realized the truth.

He returned home to his father.

Luke 15 vividly illustrates what repentance looks like. The prodigal son encountered grace, mercy, compassion, and love from his father upon his return. The father rejoiced because his lost son was found.

The beginning of Luke 15 depicts repentance in the light of how Heaven sees it. It states that if one person repents, all of Heaven rejoices.

The Gospel Foundation

This truth about Jesus Christ and His Kingdom is something we must discover. Jesus speaks about the Kingdom with utmost importance.

Repentance begins when you hear the message of the gospel and it's mingled with faith. You believe in your heart that Jesus Christ was raised from the grave, and you confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord.

We have the Creator who came in the likeness of human flesh to tell us things that were lost, which humans could not understand. John's Gospel tells us that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

Everything about Jesus Christ reflects God; everything about Him shows us who God is. Everything He says tells us about the Father.

The Mind Transformation Process

Now we must know who He is, and what we usually have in our minds must be forsaken to take on new thought formation through believing in the life of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Repentance is about following the One who has been made an example for us. Just as fallen man—the first Adam—sinned, the last Adam obeyed.

If you look closely at the life of the Messiah, it's about undoing what humanity has done from the beginning. Jesus Christ is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. The only One who can claim all these titles is the Creator God Himself.

Because God gave man free will, He took the work of redemption upon Himself. There is a way through the Holy Spirit because Christ has finished the work on the cross, putting away the law of sin and death.

The Supernatural Nature of True Repentance

To learn and understand repentance, first and foremost, it is the working of the Holy Spirit in you to help you believe in the supernatural gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord and to be filled with supernatural faith—because God is supernatural.

We're believing a supernatural story. You can read Romans 10 to better understand this biblical narrative.

To change the way you think, start by reading the four Gospels, then the New Testament epistles, and then the Old Testament. The New Testament Scriptures must be foundational before getting into the Old Testament.

A Practical Reading Strategy

I always thought reading from Genesis to Revelation was the way to go—that's what we've been taught. But after reading and discovering the Word of God, I wish somebody had told me

how to read it because it can be very confusing.

This is why I recommend starting with the Gospels first, especially if you're a new believer or new disciple. **Read the Gospel of John first**—it helps you with believing unto repentance.

How God Moves Us to Repentance

God moves us to repentance in several ways:

1. **Through His Goodness and Love** We experience His goodness and presence, which is love itself.
2. **Through Encountering Christ** We encounter Jesus Christ and His life, what He's done for us, and it starts to make sense.
3. **Through the Holy Spirit's Conviction** The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, of righteousness, and of the coming judgment (John 16:8).

The Complexity Within Simplicity

Repentance is simple but very complex because humans are complex beings with many problems. But that's okay because God can handle all of that.

We see this in the life, crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the Holy Spirit who has given us access to become sons of God.

The Ongoing Process

When we have an encounter with the Lord every day of our lives, we are sanctified by His truth to be conformed to His image and likeness, every day until the Lord returns for us.

Repentance isn't just a one-time event—it's an ongoing lifestyle of turning away from our ways and toward God's ways.

Practical Steps to True Repentance

Here's how repentance actually works in your life:

1. **Acknowledge Your Condition** Recognize that you're heading in the wrong direction and cannot save yourself.
2. **Hear the Gospel with Faith** Listen to the message of Jesus Christ and allow it to be mixed with faith in your heart.
3. **Believe in Your Heart** Believe that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead and that He is who He claims to be.
4. **Confess with Your Mouth** Confess that Jesus Christ is Lord—not just Savior, but the ultimate authority over your life.
5. **Cooperate with the Holy Spirit** Allow the Spirit of Truth to renew your mind and transform your thinking patterns.
6. **Follow Christ Daily** Make the 180-degree turn and continue walking in His direction, not your own.
7. **Read Scripture Strategically** Start with the Gospel of John, then the other Gospels, then the epistles, building a New Testament foundation.

The Choice Before You

Repentance is not just feeling sorry for your sins. It's not just promising to do better. It's not just turning over a new leaf.

True repentance is a supernatural transformation of your mind and heart that can only happen through the power of the Holy Spirit when you genuinely encounter Jesus Christ.

The question is: Are you ready to change your mind about the direction you're heading? Are you ready to do a complete 180-degree turn and follow Christ?

Or are you going to continue on your current path, thinking you know better than the Creator of the universe?

The Bottom Line

Repentance is simple: change your mind and follow Jesus.

But it's also complex because it requires supernatural power to transform a human heart that's naturally hostile to God.

The good news is that God provides everything needed for true repentance:

- The gospel message that reveals truth
- The Holy Spirit who convicts and transforms
- The power to change what you cannot change yourself
- The ongoing grace to continue growing

Heaven rejoices when one person repents. Will you be that person today?

The prodigal son came to his senses and returned home. The father was waiting with open arms, ready to celebrate.

Your heavenly Father is waiting for you too. The question is:

Are you ready to come home?

Repentance as a Weapon

The Nature of Spiritual Weapons

“The weapons of our warfare are not carnal” (2 Corinthians 10:4).

Let’s dive into what this means. The attack on the human soul comes through lies. We must identify what lies come from the devil. Whatever lie or belief system we’ve built in our minds becomes what Scripture calls “strongholds.”

The lie or belief you hold onto keeps you in bondage to the devil. But we’re not just dealing with abstract lies—we’re dealing with spiritual entities that want to impersonate your personality through your familiar life.

These demonic beings feed off sinful activity, negative behavior, and negative thinking. They love to exploit your insecurities by instilling fear so you’ll succumb to their influence.

We have free will; therefore, we choose to act on what we believe. **What you believe determines your behavior.** Remember, repentance is a change of mind. When you change your mind

about the lie, you enter into truth, which defeats error.

The Battlefield: Spiritual Realm, Earthly Manifestation

Spiritual warfare is conducted in the spiritual realm, but it manifests in the earthly realm because we are earthly beings with spiritual nature.

For spiritual things to operate in this world—the earthly realm—they must come through the natural from the spiritual side. What comes to your mind must be discerned because not everything on earth is from God.

God created all things, but because of the fall of man, Satan and the Kingdom of Darkness entered the earth. Now we must discern the difference between right and wrong, good and evil, holy and profane, righteous and unrighteous.

Discernment isn't just a mental ability, although we naturally have some capacity to discern through learning. But when it comes to spiritual matters, they must be discerned spiritually.

The Demonic Teaching System

First Timothy 4 reveals that the Holy Spirit warns us that in the days we live in, there will be demons teaching and instructing us on how to live life.

It's the Holy Spirit who gives us discernment against supernatural evil. We're naturally inclined to sin, and it's accepted in the world to sin. These demons love to attach, enter, dictate, tempt, and manipulate you into living their way.

The sinner already loves their sin because there's pleasure involved, but it has a price—it has consequences. We're free to choose, but we're not free from the consequences of that choice.

Even wise people in the world understand this moral principle.

The Limitation of Human Morality

Moral principles are still part of the knowledge of good and evil that comes from the tree Adam and Eve ate from. That fruit is already embedded in us. Those “good things” cannot save us.

We must have the knowledge of Christ that saves us—body, soul, and spirit. Everything about our faith starts with the Holy Spirit helping us hear the Word of God.

The Word comes into our ears, drops into our hearts for us to contemplate, so we can adhere to truth. There’s deep critical thinking that comes from the Word of God planted in our hearts that produces faith to believe in the Lord.

Identifying and Destroying Strongholds

We must learn to decipher in our minds through the Word of God what lies and belief systems have been built in our lives.

Strongholds are like castles—brick upon brick, lies upon lies that have been built over time for us to live a certain way. This becomes our lifestyle. The consequences of our lifestyle affect how we’ll live in the future.

That’s why there’s so much delusion in this world—humanity has free will to think however they want and live however they want. If there are no parameters to moral consciousness, it becomes total anarchy.

But God is so merciful that He built us with a navigating compass called conscience. We know in our minds what’s right and wrong, yet we still do wrong and justify our wrong because of our sinful nature.

The Spiritual Death Problem

Ephesians 2:2 says that the children of disobedience are ruled by “the prince of the power of the air.” Because humanity is dead in sins and trespasses, humanity’s spirit is dead to God; therefore, they cannot hear, see, or understand God.

Why do you think God had to send His Spirit into man to revive his spirit so man could have fellowship with God? The only way for us to see, hear, or understand God is through being born again by His Spirit.

The Spirit of God is our greatest weapon, and He helps us repent, which means we get to destroy the strongholds of lies and unbelief inspired by the Kingdom of Darkness in our lives.

The Counterattack

There’s tremendous backlash and counterattack from the Kingdom of Darkness to stop people from being born again. If they are born again, they’re attacked by heaviness, oppression, shame, guilt, and condemnation.

Satan will use unborn-again people to slander, gossip, and falsely accuse you because you’re a child of God.

We must understand spiritual warfare from God’s perspective. We must discover where we’ve been deceived, and we have to go back to the beginning—the origin of all things—to understand why man fell.

The Original Rebellion

Adam sinned willfully, which means disobedience on purpose. That's treason and rebellion against the One who created him. That action was so severe it warranted a lawful sentence of eternal separation.

The severity of his action caused God to call out to Adam, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9), and to ask the woman, "What is this you have done?" (Genesis 3:13). Adam and Eve didn't understand the full consequences—that they would be expelled from the Garden of Eden, separated from the Kingdom of Heaven eternally.

Sin has eternal consequences, but in God's mercy, He created a way to reclaim and restore His people to the Kingdom of God.

Repentance: The Gateway to the Kingdom

Repentance leads to the Kingdom of God. Jesus said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15).

The Lord gave specific commands and promptings from the Holy Spirit to defeat the Kingdom of Darkness. Jesus took all authority in Heaven and on earth to show everyone that He is the Most High.

All those who believe in the Son of God become sons of God. This identity must be developed; it must come by revelation from the Holy One.

When you encounter the Holy One of God—Jesus Christ—and you know who He is and what He's given you, then you can fight the good fight of faith that Christ has provided. He has given humanity the Kingdom of Heaven.

Spiritual Keys and Kingdom Authority

There are spiritual keys to unlock the Kingdom of God. **The Kingdom of God is our weapon against the Kingdom of Darkness.** Those keys we possess are weapons of our warfare that belong to God.

Why is this crucial? Because the Kingdom of God trumps all of the Kingdom of Darkness. Satan doesn't have any authority, but he has some power. However, that cannot defeat the Kingdom of God.

When we understand our identity and faith, then authority is understood. We live by the identity of Christ; therefore, the authority we have in Christ is utilized for God's glory.

The Authority Jesus Gives

Luke 10:19 declares that we have “power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you” (KJV).

This is the authority Christ offers to those who are His disciples. It's His disciples alone who can access Christ in His authority and power to destroy the works of the enemy.

Repentance is aligning yourself with Christ; therefore, Christ can move through you as a vessel to transform your life and others. That's taking people out of the Kingdom of Darkness—it's a rescue mission.

God is in the soul-saving business. “He that winneth souls is wise” (Proverbs 11:30 KJV).

How Repentance Functions as a Weapon

Repentance is a way to dismantle and destroy lies that the enemy has sown in your old life.

Repentance is a means to kill and destroy your old man, your old past, and your old life that has nothing to do with you after you're born again. When you're born again, all things pass away, and new life comes forth.

Since you're in Christ, you live in newness of life. Repentance, through the Holy Spirit, detects what sinful behaviors are stopping you from entering into Christ's power.

Repentance leads to holiness and righteousness—transformation through the Holy Spirit. Repentance isn't a means to confess your sins without transformation. True repentance brings forth fruits worthy of repentance (Matthew 3:8).

The First Key to Victory

When I say repentance is a weapon, it's our first key to hold in our hands—the way into the Kingdom of God. When we enter the Kingdom of God by the Spirit of God, we must understand what we wield in our possession.

Religious Deception vs. True Christianity

The enemy knows this power, so he stops people from moving as sons of God and has hijacked Christianity through religion. One form of sinful flesh is idolatry, which is a form of religion.

Man and Satan are geniuses when it comes to religion, especially Christianity. There's Christianity on earth that isn't fully pleasing to God because there are two sides: the Kingdom of

Darkness versus the Kingdom of God.

There are false Christs, false Christianity, and false brethren. It all comes down to this: either you have the Spirit of God or you don't.

Jesus was persecuted most by religious people—Pharisees, Sadducees, and scribes of His day. We're going through the same thing now, just like the Sanhedrin 2,000 years ago and the great influence and power it wielded under the Kingdom of Darkness.

The Supernatural Nature of True Faith

First Corinthians 2 records Paul stating that none of the rulers of this age knew; “for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory” (1 Corinthians 2:8).

Everything about the faith of the disciple is supernatural through the Holy Spirit dwelling inside them. This is the only way God intended for man to live on earth—after the likeness of Jesus Christ.

It's God the Father's will that we're conformed to His Son's image. **The most important thing about repentance is that you wage good warfare to conform to Christ's image by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Engaging the Spirit Realm

We must operate by everything God has designed by faith to fully engage in the spirit realm through the Word of God. The Word of God in our hearts develops the reality of God's Kingdom.

Scripture is for our instruction, but if it's just from a historical point of view, we won't enter into the spiritual realm God desires.

It's Scripture plus the Holy Spirit that help us move in the spiritual realm.

Why Satan Fights So Hard

Satan wants to knock you off the path because it destroys him. It reminds him of what he doesn't have. He's a loser; he lost the war.

He fights because he's a thief. He still has ability because he's a thief and murderer from the beginning. He steals, kills, and destroys from now until the end of all things.

God is still trying to save souls. God is love. God is fighting to save the lost, but He can only save those who agree with Him through faith—that's why it's called "saving faith."

Repentance is the power to bring forth saving faith that transforms the dead into the living.

God's Heart for Repentance

God takes repentance very seriously because He loves what it does: it transforms something dead into something beautiful and alive.

God is holy, and those who worship God know His holiness. The Psalmist says to "worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 29:2).

Repentance is a means to enter into worthy relationship. The English word "worship" comes from "worth-ship"—entering into worthy relationship. God is worthy.

God made man worthy, but sin has marred and destroyed the beauty of humanity. Jesus Christ came to earth to become ugly for us, so we may become beautiful as He is once again.

How to Wield Repentance as a Weapon

Here's how to practically use repentance as a spiritual weapon:

1. **Identify the Lies** Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what lies and strongholds have been built in your mind.
2. **Change Your Mind** Repent means to change your mind about these lies and align with God's truth.
3. **Destroy Strongholds** Use the Word of God to tear down every argument and high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.
4. **Walk in Your Identity** Understand who you are in Christ and the authority He's given you over the enemy.
5. **Exercise Kingdom Authority** Use the spiritual keys Jesus has given you to bind and loose, to heal and deliver.
6. **Transform Others** Use your authority to help rescue others from the Kingdom of Darkness.

The Bottom Line

Repentance isn't just feeling sorry for your sins. **Repentance is a spiritual weapon** that:

- Destroys lies and strongholds
- Aligns you with Christ's authority
- Transforms you from death to life
- Gives you power over the enemy
- Enables you to rescue others

The enemy knows the power of true repentance, which is why he works so hard to keep people either in sin or in religious

deception without the Holy Spirit.

But for those who truly repent and receive the Spirit of God, repentance becomes your first and most powerful weapon in spiritual warfare.

You're not fighting as a victim—you're fighting as a victor. You're not struggling against darkness—you're enforcing the light.

Repentance is your weapon. Learn to use it effectively, and watch the Kingdom of Darkness crumble before the advancing Kingdom of God.

Forgiveness as a Weapon

The Power That Frees the Soul

Forgiveness frees the soul, protects the heart, and is shrouded with God's love. The love of God heals, delivers, and sets us free. When the love of God fills your entire being, you overflow with peace, life, joy, strength, and love.

The power of God moves through this love. Sometimes forgiveness is impossible on your own, but when you have the empowering power of Christ, it frees you and enables you to forgive.

Most people think forgiveness is about being nice or letting people off the hook. **That's not biblical forgiveness. Biblical forgiveness is a spiritual weapon.**

The Enemy's Strategy

Whenever the enemy throws offenses, hurts, wounds, past memories, or past traumas at you, it's designed to drag you back into your past and your sinful ways.

All these attacks are temptations against the real born-again you who is in Christ. God has given us forgiveness because it's the power to let go, forget, and move forward.

Here's what most people miss: **Forgiveness is not about the other person; it's about you moving ahead in life.** When you see forgiveness from God's perspective, it brings freedom.

The Poison That Destroys

What tries to trap you? Bitterness, resentment, pride, jealousy, envy—all evil and all practiced malice. These things are poisonous to the soul, especially when you're around people who poison you with these toxins.

Poisonous, toxic, sinful people don't want you to move ahead in life. They're stuck and want to keep you down. They don't care about you, even though they claim they do.

There must be forgiveness and wisdom. God has given us relationships to steward in righteousness. God wants us to help people and free people, and the first thing God wants to deal with in man's heart is unforgiveness.

Unforgiveness is actually a weapon against our own soul, which leads to hell.

God's Non-Negotiable Standard

Jesus said, “But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matthew 6:15). This isn’t a suggestion—it’s a spiritual law.

It’s crucial to understand that Christ came into the world to forgive sinners. Since Christ came in the likeness of man to show us the way of Heaven, He demonstrated grace and mercy to humanity when we didn’t deserve what He accomplished on the cross.

God has given us His Spirit to overcome and be empowered to live Christ-like here on earth. **Forgiveness is a weapon against enemies that try to destroy the internal soul.**

The Physical Reality of Spiritual Truth

Here’s something fascinating: when people are bitter and angry, it literally kills them physically. Depression adds to this and brings physical illness. Unforgiveness is detrimental to our health and destroys our lives.

When doctors see bitterness in patients struggling with illness, they’ll tell them to get help and get well mentally, because there are spiritual implications to mental wellness that help the body heal.

Did this wisdom start with doctors? No! God created man in His likeness. The Creator knows what He placed in humanity, but man disagrees with God who created him.

Our problem is we won’t go back to the manual. But once we return to the manual and understand how man operates according to God’s design, true healing comes.

The Spiritual Lines Up with the Natural

Jesus preached about the “remission of sins.” It’s interesting that when people get cancer and experience remission, we say the person is doing better.

The spiritual lines up with the natural. God knows what He’s doing; there’s no error in Him. But because man is in error, he treats everybody in error until corrected.

Man doesn’t want to be corrected by God because man thinks he’s his own god—until man understands, changes his mind about his state of misery and failure, and comes to God in repentance and faith, believing that God is truth.

The Love That Transforms

Love covers a multitude of sins, but not just any type of love—not even human love. It must be godly, Christ-like love.

But this love doesn’t stop at covering; it beckons people to transform through the love of Christ. The love of Christ transforms the person; it doesn’t let them stay in sin because this love is holy and righteous.

It’s the most powerful love in the universe—something man lost from the Garden of Eden after the fall. The love of God left the earth. This is why it’s so hard for us to accept or know God’s love—because it’s not a reality on earth since it was lost.

Thanks be to Jesus Christ, who brought the love of God back! The Spirit of Love from the Father was poured into the earth.

Beyond Academic Understanding

Sometimes we cannot understand God's love just by reading the Bible; there must be an encounter with the Holy Spirit. He's the One who moves you as you read Scripture.

When you encounter religious people, they tell you truth, but sometimes you don't feel love from them because they want to be right rather than righteous.

Jesus Christ—who is God—went through the most excruciating pain and punishment on the cross for our sins while being completely innocent, knowing no sin. He was shamed, falsely accused, tormented, tortured, and cursed—all for us.

Why would any human be able to do that for others? None could. **The love of God is supernaturally selfless**—something humans don't naturally possess because we're tainted with sin. Our love has conditions and agendas.

The Ultimate Sacrifice

God, who took on human flesh, was beaten, stripped naked, and nailed to a cross, where He laid down His life—all for love.

If you study the stories, legends, myths, and religions of the world, Jesus Christ is the only God who paid for the sins of His people to win them back into His Kingdom. All other gods on earth are not selfless but selfish.

The forgiveness God gives is beyond our comprehension. The love of God fuels the forgiveness of sins in mankind, and the love of God fuels mankind to live in forgiveness.

Different Weapons, Different Perspective

We must change our minds about our weapons. The weapons of God are different from those of the world or what we've been taught.

Even religion negates God's weapons or weaponizes the Bible against people, damning them to hell. We need the right perspective and view of God.

It's not just about reading through the Bible; it's encountering the living God that shatters all lies and the Kingdom of Darkness. It brings you into light, truth, grace, and an encounter with Christ's love that sets you free.

This is supernatural freedom that takes place when you surrender completely—when you come to the end of yourself.

The Holy Spirit's Role

It's crucial for a person to encounter the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit knows what to do with our mind, heart, will, emotions, and sins. The Holy Spirit is the One who reconciles you to God.

There's no better way than the Holy Spirit's way. Religious man doesn't have power to set people free. People who have the Holy Spirit are vessels God uses to heal others.

That's it—born-again sons and daughters of God moving by the Holy Spirit on earth to bring freedom, reconciliation, and redemption to lost and dying people. This is the gospel of the Kingdom.

The Enemy's Counterattack

The enemy uses murmuring, complaining, begrudging, offending, and accusations to attack and keep people in bondage to sin—like bitterness, unforgiveness, and ill will against others.

These things don't let people go free. There's no peace, joy, or love when these toxins are present because of hurt and wounds.

To escape pain and suffering, people medicate themselves with alcohol, drugs, sex, music, entertainment, games, and other distractions to numb, ignore, and neglect what's in their hearts.

They're bombarded daily by torment that comes with this sinful lifestyle. More and more, people become selfish as a defense mechanism because they're hurt and defending themselves.

This life is dead; there's no internal life. This is why people resort to suicide—they don't see a way out.

The Gospel Solution

When you understand the gospel, it brings freedom. **Forgiveness of sins is about freeing mankind because man can't do it for himself.**

The gospel of Jesus Christ is mankind's way out. He became a substitutionary sacrifice when He didn't have to, but He did because He loves us and wants us free from sin and what sin does to us.

How amazing to know that God cares and wants us out of the mess we're in!

From the Very Beginning

There are many excuses and complaints against God because of evil. Those opposed to God say evil things about Him but don't come clean about their own evil.

Man is sinful, no matter how good they seem. God is good; He offers forgiveness, and this was evident from the beginning in Genesis 3.

After Adam and Eve sinned, God clothed them with coats from animals. This is the first sacrifice in the Bible, showing us that forgiveness comes through the shedding of blood.

That's why in the Old Testament, sacrificing animals to God became the pattern for receiving forgiveness—but it was temporary, merely a shadow pointing to the Lamb of God.

The Blood Requirement

Hebrews states that “without shedding of blood there is no remission” (Hebrews 9:22). God showed man what to do by bringing the promised son, Isaac, who foreshadowed the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

The God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Israel all makes sense when you understand the gospel message. **Jesus Christ is the weapon God used to destroy the Kingdom of Darkness.**

Abraham means “father of many nations” (Genesis 17:5), and it's fascinating that God tells Abraham to sacrifice his only son. This parallels God sending His only begotten Son to be sacrificed for mankind.

Jesus Christ is the promised Son given to us by God, and He's the only answer to the missing link in our spirit that connects man to God.

The Method God Chose

It's a God thing—the power of God working in you to forgive others. This is the method God chose for Christ-like people to walk in.

It takes tremendous humility and honor to walk in forgiveness. God says to guard your heart and not let offenses catch you off guard.

He said offenses will come; tribulation is in the world, but He has overcome the world and gives peace to His disciples.

When forgiveness is released in the heart, the power of peace is also released to free your soul from bondage to anything that belongs to darkness and sin.

How to Wield Forgiveness as a Weapon

Here's how to practically use forgiveness as a spiritual weapon:

1. **Recognize the Attack** When offenses, hurts, or past traumas surface, recognize this as enemy strategy to drag you backward.
2. **Choose God's Weapon** Choose forgiveness not because the person deserves it, but because it's your weapon against spiritual bondage.
3. **Release Through Love** Allow God's supernatural love to fuel your forgiveness—this isn't human love but Christ's love flowing through you.
4. **Break the Poison** Actively reject bitterness, resentment, and malice. These toxins destroy you, not your offender.
5. **Rely on the Holy Spirit** Depend on the Holy Spirit's power, not your own strength, to enable supernatural forgiveness.

6. **Guard Your Heart** Protect your heart from future offenses by walking in wisdom and maintaining your forgiveness weapon ready.

The Victory Position

The war is won. The battles are still ongoing. The people of God must stay in victory.

Our battles are not flesh and blood. We war through the Spirit. God named Jacob Israel because he had struggled with God and with men, and had prevailed (Genesis 32:28). The Body of Christ overcomes by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony in Christ.

The Spirit of God prevails through us, and that's God's promise that will not fail.

The Bottom Line

Forgiveness isn't weakness—it's warfare. It's not excusing behavior—it's exercising authority. It's not pretending hurt doesn't matter—it's proving that love matters more.

When you forgive:

- You break the enemy's legal right to torment you
- You release supernatural peace into your soul
- You demonstrate the love of Christ that transforms
- You walk in the same power that raised Jesus from the dead
- You enforce Christ's victory over the Kingdom of Darkness

The enemy wants to use your pain against you. God wants to use your forgiveness as a weapon against the enemy.

Unforgiveness is a weapon against your own soul. Forgiveness is a weapon against the Kingdom of Darkness.

Which weapon will you choose?

Remember: the same love that brought Jesus to the cross is available to you right now. The same power that raised Him from the dead is working in you to forgive.

You don't have to carry that poison anymore. You don't have to be destroyed by bitterness. You have a weapon that's more powerful than any offense, any hurt, any betrayal.

Use it. Forgive. Set yourself free. And watch the Kingdom of Darkness flee from the advancing Kingdom of God operating through your life.

Obedience as a Weapon

The Enemy's Triple Attack

The enemy comes against you with a three-pronged assault: temptation, sinful flesh, and evil spirits. But here's the key to victory: **if you overcome temptation, you can defeat sinful flesh and evil spirits.**

Most Christians think obedience is about following rules. They're wrong. Obedience is a spiritual weapon designed to destroy the works of darkness.

Acts reveals a crucial principle: the Holy Spirit is the One "whom God has given to those who obey Him" (Acts 5:32). Obedience is a choice in the natural realm that activates power in the spirit realm. We're learning to obey the Lord, who is a Spirit.

But here's what you must understand: there are many other spirits we need to distinguish from God, because there are many spirits operating against God and humanity.

The Armor is the Holy Spirit

When we read Ephesians 6 about the full armor of God, most people miss the point. **The armor we put on IS the Holy Spirit.**

According to what God shows us, this gives us a decisive advantage against the Kingdom of Darkness because Satan wants everyone deceived. He doesn't want anybody to know about God and what He has for His people.

God is the victor, and those who know Him are victorious.

Why Obedience Functions as a Weapon

Why is obedience a weapon? Because “the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds” (2 Corinthians 10:4). We're learning to use spiritual weapons against the Kingdom of Darkness.

Salvation, righteousness, peace, truth, faith, and the Word of God—all these are mentioned in the full armor of God. But here's the revelation: **all of these exist within the Holy Spirit.** He's the One who equips us with these weapons so we can overcome and withstand the enemy.

Your relationship with the Holy Spirit is vital to this battle on earth. It makes all the difference whether you know the truth or remain deceived.

Following Christ's Example

When we look at Jesus Christ, His ministry was to “destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8)—Satan, the father of lies. We need to know the Father of truth, who is God, through Jesus Christ while living our lives on earth.

Our lifestyle is completely contrary to Satan's system. We must discover how to live by the Spirit of God, not by the patterns of this world.

The Three-Level Victory

Obedience accomplishes three crucial victories:

1. **Defeats temptations** - the initial attack
2. **Overcomes sinful flesh** - the internal battle
3. **Triumphs over evil spirits** - the supernatural warfare

Obedience involves applying the commands of God's Word to overcome the Kingdom of Darkness.

The Pattern from Jesus' Temptation

In Matthew 4, at the end of His fast, Jesus is confronted by Satan and tempted. This battle demonstrates something crucial: it's about knowing truth and determining whether you're deceived or not.

Just like in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were tempted and deceived because they believed the lie rather than God's truth. For us, the battle remains exactly the same.

Temptation aims to lead you away from God's way. It's a choice between obedience and disobedience. When temptation arises, it seeks to cause you to sin—disobeying God is an attack against Him. Conversely, **obeying God is an attack against Satan.**

The Natural Alignment Problem

Here's why sin seems easier: when you operate in the natural realm, your sinful flesh and evil spirits are already in agreement. Therefore, it's easier to sin.

But if you can defeat temptation, then you can overcome your sinful flesh. If you're not tempted to do evil by evil spirits, you have overcome the evil spirit.

The best way to defeat evil spirits is to stay in the Holy Spirit.

Two Training Programs

What's your lifestyle? What are you doing with your life? Because it's either a sinful lifestyle or a holy lifestyle.

Those who practice sin are training in darkness. Darkness means you get better and better at doing sin. If you practice righteousness, you're training in holiness, which is the light of God's Kingdom.

Either you're training to fight against God or against Satan. There's no neutral ground.

The Battle for Truth

The battle for us is discovering the truth God has for us in Christ Jesus. The more we know truth, the better we can destroy and disengage from the enemy's lies.

The Holy Spirit is the One who teaches us all things and brings into remembrance everything the Lord has spoken. Our fight is to stay in faith.

The enemy will come against us in many ways, using people around us to slander us or spread falsehoods. Evil spirits

influence people, often without their realization—even those who mean well.

Spiritual Combat Requires Spiritual Engagement

The battle we face is spiritual, and those who fight must engage with the Spirit. **It's imperative that we quickly learn how to walk in the Spirit, or we risk defeat by sin and oppression by evil spirits.**

It's our duty and responsibility to understand what it means to obey.

Opening the Door for Heavenly Intervention

Obedience opens the door for God to move on your behalf. **He is the Lord of hosts—the Lord of angelic armies.**

God releases His angels, who are not the Hallmark-pretty-looking type portrayed in entertainment. These angels are mighty warring soldiers under God's command for all eternity, sent to protect and aid humanity. They are supernatural beings assisting the children of God.

Obedience brings forth heavenly intervention from God on earth.

Breaking Religious Deception

When we think of obedience, we shouldn't imagine dreadfully obeying some distant God with a beard. We need to disengage from the lies Satan has created in people's minds about God.

We must fully understand God from the perspective of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ showed us who the Father is, and now

the Holy Spirit brings that revelation to earth today.

The greatest truth and weapon is Jesus Christ Himself. When we embrace the gospel and believe in Him, victory over death, sin, and curses is assured. Satan and his kingdom are defeated.

The Only Way Out

The only way out of this mess is through faith and obedience, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Obedience keeps you behind the shield of faith, which quenches all the fiery darts of the wicked one (Ephesians 6:16). As a soldier of God, you must learn to wield the sword of the Spirit, which means studying, training, and disciplining yourself in the Word of God.

You need to train in the Word of God until you're proficient in using this sword.

The Sword of the Spirit

The Word of God is a sword used to fight against the enemy. By being trained in God's Word, truth is revealed, and your discernment becomes sharper.

The more you operate with the Spirit of God, the better your training becomes. If you don't take discipleship seriously, it reveals heart issues and disobedience that need to be worked out.

Your heart's condition reflects your loyalty to the King who saved you from eternal damnation.

The Seriousness of the Matter

This matter is serious and dire when it comes to our lives. We would try to live our life only to lose it, but giving our life to the Lord is to save it.

King Solomon writes in Proverbs, “Who can find a faithful man?” (Proverbs 20:6). The Lord is looking for those who will be loyal, and this must be done out of your own free will.

Submission is not forced, as it is in the Kingdom of Darkness. Our God and King is good and righteous.

How to Wield Obedience as a Weapon

Here’s how to practically use obedience as a spiritual weapon:

1. **Recognize the Attack Pattern** Understand that temptation → sinful flesh → evil spirits work together. Break the chain at the first link—temptation.
2. **Choose Obedience Over Feelings** Obedience is a choice in the natural realm that activates supernatural power. Don’t wait to “feel like” obeying.
3. **Stay Connected to the Holy Spirit** Your relationship with the Holy Spirit determines your access to spiritual weapons. Maintain constant communion with Him.
4. **Train in Righteousness Daily** Practice holy living as training for spiritual warfare. Every act of obedience strengthens your weapon proficiency.
5. **Use the Sword of the Spirit** Study and apply God’s Word until you’re proficient. Truth defeats lies, but you must know truth to wield it.
6. **Expect Angelic Assistance** Understand that obedience

releases heavenly intervention. Angels are dispatched when you obey God's commands.

7. **Examine Your Heart** Your heart condition reflects your loyalty to the King. Disobedience reveals areas that need surrender.

The Choice Before You

Every moment presents the same choice Adam and Eve faced: will you believe God's truth or Satan's lie? Will you obey God's Word or follow your feelings?

Remember:

- **Obeying God is an attack against Satan**
- **Disobeying God is an attack against Him**
- **There's no neutral ground in this war**

The Bottom Line

Obedience isn't drudgery—it's warfare. It's not legalism—it's liberation. It's not bondage—it's the key to supernatural power.

When you obey God:

- You defeat temptation at its source
- You overcome your sinful flesh
- You triumph over evil spirits
- You receive the Holy Spirit's power
- You release angelic intervention
- You wield the sword of the Spirit effectively

The enemy's triple attack (temptation, flesh, spirits) is designed

to keep you in disobedience because he knows the power that's released when you obey.

Obedience is your weapon. Learn to use it.

Stop making excuses. Stop negotiating with God. Stop treating His commands as suggestions.

Your King saved you from eternal damnation. Your loyalty to Him should be absolute. Your obedience should be immediate.

The question Solomon asked still echoes today: "Who can find a faithful man?"

Will it be you?

The Lord is looking for those who will be loyal. The choice is yours, but remember—your obedience is not just personal holiness; it's spiritual warfare that advances the Kingdom of God and defeats the Kingdom of Darkness.

Choose your weapon. Choose obedience. Choose victory.

Warriors of Light

Your Commission and Identity

The operation and role of a warrior is to uphold the Kingdom government of his king with full loyalty and allegiance to the commission of the Kingdom, the mandates of the Kingdom, and to honor the king who saved our lives from the enemy.

We, as warriors, are fighting against darkness, and therefore we need to know how to operate in the way God has intended for His citizens and warriors to live in His Kingdom.

Here's your story: **We were prisoners of war in the Kingdom of Darkness.** When we were captured, we were under control as slaves to unrighteousness and sin. We are now translated into the Kingdom of Jesus Christ; we are servants of righteousness by the blood of the Lamb.

The Kingdom of Darkness has no more dominion over those who have been born again into the Kingdom of God. Our position and place are in Christ Jesus, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the supreme potentate over all. There is nothing above

the Kingdom of God.

Understanding Kingdom Operations

As loyal servants to the King, we must understand how the Kingdom operates. Once you understand these principles, you can navigate through the earthly realm with the guidance of the Holy Spirit who operates from the heavenly realm.

We are living in a duality—living in the natural and spiritual realms simultaneously.

It's important to know that you are not just a servant, but **a son**. If you understand ancient culture, you know that sons had the inheritance and responsibility to carry on the family name. Likewise, all those who come to Christ become sons of God; therefore, we are co-heirs with Christ.

Being the first Son meant taking on the Father's will. Christ is the first Son; therefore, all those who come after Him are sons of God. He is the Son of God, and we are also sons of God. Christ is the firstborn among many brethren (Romans 8:29).

We are learning to walk out our lives, being transformed by the Spirit of God to conform to the image of Christ.

Warrior Training and Weapons

The path of a warrior disciple is to acquire skills, technique, and experience. The choice of weapon is the Word of God—knowledge and truth.

Training is about building powerful disciplines that master oneself. Think of it like marksmanship: **Obedience is the target. Sin is missing the mark.**

The Spirit of God gives us the power to obey. When we walk in

obedience through faith, authority and power are released.

As a warrior, you have both defense and offense. You must learn how to defend yourself and how to attack, especially in the spiritual realm.

Understanding Your Trichotomy

We are a trichotomy—body, soul, and spirit—and we must maintain all aspects of our being. We have one life consisting of our body, our soul, and our spirit.

It is the spirit that gives life to the body, and the soul directs our body in this life.

The soul is made up of mind, emotions, and will, along with intellect, attitude, and determination. It's within the soul that we prepare, research, and train the discipline of the inner self.

The spirit is our life, which comes from God. John 1 states that God lights up everyone who comes into the world; we are children of light. God is the Father of lights.

In this earthly realm, we use our physical bodies to accomplish tasks. We must train our bodies to bring forth what God has destined us to walk in.

The Full Armor of God

As warrior disciples, we are to put on the full armor of God. This is crucial to our walk as disciples because it signifies how we identify with Christ.

Christ is our greatest defense, our greatest offense, and everything to us—He is all in all within us.

The armor of God is supernatural in our lives. As disciples, we're learning about God's weapons, which include righteous-

ness, salvation, truth, peace, and the Word of God.

The next significant weapon Paul mentions is **praying in the Spirit**. As warriors of light, we're using what God has provided for us in the Spirit through Christ Jesus.

The Key to Everything: Walking in the Spirit

If you've noticed already, the greatest way for any of the Lord's disciples to succeed is by walking in the Spirit. How do you receive anything from the Lord? By His Holy Spirit.

It's the Holy Spirit who:

- Gives you access to God
- Releases righteousness
- Provides salvation
- Reveals truth
- Imparts peace
- Opens the Word of God
- Equips you with intense, heavy arsenal to pray in the Spirit using the unknown heavenly language to destroy the works of the enemy

Accessing the Light of God

We must learn to access, by faith, the light of God. **The light of God is in our spirit and needs to flow into our soul.** The light of God shines brightly in us to shine light to the world.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world." We must discover and understand how to move in the light of God because light destroys darkness.

Scripture declares that "God is light and in Him is no darkness

at all” (1 John 1:5). When you enter God’s presence, it’s all about His glorious light that shines and exposes every darkness.

As warriors of light, we are shining the light—the life of God—in the world to expose darkness. When light enters the mind, it can see and discern what is wrong, what is evil, what is wicked, and what is sin.

Your Mission: Destroying Works of Darkness

Our discipleship is about destroying the works of the enemy, which is the Kingdom of Darkness.

What is darkness? It’s evil, sin, curses, diseases, sicknesses—everything that came through sin is darkness. Romans 1 talks about the sins of humanity, Galatians 5 discusses the works of the flesh, and in Matthew 15, Jesus talks about the evil that’s in the heart of man.

As warriors and disciples, we are to:

- Defend the faith
- Contend for the faith
- Destroy everything that belongs to Satan

Your Weakness: The Sinful Flesh

We have a weakness, and it’s our sinful flesh—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. These things keep us from truly walking on the path of righteousness.

Colossians 3 talks about putting off the old man and putting on the new man. Part of walking as a disciple is figuring out how to walk in newness of life.

The newness of life is following Jesus Christ. He is the

Commander in Chief of all the Kingdom of Heaven; He is the Lord of armies who subdues all His enemies. His enemies are under His footstool (Psalm 110:1).

Walking in Revelation and Light

If you understand the nature and revelation of Christ, you'll truly comprehend who God is, regardless of what's happening in the earthly realm.

Walking in the light means walking in the wisdom and revelation of Christ. When you discover God's light in your life, it illuminates the path to fulfilling God's destiny for you.

God shines His light to protect you. This light helps you navigate both naturally and spiritually, even though everything in the spiritual realm remains constant.

When we fully grasp what it means to walk as warriors of light and understand our identity in Christ, **darkness flees.**

The Enemy's Recognition and Fear

Remember when Christ entered a town? Demons immediately recognized Him, manifesting and crying out, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" (Matthew 8:29). They were tormented because Christ is the Light of God.

We are now the light of God, as children of light, shining brightly on earth as the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

Satan hates the light, and he hides behind people. This is the nature of demons—they deceive, they lie, they seduce. They'll do anything to control, manipulate, and destroy mankind through lust and covetousness.

The Sin Nature Problem

Lust is very difficult to overcome because it always desires to have something that's not yours. The wages of sin is death.

God said, "Thou shalt not covet." If we hadn't known this, we wouldn't have understood what lust is. The nature of God's commandments is to show us, to be a schoolmaster teaching us that there's something in us that's inherently wrong.

Here's what most churches don't teach: at the Fall, the flesh was seized. Sin moved in, took up residence, and brought it into captivity (Romans 7:23), under the prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2–3). That's why everybody has a desire to sin. Your flesh is not you, and in Christ it no longer rules you (Romans 6:6).

Paul writes in Romans 8 to "mortify the deeds of the body" (Romans 8:13 KJV). **It's a spiritual war being fought in the earthly realm.** As warriors of light, you're fighting to defeat darkness in yourself and for others around you.

The Restoration Mission

Now that you've changed kingdoms, you're fighting to retrieve and restore what was lost through the things of God. Everything you lost as a child of God is restored to you by the blood of Jesus Christ through the new covenant.

The dominion of the Lord is being restored day by day until that last day when God will restore all things new.

We are here on earth battling until we're called back home to Abba Father. Until then, we're occupying what God has mandated for all disciples.

God wants to restore people from darkness to light. Jesus

Christ came into the world, and darkness could not comprehend Him. We as warriors of light will be misunderstood, and they will not comprehend us because we are born again from a different dimension through the Spirit of God.

Your Battle Strategy as a Warrior of Light

Here's how to operate effectively as a warrior of light:

1. **Understand Your Identity** You are no longer a prisoner of war. You are a son of God, a co-heir with Christ, a warrior of light.
2. **Master Your Weapons** Train in the Word of God until you're proficient. Practice obedience as marksmanship. Pray in the Spirit with power.
3. **Maintain Your Trichotomy** Keep your spirit connected to God, your soul renewed by truth, and your body disciplined for service.
4. **Walk in the Light** Let God's light flow from your spirit into your soul and shine through your life to expose darkness around you.
5. **Put on the Full Armor** Daily clothe yourself with Christ—righteousness, salvation, truth, peace, faith, and the Word of God.
6. **Destroy Works of Darkness** Actively engage in spiritual warfare against sin, curses, sickness, and demonic oppression.
7. **Mortify the Flesh** Continually put to death the deeds of the sinful flesh that war against your spirit.

The Commander's Orders

Your Commander in Chief, Jesus Christ, has given you clear orders:

- Occupy until He returns
- Destroy the works of the enemy
- Restore what was lost
- Shine light into darkness
- Set captives free

The Bottom Line

You are not a civilian in this cosmic war. You are not a victim of circumstances. You are not powerless against darkness.

You are a warrior of light.

You carry the light of God within you. Demons recognize who you are even when you don't. Darkness flees when you understand your identity and walk in your authority.

The same light that tormented demons when Christ walked the earth now shines through you. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead operates within you.

Stop living like a defeated refugee from the Kingdom of Darkness. Start walking like the victorious warrior of light that you are.

Your King saved you from the enemy. Your mission is to rescue others. Your weapon is light itself.

The darkness cannot comprehend you because you're from a different dimension—the Kingdom of God. You're here on assignment, not by accident.

Walk in the light. Shine the light. Fight with the light.

You are a warrior of light, and it's time to start acting like one.
The Kingdom of Darkness trembles when warriors of light
remember who they are and whose they are.
Will you be one of them?

Faithful Service: Loyalty to the King

Two Powers, One Choice

It takes power to accomplish anything; it takes power to obey God. But here's what most people don't understand: **the power of sin also works in the sinful flesh.**

There are two powers operating within us when we get saved: sin fuels the flesh, and the Holy Spirit fuels our obedience to God. When we discover the power of God and how it operates, we gain better understanding of how we can serve our King.

We are living in duality—living on earth by natural means while simultaneously living in the Kingdom of God in the spiritual realm. We must learn how to operate with the Spirit of God in the earthly realm.

Today, there are countless distractions and hindrances that deter us from being loyal to the One who saved us. The natural realm contains much that causes us to go astray because of the worldly system.

When you understand your identity in Christ, you under-

stand your purpose in Christ; therefore, you're able to walk in the path of your destiny according to the will of God the Father.

The Internal Battle

First John 2 reveals that we have issues within us—in our sinful flesh, which includes the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. In these things, the love of the Father is not present.

When you read all of Scripture, you understand that God is righteous and holy. Those who serve Him must learn to operate in righteousness and holiness.

Here's a shocking truth: **To serve God is humanly impossible; actually, it's futile.** That's why religion is more popular—it offers the illusion that human effort can please God.

The only way we can truly serve God is when we're born again by the Spirit of God and become children of God. This means we're citizens of His Kingdom; therefore, we become ambassadors of Christ on earth.

The Ministry of Reconciliation

Second Corinthians 5 calls this “the ministry of reconciliation.” We are living in the Kingdom era of the New Testament. **There is only one ministry the Lord has given us: reconciliation between man and God.**

Jesus Christ is the only mediator between man and God. Our purpose in this life is to:

- Abide in Christ
- Do the works of Christ on earth

- Connect others to join the Kingdom of God
- Help them receive Christ as Lord and King

When we understand that we've been bought by the precious blood of the Lamb, and we grasp this covenant relationship with Almighty God, we're living by the grace, mercy, and blessing of the Most High.

When we receive this revelation of Jesus Christ, **the reality of the Kingdom of God supersedes the natural realm.** No longer are you thinking from the low level of natural thinking caused by sinful, carnal thoughts. Now the Holy Spirit teaches you and brings understanding from the councils of Heaven.

The True Meaning of "Church"

The word "church" has been changed in the English language, especially during the King James era. The word should be "assembly" or "congregation." In Greek, "ecclesia" means "the called-out ones."

What are you called out to do? You're exiting the worldly system that operates under the Kingdom of Darkness. You're leaving behind the sinful lifestyle that once characterized your life.

Now you're living by the Spirit of God. Your lifestyle becomes Christ-like, and as you bear the fruit of the Spirit to conform to the image of Christ, your life becomes worship, service, and obedience to the King who saved us from impending dangers when we were enemies with God.

Unlearning Worldly Systems

The apostle Paul had to undo all the indoctrination from Judaism that he received as a Pharisee, taught at the feet of Gamaliel (Acts 22:3).

Paul writes in Philippians 3 that he counted everything he learned in the natural “but dung,” that he might know Christ and the power of His resurrection, which is spiritual (Philippians 3:8–10).

In the same way, **we must unlearn many things we learned through the worldly system and religion.** Our mentor, guide, teacher, and counselor is the Holy Spirit—the One who teaches us all things, releases understanding, and gives us meaning that goes beyond our human capacity.

The Cosmic War Revelation

God, who was once our enemy when we were prisoners of war in the Kingdom of Darkness, brings revelation of this cosmic war that has been raging for thousands of years—and we didn’t know.

Now we know. God, in His infinite mercy, chose us to be born again by His Spirit, to reveal truth to us, and to cleanse us, train us, disciple us, and make us priestly kings and ambassadors of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our mission? To go back and let the losers of the war know that Christ is Lord.

God uses sinners who were once partakers of darkness and are now children of light, dedicated to the King of Glory. God uses us to demonstrate how great and mighty He is.

When one person repents on earth, all of Heaven rejoices.

The Eternal Inheritance

When you know you've been given an eternal inheritance, you can only rejoice and give worship to God. It's the greatest gift to all mankind, who fell from His glory.

Do you know how people give glory to God? When they receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is also called "the Spirit of Glory."

In Jesus' prayer to the Father in John 17, it was about sharing God's glory. Only through God's love can these things happen.

The King is for the people, and the people are for their King.

Faithful and True

In Revelation, Jesus Christ is called Faithful and True, and His name is the Word of God (Revelation 19:11, 13). Because the Lord is faithful to us, we learn how to be faithful to Him.

Part of walking as a disciple is attaining the power to walk with perseverance. If we don't know God—His love, His faithfulness, His goodness, His grace, His mercy—how can we serve Him?

It's imperative that we understand God's nature and know His heart for us. **God is completely transparent with us, but sometimes we believe otherwise.** Sometimes we have "an evil heart of unbelief."

The problem isn't God; God is trying to fix the problem. When someone's trying to resolve an issue, they usually have conflict with the one causing the problem.

Honestly, people don't want to change. They don't care about the problems; they just want to do whatever they want. It shows they're still hurt and don't care about healing.

But God cares. He wants to heal and make people whole.

Amazing Love

There's a beautiful worship song, "You Are My King (Amazing Love)," written by Billy James Foote. It marvels that the King Himself would die for me.

What love exists that's so great that someone loves me enough to die for me? **That is the story of the gospel of Jesus Christ.** This is the heart of Father God—sending His only Son into the world to save sinners.

There's no other story like this in the universe. Nothing compares. It's not just a story; it's reality.

That's why it's crucial to encounter the living Christ, the Son of the Most High. Everything about your life, when coming into contact with Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, makes such a tremendous impact that it brings transformation, showing that you move in the direction God has established.

The Response of Gratitude

Praise and worship serve as outward evidence of the grace we've received from the One who saved us. Righteousness, joy, and peace are released from the Kingdom of God into our lives by the Holy Spirit, enabling us to walk on earth as new living creatures of Christ.

Being born again into another life transforms us to live heavenly while on earth, aligning with God's good, acceptable, and perfect will (Romans 12:2).

This is the response of the sons of God, who have been made in the image of Christ. It exemplifies faithfulness and perseverance, reflecting loyalty to the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Only Supreme Potentate.

What Faithful Service Actually Looks Like

Here's how to walk in faithful service and loyalty to your King:

1. **Recognize the Two Powers** Understand that sin fuels your flesh while the Holy Spirit fuels your obedience. Choose which power you'll cooperate with moment by moment.
2. **Embrace Your Dual Citizenship** Learn to operate in both the natural and spiritual realms, letting Kingdom realities supersede earthly circumstances.
3. **Live Your Identity** Walk in the reality of who you are in Christ—ambassador, priestly king, called-out one, child of God.
4. **Focus on the One Ministry** Remember your primary mission: reconciling people to God through Christ. Everything else is secondary.
5. **Unlearn Worldly Systems** Allow the Holy Spirit to undo religious and worldly programming that conflicts with Kingdom truth.
6. **Remember the Cosmic War** Understand you're a former prisoner of war now fighting for the winning side. Act like the victor you are.
7. **Respond with Gratitude** Let your life be a continuous expression of worship, service, and obedience born from amazement at God's love.

The Motivation for Loyalty

Faithful service doesn't come from duty—it comes from revelation. When you truly understand:

- How lost you were in the Kingdom of Darkness
- How impossible it was to save yourself
- How much it cost God to rescue you
- How much He loves and values you
- What inheritance awaits you

...then faithful service becomes your natural response, not a religious obligation.

The King's Heart for You

Never forget: the King didn't save you because you were valuable. You became valuable because the King saved you.

He didn't die for you because you were good. He died for you because He is good.

He doesn't demand your loyalty through fear. He wins your loyalty through love.

This is the amazing love that changes everything. This is the love that transforms enemies into sons, prisoners into ambassadors, rebels into loyal servants.

The Bottom Line

Faithful service is the natural overflow of a heart that has encountered the amazing love of God.

You don't serve to earn God's love—you serve because you've received God's love. You don't obey to become His child—you obey because you are His child.

The King saved you when you were His enemy. He adopted you when you were a slave. He gave you an inheritance when you deserved judgment.

Your loyalty isn't based on fear of punishment—it's based on gratitude for grace.

Your faithfulness isn't motivated by earning favor—it's motivated by responding to love.

Your service isn't driven by religious duty—it's driven by relationship with the King who calls you friend.

This is what faithful service looks like: not the grudging obedience of a slave, but the joyful loyalty of a beloved son serving the King who saved his life.

When you remember who you were, who you are now, and who saved you—faithful service becomes not just what you do, but who you are.

You are faithful because your King is faithful. You serve because you've been served. You love because you are loved.

This is the heart of discipleship: loyal love responding to amazing love.

Will you live up to your identity as a faithful servant of the King?

Spiritual Fruit: What It Is and Why It Matters

Universal Laws and Divine Order

In the beginning, laws were created. God created the heavens and the earth, establishing universal laws that govern all of creation. The laws of God are embedded in nature itself.

As we read Genesis—the origin of all things—we discover laws in place that govern the earth, the sky, the galaxies, and the entire universe.

For us as humans, we operate under laws of nature that govern our existence. We understand the things we experience here on earth because God created man to live on earth.

When we read Genesis, we discover that everything has a seed and a harvest. **This is the law of seedtime and harvest.**

The Foundation of All Creation

Genesis 1:1 declares, “In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.” This reveals that God created everything—time, space, and matter:

- **Time:** past, present, future
- **Space:** length, width, height
- **Matter:** solids, liquids, gases

All of these components work together in perfect order.

At the end of Genesis 1, God saw everything He had made, and “indeed it was very good” (Genesis 1:31). When He said this, He meant it was **all good**—completely good. This was before the fall of man and the corruption of the universe.

The Original Design vs. Corruption

When we observe the systems in nature, they reveal a grand design in creation. When God created things, they were meant to be good.

However, because of darkness and sin, corruption has entered mankind through Satan. Many things we consider “good” today are being corrupted. When we say something is good, we often use it to excuse our evil nature.

It was never God’s intention for man to be evil.

The Test of Faith: What Fruit Will You Produce?

Man has free will to choose God. The test of faith was about fruit—what fruit was man going to produce?

Since Adam and Eve willfully disobeyed God, humanity is now left with the fruit of sin, which produces death. This is the legacy of the first Adam, and all who come through this bloodline eventually die.

But by God's grace, He gives opportunities for man to produce good fruit according to what Jesus Christ has offered all humanity.

The Gospel Hidden in Genesis

God's promise from the beginning is the Son—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of Israel. When we understand the story of Genesis, we grasp the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ hidden within its pages.

God made Abraham a father of many nations (Genesis 17:5), the father of all who believe (Romans 4:16). Isaac was the promised son to Abraham, a picture of the Seed to come. That Seed is Christ (Galatians 3:16), the Seed of the woman promised in Genesis 3:15, the Son of Man.

These are remarkable titles we need to comprehend.

The Seed is the Word

The seed is the Word of God, and this Word came into the world as the promise of God.

Jacob was born representing God's children. Jacob wrestled with God, and God named him Israel, signifying that **God**

prevails through His children.

The story of Genesis reveals God's heart for humanity as He longs for fellowship with His children. Without seed in man, there can be no children, so God placed seed within man so humanity could produce fruit.

Just as regular fruit—like apples or any other fruit we eat—contains seeds, the spiritual law of God is to produce fruit that brings glory to Him.

Christ: The First Fruit

Jesus Christ is the firstborn among many brethren (Romans 8:29) and the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:20). God sent Jesus Christ, the Word of God, into the hearts of all humanity so we could be born again by the Spirit of God. This is the promise of the Father.

Everything Jesus Christ, as the Son of God, accomplished was so we could receive the Spirit of God and be conformed to the image of our Lord Jesus Christ, thereby giving glory to the Father.

This is the plan.

The Glory Exchange

The glory of the Father is the Son, and the glory of the Son is the Father. We must fully understand this nature through sonship.

Our discipleship is to conform to the image of Christ Jesus our Lord, the Son of God. As sons of God, we're learning to mature like our Lord Jesus, who:

- Humbled Himself before the Father
- Obeyed Him completely
- Loved Him perfectly
- Gave Him all praise and glory

We are to identify ourselves with Christ in this way, understanding the heart of the Father, which is revealed through His only begotten Son.

The Most Rewarding Life

Bearing fruit as a son of God is the most rewarding life, bringing glory to the Father. There is nothing more valuable to God than the transformed sinner who walks as a son, a saint in Christ.

Life begins with God and ends with God. Fruit that is born through Christ is everlasting.

Abiding in the Tree of Life

When we come into Christ, we partake of the Tree of Life, and therefore, life sustains us and keeps us. **We must abide in the Tree of Life, or we will be cut off and thrown into the fire.**

The only thing that will ever matter is that we abide in Christ. By abiding in Christ, we are abiding in the Father.

What Spiritual Fruits Actually Are

Based on Scripture and God's design, spiritual fruits are:

1. **The Evidence of God's Life Within You** Just as natural fruit

proves a tree is alive and healthy, spiritual fruit proves God's Spirit is alive and active in you.

2. **The Reproduction of Christ's Character** Spiritual fruit is Christ's nature being reproduced through your life—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.
3. **The Glorification of the Father** Every piece of spiritual fruit brings glory to God and reveals His nature to the world.
4. **The Transformation of Others** Your spiritual fruit becomes seed that can reproduce spiritual life in others.
5. **The Proof of Genuine Sonship** Jesus said, "By their fruits you will know them." Spiritual fruit validates your identity as a child of God.

Why Spiritual Fruits Are Absolutely Critical

1. **They Reveal Your True Source** You can only produce fruit according to your nature. If you're connected to the Tree of Life (Christ), you'll produce life. If you're connected to the tree of knowledge of good and evil, you'll produce death.
2. **They Determine Your Eternal Destiny** Jesus said every tree that doesn't produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Fruitfulness isn't optional—it's essential.
3. **They Glorify Your Heavenly Father** "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples" (John 15:8).
4. **They Advance the Kingdom** Your spiritual fruit becomes seed that reproduces Kingdom life in others, expanding God's rule and reign.
5. **They Prove Your Discipleship** Fruit-bearing is not just evidence of salvation—it's evidence of discipleship and

spiritual maturity.

How to Bear Spiritual Fruit

1. **Abide in Christ** “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me” (John 15:4).
2. **Remain Connected to the Life Source** Stay connected to Christ through prayer, Word study, obedience, and fellowship with the Holy Spirit.
3. **Allow Pruning** Submit to God’s disciplinary process that cuts away dead works and fruitless activities.
4. **Receive the Right Seed** The seed is the Word of God. Receive, meditate on, and apply God’s Word to your life.
5. **Walk in the Spirit** “Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh” (Galatians 5:16). The fruit of the Spirit only comes through walking in the Spirit.
6. **Die to Self** “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain” (John 12:24).

The Bottom Line

Spiritual fruits are not optional accessories to your Christian life—they are the essential evidence that you are truly connected to Christ, the Tree of Life.

No fruit = no life. Much fruit = much life.

God’s not looking for religious activity or church attendance. He’s looking for spiritual fruit that proves His life is flowing through you and bringing glory to His name.

The law of seedtime and harvest is still in effect. The seed

(Word of God) planted in your heart will produce fruit according to the condition of your soil (heart).

But here's the wonderful truth: when you're truly connected to Christ, fruit-bearing isn't something you struggle to produce—it's the natural overflow of His life within you.

The Choice Before You

Every day you choose which tree you're connected to:

- The Tree of Life (Christ) that produces eternal fruit
- The tree of knowledge of good and evil that produces death

You were created to bear fruit that glorifies the Father. You were designed to reproduce Christ's character and advance His Kingdom.

The question isn't whether you're capable of bearing fruit—if you're in Christ, you are.

The question is: **Will you abide in Him and allow His life to flow through you?**

Your fruit reveals your source. Your fruit reveals your destiny. Your fruit glorifies your Father.

What kind of fruit is your life producing?

The harvest is coming. Make sure you're connected to the right tree.

Fruit of the Spirit

The Absolute Requirement: Abiding

Without abiding in Jesus Christ, there is no way to receive the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit comes only by being in the Holy Spirit.

As disciples, if you don't know how to be in the presence of Almighty God, everything becomes futile religious works.

Here's the divine mystery: abiding in the Son is abiding in the Father, which is abiding in the Spirit. All three connect when you yield, submit, and surrender to the Creator of life—letting go of all that is self and entering into all that is of God.

This is embracing the love of Christ. This is the essence of worship and obedience.

We exist in the Son, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. We are a trichotomy—body, soul, and spirit—made by the triune God in His image and likeness.

The Divine Connection Restored

Fruit-bearing in your life is designed to conform you to the image of Christ. “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” The glory of the Father is the glory of the Son. The glory of the Son is the glory of the Father.

What makes this all work in unison is the Holy Spirit.

There is a divine connection that was lost from the beginning, but Christ has bridged the gap for all humanity to connect with Him. Once this connection is established, there’s an abiding process that must be developed.

This is what we’re learning from the Lord as we discover how to be sons of God. **God works through faith, bringing experiential knowledge that’s released through the Holy Spirit to our spirit man.**

What God Is Actually Looking For

Fruit brings glory to God because it’s the harvest of righteousness and holiness that pleases Him. Once we understand that God is holy and righteous, we pursue His attributes.

Fruit is the transformation of the individual inwardly. We look for outward changes, but we must look inward for the real changes. God is looking inside our hearts.

The heart is where soul and spirit meet. The more we become spiritually aware and understand our connection with God, the more fruit will be produced.

The communion of the Spirit happens within yourself with God. We focus on natural appearances and worldly things, which God is not concerned with.

The Emphasis Problem

As humans, we care more about our looks, appearances, and physical bodies—outward things that will perish one day. Of course, we need to take care of ourselves, but human emphasis is body first, then soul.

God is a spirit, and to connect with Him requires spirit and truth. With God, your spirit comes first.

We are at war with God because of our sinful flesh. The question becomes: How much do you want to know God?

It's not just study or academic pursuit. Theology is not what we were created for. Theology helps us study and research, but it has severe limitations.

Relationship vs. Academic Study

When it comes to God, He is a personal God who wants intimacy. **Relationship is what we were created for.**

The Holy Spirit is the One who connects us to the Father in communion and fellowship. Theology—or studying about God through Scripture texts—cannot bring relationship.

Scripture certainly instructs us through many principles for living a good life, but having a relationship with an invisible God is challenging even when just reading the Bible.

The Lord has given us the Holy Bible to believe so we can come into faith, which the Holy Spirit uses to help us enter relationship with Him.

The Vine and Branches Reality

Fruit is the result of hanging on the branches. We are the branches connected to the root vine, which is Christ. The One who prunes and cares for us is the Gardener—the Father who oversees all things.

He's the One who helps us grow and bear fruit. The only way to bear fruit of the Spirit is to come into Christ, who is of the Father.

John 15 illustrates this perfectly. Jesus Christ is the only way to eternal life—He reveals God the Father (John 14:9).

Worship—“worth-ship”—is worthy relationship. We were created for the First Love, who is God. But because of sin, that pure love has turned into idolatry. As sinners, we love anything but God.

When we receive what the Lord has done for us, we come to understand by encountering the living God. **We were lost but now found, we were blind but now see, we were deaf but now hear, and we were dead but now alive.**

The Process and Seasons

Healing is the result of meeting the Lord. It's a journey with seasons of changes and adversity. **The trials of your faith in Christ throughout your journey produce fruit.**

There is spoiled fruit, unripe fruit, and ripe fruit. **The only fruit God will receive is fruit produced through Christ.** Other fruit will be pruned and cut out.

Your walk with God depends on how much you give yourself over to Him. Fruit is absolutely vital to our walk of faith.

The Nine-Fold Fruit

Galatians 5:22-23 declares: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

Notice it says “fruit” (singular), not “fruits” (plural). These nine qualities are actually one fruit with nine manifestations—all flowing from the same source: the Spirit of God within you.

Let’s understand each one:

1. **Love (Agape)** Not human love with conditions and agendas, but God’s unconditional, self-sacrificing love that seeks the highest good of others.
2. **Joy** Not happiness based on circumstances, but supernatural joy that flows from your relationship with God regardless of external situations.
3. **Peace** Not the absence of conflict, but the presence of God’s rest and wholeness in the midst of life’s storms.
4. **Longsuffering (Patience)** Not gritting your teeth and enduring, but supernatural patience that comes from trusting God’s timing and purposes.
5. **Gentleness (Kindness)** Not mere niceness, but Christ’s tender kindness flowing toward others.
6. **Goodness** Not human morality, but God’s intrinsic goodness flowing through you to benefit others.
7. **Faith (Faithfulness)** Not just believing, but supernatural reliability and trustworthiness that reflects God’s faithful character.
8. **Meekness** Not timidity, but strength surrendered to God—power under divine control.
9. **Temperance (Self-Control)** Not willpower, but Spirit-

power that enables you to master your appetites and desires.

The Spiritual Nature of This Fruit

The spiritual fruit has nothing to do with your physical body.

It's all about conforming fully to the image of Christ through the Spirit, which brings forth holiness and righteousness.

This fruit is not:

- Something you produce through effort
- A result of religious discipline
- Behavior modification or self-improvement
- External performance for others to see

This fruit IS:

- The natural overflow of Christ's life within you
- Evidence of the Holy Spirit's work in your heart
- Transformation from the inside out
- God's character being reproduced through your life

How to Cultivate Fruit of the Spirit

1. **Abide in Christ** Stay connected to Him through prayer, worship, and obedience. Disconnected branches don't bear fruit.
2. **Submit to the Pruning Process** Allow the Father to cut away dead works, fruitless activities, and anything that hinders fruit production.
3. **Walk in the Spirit** Live by the Spirit's leading rather than

the flesh's demands. "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

4. **Die to Self Daily** The more you decrease, the more Christ increases. Fruit comes from His life, not yours.
5. **Pursue Relationship Over Religion** Focus on intimacy with God through the Holy Spirit rather than mere theological knowledge.
6. **Embrace the Trichotomy** Let your spirit commune with God's Spirit, allowing His life to flow into your soul and transform your body's actions.

The Evidence Test

Here's how to know if you're producing genuine fruit of the Spirit:

- **Is it supernatural?** Human effort can produce imitation, but only the Spirit produces the genuine article.
- **Does it glorify Christ?** True spiritual fruit always points to Jesus, never to yourself.
- **Is it consistent?** Genuine fruit doesn't come and go based on circumstances.
- **Does it transform you inwardly?** Real fruit changes your heart, not just your behavior.
- **Does it flow naturally?** You don't have to strain to produce it—it's the overflow of abiding.

The Bottom Line

The fruit of the Spirit is not a goal to achieve—it's a life to live. It's not something you produce—it's something that's produced through you when you abide in Christ.

You don't bear fruit by trying harder; you bear fruit by abiding deeper.

Stop focusing on manufacturing fruit and start focusing on maintaining connection. The vine produces the fruit; the branch just stays connected and receives the life.

When you're truly abiding in Christ, walking in the Spirit, and allowing the Father to prune you, the fruit of the Spirit will flow naturally from your life.

This fruit is the evidence that you're connected to the right vine, filled with the right Spirit, and being transformed into the right image—the image of Christ.

The Warning

Remember: there is spoiled fruit, unripe fruit, and ripe fruit. God only accepts fruit produced through Christ. Everything else gets pruned away.

The question isn't whether you're capable of bearing fruit—if you're in Christ, you are.

The question is: **Are you abiding in Him and allowing His life to flow through you unhindered?**

Your fruit reveals your source. Your fruit reveals your acceptance. Your fruit glorifies your Father.

What kind of fruit is the Spirit producing through your life?

The harvest time is coming. Make sure you're bearing the genuine fruit of the Spirit, not the counterfeit fruit of religious

flesh.

Abide in Christ, and let His life flow through you. The fruit will follow naturally.

Anointing: What is it?

The Natural Reveals the Spiritual

You use oil to anoint for healing or to protect from germs and bacteria. There are many healing properties when you apply oil to your body or wounds. It protects your skin from the sun. Oil is beneficial when consumed, containing many vitamins. Oil has numerous properties, and these physical characteristics help us in many ways, including relieving pain.

But what is oil? **Oil is the product of olive berries being crushed, and the result is oil.**

When we observe nature, there's something spiritually significant that we cannot fully comprehend through natural understanding alone. Let's examine the anointing, which is power, which is life—and oil preserves.

The spiritual properties of the anointing bring healing, deliverance, and salvation.

Christ: The Anointed One

The word “Christ” means “anointed one.” He is the One anointing us to be healed, delivered, and set free. **The Holy Spirit IS the anointing.** Oil is one of Scripture’s consistent pictures of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of Christ came in the likeness of human flesh to heal us. **The anointing breaks the yokes of bondage.**

This isn’t just symbolic language—this is spiritual reality with tangible results.

Old Testament Pattern: Three Offices

In the Old Testament, anointing was performed for three different offices: the king, the prophet, and the priest. The Old Testament shows us who receives anointing.

Another word for “anointed” is one who is **appointed to a position for the work of God.** When you’re appointed as priest, prophet, or king, you’re anointed with oil.

For kings, the oil was poured from a horn upon the person’s head for appointment (1 Samuel 16:13). This is similar to knighting someone.

When someone is anointed, it’s a ceremony performed in God’s presence on earth so people may know this specific person has been **chosen by God for ministry.**

The Crushing Process

Old Testament anointing differs from New Testament anointing, which I’ll explain in the next chapter about function and operation.

Just like oil, which is carefully crafted when processing olives, when someone receives anointing, it's because they've gone through carefully crafted processing by God. **In other words, God prepares you to be crushed like an olive berry so your life will produce pure oil.**

God is looking for holiness. When we go through life's trials, it's to produce obedience.

The crushing isn't punishment—it's preparation. The pressure isn't meant to destroy you—it's designed to extract the precious oil that can heal others.

The Promise of the Father

Thank God for the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ! He's the One who brought the promise of the Father: **the anointing, the Holy Spirit.**

The Holy Spirit is the One who:

- Teaches us all things
- Trains us
- Disciples us
- Helps us to see, hear, and understand

There are multiple ways of operating in the anointing, but one thing is most important: **humility before God.** This is probably the first thing that attracts God.

God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble.

Not Earned, But Given

The anointing is not earned or worked for; **it's given to those who obey and understand the gospel.**

Peter said to “make your calling and election sure.” The only way to be sure is to walk with the Holy Spirit, who shows us the way, the truth, and the life that is in the Father and in Christ.

We are in service to our holy God, and **we don't use the anointing for personal gain through lust or greed.** The anointing is to free people, heal people, and set people free.

This was the whole purpose of Christ, the Anointed One.

Who, Not What

Here's a crucial revelation: **The anointing is not WHAT it is; it's WHO it is.**

The anointing isn't a thing you possess—it's a Person who possesses you. The anointing isn't an “it”—it's “Him,” the Holy Spirit of the living God.

When you understand this, everything changes about how you approach the anointing, how you operate in it, and how you steward it.

Our Commission as Anointed Ones

In service to God, we are to honor, revere, and walk in the fear of the Lord, giving our utmost service, for He alone is worthy to receive the highest honor, praise, and glory.

We are given grace by the blood of the Lamb who was slain for the whole world. Now there are no more sacrifices for sins, for Jesus Christ finished the works of sin and death and nailed them

to the cross.

We have this unspeakable gift that has come down from Heaven into our hearts: the Holy Spirit, the promise of the Father.

Now, being made sons of glory, anointed by the Most High, we are commissioned to go into the earth to display the glory of Christ by healing, delivering, and setting free those who are lost in darkness and need help.

Understanding the Anointing

Here's what you need to understand about the anointing:

1. **The Source** The anointing comes from God alone. It's not earned through human effort, religious activity, or spiritual disciplines. It's given by grace to those who obey.
2. **The Process** Like olives must be crushed to produce oil, God allows crushing circumstances to extract the anointing from your life. Trials produce purity.
3. **The Purpose** The anointing exists to heal, deliver, and set free. It's not for personal glory, material gain, or building your ministry—it's for serving others in God's power.
4. **The Person** The anointing is the Holy Spirit Himself. You don't have the anointing—the anointing has you. You don't control it—you submit to it.
5. **The Pattern** Old Testament anointing pointed to Christ, the ultimate Anointed One. New Testament anointing flows from Christ through the Holy Spirit to His body.
6. **The Prerequisite** Humility is essential. God gives grace to the humble but resists the proud. Pride will quench the anointing faster than anything else.

How the Anointing Operates

The anointing operates through:

Faith: Believing God's power is available and willing to work through you

Obedience: Walking in submission to God's Word and the Spirit's leading

Humility: Recognizing you're just a vessel, not the source of power

Love: Operating from genuine care for others, not selfish ambition

Purity: Maintaining holiness and integrity in your walk with God

Surrender: Yielding completely to the Holy Spirit's control and direction

Warning Signs

Be careful of these counterfeit versions:

- **Religious Performance:** Going through motions without the Spirit's power
- **Emotional Manipulation:** Using techniques to create false manifestations
- **Self-Promotion:** Using "anointing" to build your own kingdom
- **Spiritual Pride:** Thinking you're special because you operate in power
- **Merchandising:** Selling what God freely gives

The Bottom Line

The anointing is **the Holy Spirit's power flowing through yielded vessels to accomplish God's purposes.**

It's not about you becoming powerful—it's about God's power flowing through your surrendered life. It's not about what you can do—it's about what He can do through you when you're properly positioned.

The same Spirit that anointed Jesus to heal the sick, cast out demons, and set captives free now dwells in every born-again believer. You don't need more anointing—you need more surrender to the anointing you already have.

Your Identity and Assignment

You are not just saved—you are anointed. You are not just forgiven—you are commissioned. You are not just a believer—you are a carrier of God's presence and power.

But remember: to whom much is given, from him much will be required (Luke 12:48). You carry the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. You represent the same God who spoke the universe into existence.

Walk worthy of your calling. Steward the anointing with humility, purity, and love. Use it to heal the broken, deliver the oppressed, and set the captives free.

The world is waiting for the sons of God to be revealed—anointed ones walking in the power and authority of their heavenly Father.

You are anointed for such a time as this.

The question is: Will you surrender to the crushing process that produces the oil? Will you humble yourself under God's

mighty hand? Will you allow the Holy Spirit to flow through you to touch a hurting world?

The anointing is not about your glory—it's about His glory flowing through your surrendered life.

Are you ready to be crushed so others can be healed? Are you willing to be broken so others can be made whole?

That's what the anointing is all about.

Functions of the Anointing

Sozo: God's Heart for Complete Wholeness

Sozo is the Greek word for to save, heal, deliver, and make whole, and the anointing is the power that brings it forth. This is all accomplished through Jesus Christ, who is the Word of God that comes from the Father of all life.

It's God's desire that all be healed from Satan's oppression—this is God's heart. We see in John 1 that the Word of God became flesh to show us the heart of the Father. That Word is Jesus Christ.

Sozo is God's heart to make mankind whole: body, soul, and spirit.

Before we understand the anointing's functions, we must understand the anointing's source; then the functions will make sense.

The Source: God Who Is Life

God, who is the author of all life, gives mankind life. Life is precious to us, yet it's slowly taken away from us. We're losing our grasp on life because of the law of sin and death.

The biggest curse on mankind is death.

When we understand what Christ has done for all humanity, starting at the spirit level (which mankind is blind to), we begin to see the significance.

When we read the Gospels and Christ's words, we're directed to the works of the Holy Spirit. Man cannot save himself; that's why the Lord says the Son of Man came to earth to save the lost.

Interestingly, the Lord says that if a man tries to save himself, he will lose himself, but when a person loses himself for Christ's sake, he will receive salvation. **There must be a transfer and exchange between what man holds onto versus what he receives through the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

The Biblical Pattern: Perfect Creation Restored

In John 3, the Lord says you must be born again of the Spirit to enter and see the Kingdom of God.

We must understand the biblical narrative from the beginning: when Adam was created, he was made whole without any problems. **This is exactly what Sozo is—perfect creation.**

That's how God created man in His likeness and image, as a son of God who represents his Father in Heaven. When we see Jesus Christ, the Son of God, He's the perfect representation of Father God.

The first Adam lost that identity, and now Christ has brought forth that identity again through the Holy Spirit.

Man cannot understand anything Jesus Christ has done apart from the Holy Spirit. It's God the Father's will that all mankind receive through the Holy Spirit.

What Sozo Means Practically

This is true Sozo: salvation of a dead man. What is a dead man? According to Ephesians 2, someone dead in sins and trespasses. Isaiah 59 says iniquity has separated us from God.

There's a separation that cannot be bridged apart from Christ. Christ is the mediator between man and God.

Christ is our Sozo, which means Christ is our healer, our deliverer, and our savior.

When Jesus spoke sozo to blind Bartimaeus, He said, "Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole" (Mark 10:52 KJV). In other Gospel passages, we see sozo used to forgive people's sins. Throughout the Gospels, we see the Lord use sozo for forgiveness of sins, salvation, and healing of physical bodies.

Matthew 4 shows that Jesus Christ is the living sozo of God. To all who came to Him, He provided physical healing and deliverance from evil spirits. He healed all who came to Him.

The Living Reality: Christ is the Same

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore. We need to encounter the living sozo of God.

When you encounter the risen Lord in your spirit, you're born again—a new creature in Christ. When the Spirit of God touches your body, you receive healing. When the Spirit of God flows into your soul, deliverance takes place, and evil spirits must leave.

The authority and power in Christ Jesus, activated by faith in what Christ has done, give the believer access to where the Holy Spirit releases power to be made whole.

Personal Testimony: 25 Years of Crying Out

The first thing about sozo is that we must receive; we are recipients of God's grace. This is foundational to sozo. By God's grace, we become sons of God.

What drew me to Christ was my need for a Savior, Deliverer, and Healer. Before Christ, I was a mess. I had problems and needed help. I couldn't do it on my own. I needed a mighty one to come and save me.

I knew there was a supreme being, but I didn't know Christ. In my heart, I was crying out for salvation, healing, and deliverance.

I'd been going to church all my life. I knew religion, but I didn't know God personally. I didn't know what to do with my life. I was broken, and the church didn't help with my brokenness or dysfunction.

After I came to the very end of myself, crying out for help, Allah, Buddha, Shiva, or any of the millions of gods out there did not come to my rescue. **But Christ came to my rescue.**

He saved me from my sins, delivered me from horrible addiction to drugs, delivered me from evil spirits plaguing my mind, and healed my body, brain, speech, and heart. **Christ, my sozo, became my healer, deliverer, and savior.**

God is a very personal God, and since the promise of the Father is the release of the Holy Spirit to all mankind, I'm so glad my cry reached Heaven, resulting in my receiving of the Holy Spirit.

Jeremiah 29 talks about God's good thoughts toward us, not

evil, and His plans for us. It says, “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the LORD” (Jeremiah 29:13–14).

It took 25 years of crying out in pain to God before He manifested Himself to me through Christ Jesus.

The Anointing: The Life of Christ Flowing

The anointing is the life of Christ. John 7:38 says “out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water” (KJV), when you’re born again by the Spirit of God. This life flows out of you.

The sons of God are learning how to walk in the Spirit. **The anointing is the Holy Spirit; He’s the One who teaches us all things.**

The anointing’s purpose is to align us with our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the image of the Father.

Old Testament vs. New Testament Anointing

In the Old Testament, the anointing was given to three offices: the priest, the prophet, and the king.

In the New Testament, it’s given to all disciples.

Jesus Christ operated all three offices: He is the Most High Priest of God, the ultimate Prophet, and the King of kings. He operated all these offices as the Son of God.

We are sons of God made in Christ’s image, operating in the anointing as royal priesthood. **That means the same anointing that Christ has is in us.** The same anointing that came upon Old Testament priests, kings, and prophets is in us.

Now we see the transfer of the anointing as the result of one’s life being transformed through Christ’s life. Since Christ has

freed us, saved us, healed us, and delivered us, we now become servants of the Most High God to bring forth Christ's life into the world for other people looking for sozo.

The Three Functions of the Anointing

1. **Priestly Function: Forgiveness of Sins** Christ commanded us to preach the forgiveness of sins—this is what priests do. We stand between God and man, offering reconciliation and restoration.
2. **Prophetic Function: Proclaiming the Kingdom** Christ told us to proclaim the Kingdom of God—this is what prophets do. We speak God's word and reveal His will to His people.
3. **Kingly Function: Casting Out Demons** Christ commanded us to cast out evil spirits—this is what kings do. They go to war and gain territory because we're in Christ's Kingdom, which is Christ's dominion.

The Purpose: Breaking Yokes and Destroying Bondage

The anointing in a person's life is the result of living for Christ, in Christ alone. The anointing is to bring freedom; where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. Christ is our liberty.

The anointing, according to Luke 4:18-19, talks about healing broken hearts and deliverance from captivity—everything about sozo and anointing is about freedom.

This is God's purpose: that people are freed from their captivity.

Isaiah 10:27 states that "the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing." **The purpose of the anointing is to break yokes.**

Romans 8:21 states that creation itself will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. Our sinful flesh is what we're yoked to, and it's only by Christ's anointing that frees us from that bondage to sin.

Conditions for Operating in the Anointing

When we understand our identity in Christ as sons of God, then the anointing's functions will be released. There are conditions, though; **the anointing is only for the service of God.**

When we function in the anointing, it's because we're operating by the Holy Spirit, and we're being sanctified to walk in righteousness and holiness in Christ Jesus.

Anointing works through obedience, humility, and honor to Almighty God.

There's a difference between gifting and anointing. Disobedience grieves and quenches the Spirit, and the flow of the anointing stops. God gives people supernatural ability to heal and deliver, but those gifts are given through grace, not earned through performance.

The most important thing about walking in the anointing is obedience to God. It has to do with the love of the Father, and the Father's love is to show mankind the love of Christ.

How the Anointing Functions

The function of the anointing is to operate like Christ. Christ spoke words of life that brought healing to the soul, prophesied, and walked in power, freeing people from Satan's bondage.

Acts 10:38 says how God was with Jesus Christ of Nazareth; everywhere He went, He freed people and destroyed Satan's works. **This is what the anointing does.**

All that is within the Holy Spirit enters into you so you would know how to walk with Christ here on earth, and through this, we're able to supernaturally know the things God has set for the sons of God to walk in.

The anointing is not for religion; the anointing is for the service of God.

Training and Maturity

There's much training involved in operating in the anointing. The closer you walk to God's holiness, it's not about you, not about self, not about ego, not about gain.

You will operate in a Christ-like manner to truly operate the way sons of God ought to because Christ, the Son of the living God, lived and showed us to be a holy example.

If you desire to operate in the anointing and function in the anointing, the only way to do so is to walk with Christ the way Christ walked the earth: one with the Father.

He proclaimed, "I and My Father are one" (John 10:30). We must align ourselves in Christ the same way.

The Abiding Anointing: Relationship and Intimacy

To truly understand the abiding anointing, study John 14-16. Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life in the Father.

That means it's the Holy Spirit, the anointing, showing you the way, the truth, and the life in Christ who is in the Father.

Christ said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments," and

for those who love Him, “we will come unto him, and make our abode with him” (John 14:15, 23 KJV).

That means the Triune God will reside in you.

With God, it’s all about relationship and intimacy. This is the life of Christ, Father, and Son.

Practical Steps to Function in the Anointing

1. **Receive Your Sozo** First, you must receive complete salvation, healing, and deliverance through Christ. You can’t give what you don’t have.
2. **Understand Your Identity** Know who you are in Christ—priest, prophet, and king. You carry the same anointing that was on Jesus.
3. **Walk in Obedience** The anointing flows through obedience to God’s Word and the Spirit’s leading. Disobedience quenches the anointing.
4. **Maintain Humility** The anointing is not about you—it’s about God’s power flowing through you. Pride will stop the flow immediately.
5. **Pursue Holiness** The closer you walk to God’s holiness, the more freely the anointing operates through your life.
6. **Serve Others** The anointing exists to heal the broken, deliver the captive, and set the oppressed free. Use it for others, not yourself.
7. **Abide in Christ** Maintain intimate relationship with the Trinity. The anointing flows from abiding, not striving.

The Bottom Line

The functions of the anointing are not religious activities—they're supernatural demonstrations of God's kingdom advancing through yielded vessels.

You don't need a seminary degree to operate in the anointing—you need intimate relationship with the One who IS the anointing.

The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you. The same power that healed the sick, cast out demons, and set captives free is available through your surrendered life.

But remember: the anointing is not for building your kingdom—it's for advancing His kingdom.

Stop trying to get the anointing. Start surrendering to the anointing you already have through the Holy Spirit within you.

The world is crying out for sozo—complete wholeness in body, soul, and spirit. You carry the answer within you.

Will you function in the anointing God has given you?

The broken are waiting. The captives are crying out. The oppressed need freedom.

You are anointed for such a time as this. Function in it.

Conclusion

THE DECISION IS YOURS

You've reached the end of this book, but this is not the end—it's the beginning.

From "I Don't Understand" to "I Am Anointed"

When we started this journey together, I told you that "I don't understand" is one of the most powerful prayers you can pray. We began in that place of honest spiritual bankruptcy, acknowledging that we cannot find God on our own, cannot understand His ways through human reasoning, and cannot transform ourselves through willpower.

Now, twenty chapters later, you understand that you are an anointed son or daughter of the Most High God, carrying the same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, equipped with spiritual weapons to destroy the works of darkness, and commissioned to heal the sick, cast out demons, and set captives free.

That's not religious theory—that's your identity and your calling.

Two Kingdoms, One Choice

Throughout this book, we've seen the same theme repeated: there are only two kingdoms, two sources of wisdom, two trees to eat from, two powers operating in this world. You cannot serve both. You cannot straddle the fence. You cannot be neutral in this cosmic war.

Either you're operating in the Kingdom of Darkness under Satan's deception, living by the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, walking in the flesh, and fighting for victory...

Or you're operating in the Kingdom of God under the Holy Spirit's power, living by the Tree of Life (which is Christ), walking in the Spirit, and fighting from victory.

The choice is yours. But understand this—not choosing is choosing. Remaining passive is choosing the kingdom of darkness by default.

The Progression of a Disciple

Look at the journey we've traveled together:

You learned to pray from desperation, not religious formulas. **You gained wisdom** from the Spirit of revelation, not human understanding. **You discovered faith** as trust and authority, not mental agreement. **You entered the deep things of God** through relationship, not theology. **You understood spiritual warfare** as fighting from victory, not struggling for victory. **You became a warrior of light** carrying God's presence to destroy darkness. **You learned to wield spiritual weapons**—repentance, forgiveness, obedience. **You discovered your identity** as a faithful servant loyal to your King. **You learned to bear spiritual fruit** through abiding in Christ. **You understood the anointing**

as the Holy Spirit flowing through surrendered vessels.

This is the progression from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity. From victim to victor. From confused beginner to anointed disciple operating in Kingdom authority.

The Cost and the Glory

Let me be brutally honest with you: this path costs everything. It will cost you your independence, your pride, your agenda, your comfort, your reputation with the religious crowd, and your acceptance in this world's system.

But here's what you gain: the life of God flowing through you, supernatural power to heal and deliver, intimate relationship with the Creator of the universe, authority over all the power of the enemy, eternal purpose and significance, and the incredible privilege of being God's chosen weapon to rescue others from the kingdom of darkness.

The cost is everything you are. The reward is everything God is.

A Personal Word

Twenty-five years I cried out to God before I encountered the real Jesus Christ. Twenty-five years of addiction, darkness, and spiritual death. When the Holy Spirit finally broke through my religious deception and satanic bondage, He didn't just save me—He commissioned me.

That's what discipleship is: God rescuing you from death and commissioning you to rescue others.

I've written this book with blood, sweat, and tears. Every chapter comes from the battlefield, not the classroom. Every

principle has been tested in the furnace of real spiritual warfare. Every weapon I've described, I've had to learn to use in actual combat against the kingdom of darkness.

This is not theory. This is life and death.

What Will You Do Now?

Here's the question that will determine your spiritual destiny: What will you do with what you've learned?

Will you close this book and go back to playing church, comfortable Christianity, and religious routine? Will you use this knowledge to impress others with your spiritual vocabulary while remaining powerless against the enemy? Will you add this to your collection of Christian books while never allowing it to transform your daily life?

Or will you surrender everything to the Holy Spirit and begin the dangerous, costly, glorious adventure of true discipleship?

Will you stop being a spiritual consumer and become a spiritual warrior? Will you stop seeking blessing and start being a blessing? Will you stop asking God to bless your plans and start discovering His plans for your life? Will you stop fighting for victory and start fighting from victory? Will you stop being a victim of circumstances and start being a victor over darkness?

The Commission

I commission you, in the name of Jesus Christ, to:

GO and make disciples, not church members. **HEAL** the sick through the power of the Holy Spirit. **CAST OUT** demons by the authority of Christ's name. **SET FREE** the captives through the weapons of spiritual warfare. **DESTROY** the works of darkness

wherever you find them. **BUILD** the Kingdom of God, not your own kingdom. **SERVE** your King with faithfulness, loyalty, and love.

You are not just a believer—you are a disciple. You are not just saved—you are sent. You are not just forgiven—you are commissioned. You are not just blessed—you are an instrument of blessing. You are not just delivered—you are a deliverer.

The Warning

But remember this warning: “to whom much is given, from him much will be required (Luke 12:48). The anointing is not for your glory—it’s for God’s service. The authority you’ve been given is not for building your kingdom—it’s for advancing His Kingdom. The weapons you’ve learned to use are not for personal revenge—they’re for setting captives free.

Stay humble. Stay surrendered. Stay dependent on the Holy Spirit.

The moment you begin to operate in your own strength, you become more dangerous to yourself than to the enemy. The moment you seek your own glory, the anointing lifts. The moment you begin to love anything more than Jesus, you become compromised.

The Promise

But here’s God’s promise to you: if you will surrender everything to Him, if you will die to yourself daily, if you will seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, if you will walk in obedience and humility—He will use you beyond your wildest dreams.

You will see the dead raised, the sick healed, demons cast out,

captives set free, and strongholds destroyed. You will see the Kingdom of God manifested through your surrendered life. You will experience the incredible privilege of being God's hands and feet and voice in this generation.

Not because you're special, but because He is faithful. Not because you're perfect, but because He is holy. Not because you're strong, but because His strength is made perfect in your weakness.

The Final Word

The Kingdom of God is at hand. The harvest is plentiful. The laborers are few. The time is short. The enemy is defeated but still dangerous. The battle is real but the victory is assured.

You have been chosen for such a time as this. You have been equipped with everything you need for life and godliness. You have been given authority over all the power of the enemy. You have been anointed to heal, deliver, and set free.

The question is not whether you're qualified—Christ has qualified you. The question is not whether you're equipped—the Holy Spirit has equipped you. The question is not whether you have authority—Christ has given you authority.

The only question is: Will you use what you've been given?

The choice is yours.

Choose the Kingdom of God. Choose surrender over independence. Choose the Spirit over the flesh. Choose obedience over rebellion. Choose to be a weapon in God's hands rather than a casualty of spiritual warfare.

Your King is calling. Your assignment is waiting. Your destiny is before you.

What will you choose?

With all my love and in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Brother Hoon

A servant of the Most High God

A prisoner of Jesus Christ

A weapon in the Master's hands