

A 21-DAY JOURNEY

Aligning with God

Align your life according to the Word of God & experience change & breakthrough



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INTRODUCTION

Hello, I'm your breakthrough coach, Charlotte Barton!

I am a “down-to-earth”, country girl who loves to relax with an encouraging, God-centered book or watch a good TV show or movie... in my bit of relaxing time I get if I’m not working, coaching, or ministering. ;-) I’ve been married to a wonderful husband for 35 years and proud parents of two amazing children... well, our babies are grown up now to adulthood.

I have had my share of ups and downs in life, but I am sure of one thing. I’m not on this journey alone because God is on my side and carries me through to victory!



With all the years of ministry (and life) experience since I was 16 years old (now age 53 as of the creation of this booklet), I am here to mentor and coach you through this 21-day journey as you are strengthened spiritually and experience God at work in your life as He releases healing, victory, and breakthrough!

DAY 1

Aligning Spiritually

(part 1)

“Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”
(Joshua 24:14–15 ESV)

Discussion:

In verses one through thirteen we see Joshua giving to the people of Israel a Word from the Lord. God reminds Israel of all that He did for them time and again repeatedly. Although they may have endured struggles at times and their deliverance didn't come



instantly when they desired it to be, God always came through with victory.

When things get tough we may have the tendency to compromise and turn to other sources or avenues for help. We may not actually begin to bow down to or serve other gods or idols, but symbolically that may be what we do. We turn to other things for solutions rather than continuing to seek God for the answer to our prayer or need. Our trust for resolution starts to be compromised and begins to fall to the natural instead of the supernatural ability of the Creator of the universe, the true and living God, and our Heavenly Father.

DAY 1

Aligning Spiritually

(part 1 cont.)

The word “serve” is used seven times in these two verses. The word “serve” means to give allegiance solely to God. That includes our trust in Him completely, along with our obedience to Him and our love for Him. The number seven symbolizes “complete: all; finished; rest.” As we give God our complete devotion in serving Him, He completes the work in our life that is necessary or needed, or what we have been praying for. We can rest assured that He will fulfill His Word in our life in His perfect timing; But keep in mind that God will only do that when we align ourselves spiritually with Him and His Word.

Let’s align ourselves spiritually by serving God fully in all ways and at all times and in all circumstances. Our faith must remain in God as we have total and complete loyalty to Him no matter how things look in the natural world in our lives. We declare that “as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”



DAY 2

Aligning Spiritually

(part 2)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

(Romans 12:1-2 ESV)

Discussion:

An important part of aligning ourselves Spiritually is to renew our mind daily. How do we do that? We do so by spending time in prayer, worship, and reading God's Word, the Holy Bible. This is to be done daily, not just at church on Sundays. We are to give all of ourselves to the Lord, as we are a living sacrifice unto



Him and for His glory. We are His living vessels of which His Holy Spirit dwells within us.

The Holy Spirit needs a pure vessel to dwell in. Are we perfect? No, we are not, as we live in a flesh body from a carnal nature. We as Believers of Christ are new Creations in Him. We are to daily renew our minds in Christ Jesus to continuously keep our flesh tendencies and weaknesses under our feet. We daily repent of sin. We daily meditate upon God's Word as we apply it to our life and heart. We bring our minds under subjection of His Word and live obediently to God.

DAY 2

Aligning Spiritually

(part 2 cont.)

Think of the daily renewing of our mind as cleansing away of old thoughts and habits and purifying our mind. So, today, at this moment, we renew our mind, we meditate upon the truth of God's Word, we think on and follow after God's perfect will and plan in our life, and all that is acceptable unto our Heavenly Father.



DAY 3

Aligning Spiritually

(part 3)

For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons. For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds,[Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One), being in readiness to punish every [insubordinate for his] disobedience, when your own submission and obedience [as a church] are fully secured and complete.

(2 Corinthians 10:3–6 AMPC)



Discussion:

With aligning spiritually we must remember that although we are of a flesh body with human weakness and actions, we are not to deal with things in the natural only nor with physical weapons such as our actions or words. We have a greater weapon than our own personal reasonings or resources. The Word of God is powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword (Heb. 4:12). The Spirit of the Living God dwells within us. We must control our negative thoughts, hurtful words, wrong actions, etc. We take captive every thought and intention into the obedience of Jesus Christ. Doing so means submission and obedience to Father God in every way and in every area of our lives.

DAY 3

Aligning Spiritually

(part 3 cont.)

So, as we align spiritually, we walk in the truth of where our true victory is... our Omnipotent God, spiritual weapons, the Word of God, His anointing and power within us. We overthrow and destroy strongholds through the power of God. We quickly cast down any argument and reasonings that arise in our minds that counter the Word of God. We are to be mindful of our thoughts, words, and actions so they are pleasing to God.



DAY 4

Aligning Your Prayer Life with God (part 1)

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

(Romans 8:26–27 ESV)



from your heart and from the heart of God. Do not let Satan intimidate you. You are a mighty Vessel, yes you are!

The definition of intercede is “intervene on behalf of another”. The Holy Spirit intervenes on your behalf and will pray through you, whether that be in words, tears, or deep groanings. God understands all of those types of prayer languages. So, pour out your heart to God in prayer, let it align with the Word of God and He will take care of the rest according to His divine will and timing.

Discussion:

Many times I have started to pray and didn't know what I needed to pray for. Other times I did not know how to pray for certain prayer requests. We sometimes think of that as a weakness. In reality it is the Holy Spirit trying to cause us to submit to total reliance on Him as to what to pray. Upon asking, the Holy Spirit will help us and guide us in our prayers. They don't need to be fancy prayers, but prayers straight

DAY 5

Aligning Your Prayer Life with God (part 2)

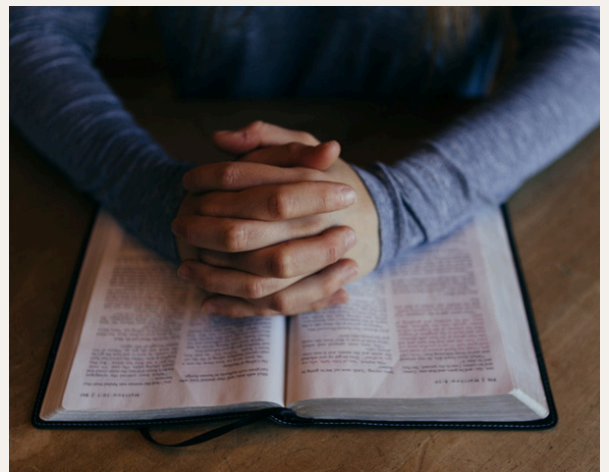
James 4:2-3

You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. (ESV)

You are jealous and covet [what others have] and your desires go unfulfilled; [so] you become murderers. [To hate is to murder as far as your hearts are concerned.] You burn with envy and anger and are not able to obtain [the gratification, the contentment, and the happiness that you seek], so you fight and war. You do not have, because you do not ask. [Or] you do ask [God for them] and yet fail to receive, because you ask with wrong purpose and evil, selfish motives. Your intention is [when you get what you desire] to spend it in sensual pleasures. (AMPC)

Discussion:

I grew up hearing the saying, “You have not because you ask not.” That is not totally correct. As we see in this portion of Scripture, one problem may be that we ask with wrong desires or intentions. We must truly seek God whether our prayer is aligned with the Word of God or His will, and not for personal gain.



DAY 5

Aligning Your Prayer Life with God (part 2 cont.)

Also, keep in mind that hate, envy, anger, and resentment can hinder your answer to prayer. Such wrong feelings, motives, and emotions should be repented of, laid at the feet of Jesus and asked for forgiveness of. Give all your hurts to the Lord. Let His love, forgiveness, and the blood of the Lamb cleanse, heal, and set you free. As you do so, you will align your prayer with God according to His Word.

Another portion of scripture to help explain about asking according to God's will is found in 1 John 5:14-15.

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. (ESV)

Whatever we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, we shall receive, but it must be according to God's will as this scripture shows us. Sometimes we pray for something but God knows that is not in line with His plan or will or the results may end badly for us in the long run. God sees the future and knows best. We just need to trust Him.



DAY 6

Aligning Your Prayer Life with God

(part 3)

Also when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward in full already.

But when you pray, go into your [most] private room, and, closing the door, pray to your Father, Who is in secret; and your Father, Who sees in secret, will reward you in the open.

And when you pray, do not heap up phrases (multiply words, repeating the same ones over and over) as the Gentiles do, for they think they will be heard for their much speaking.

Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

Matthew 6:5-8 (AMPC)



Discussion:

We must always pray in a manner of complete honesty and sincerity. This portion of Scripture does not mean that we are to only pray in complete privacy alone. The private prayer time with the Lord is of utmost importance, but prayer with other believers and in church or ministry gatherings are also important.

One point to make note of is when in public, we are not to pray in a way in which it is done for man's approval or to be noticed for attention. There are some who choose to use fancy words or words that make them sound superior spiritually. God could care

DAY 6

Aligning Your Prayer Life with God

(part 3 cont.)

less if you use really intelligent words or “thee” or “thou”. All He sees is the true intent of your heart. Pour out your heart to Him from deep within you, not from just your brain.

Another point is, don't be concerned with how God (or others) think you sound or if your prayer is good enough. If you are praying straight from the heart and spirit, then your prayer is beautiful and pleasing to God.

As you align your prayers and prayer time with God in this way, your prayer life will come alive in a much greater capacity, as the power of God moves in your life and regarding that which you are praying about.



DAY 7

Aligning Your Heart with God

(part 1)

And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

(Mark 7:6-7 ESV)

For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.

(Mark 7:21-22 ESV)



Discussion:

We would not want to classify ourselves as a hypocrite nor want to be such, but we must make sure our heart is truly aligned with God. Do you ever have evil thoughts such as anger, envy, jealousy, pride, etc.? That does not deem you as a hypocrite but any such, or others, certainly are against the heart of God, and are considered a sin. Satan can quickly slip in wrong thoughts and intentions in our mind. We must quickly refuse, repent, and realign our heart with God and His Word.

Another thought regarding this portion of Scripture in verses six and seven is that of our worship to God. I have caught myself in church, or in personal times of listening to worship music, just "mouthing" the words. They were going from my brain to my mouth as I sang the words, not really letting the words connect with my spirit. When we give worship to God through words or through song, we must be mindful to be letting the worship come from our

DAY 7

Aligning Your Heart with God (part 1 cont.)

and spirit within us, not just from our brain and lips. God does not desire a lip-service, but a heart-service of worship from us.

So, in all of such ways and areas of our lives, let's dedicate ourselves to aligning our hearts with God. He desires all of our heart at all times in all ways.



DAY 8

Aligning Your Heart with God

(part 2)

My son, attend to my words; consent and submit to my sayings. Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart. For they are life to those who find them, healing and health to all their flesh. Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life.

(Proverbs 4:20-23 AMPC)



Discussion:

Keeping the Word of God in the center of our heart and life is vital to aligning our heart with God. The Bible is not just words in print. It is alive, living, and powerful (Hebrews 4:12)! As we drink of His living water of His Word, it flows within us, through us, and out of us. It not only touches our own heart and life, but also the lives of others around us as His springs of life flow from us.

Having God's Word in the center of our heart and life will be evident as we meditate upon it, live it, breathe it, speak it, declare it, and share it with others either directly or indirectly as it is embedded in our dialogue and thoughts. Need healing and breakthrough in your life? Put the Word of God in the center of your life and watch what God does! It is time to truly align our heart with God.

DAY 9

Aligning Your Heart with God

(part 3)

But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]. But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out].

(Hebrews 11:6 AMPC)

Discussion:

Faith is an important key to aligning our heart to God. It took faith to believe that God is our Heavenly Father and that Jesus paid the price on Calvary for our Salvation. That is the same faith used for any other area of our life we believe in God for whether that may be for healing, protection, financial breakthrough, or whatever.



Our faith is a part of our relationship with God. It connects our heart to His heart. It is our full trust in Him for our lives. If you feel that your faith is weak, or is weak at various times, then evaluate how much time you are spending communicating with our Heavenly Father.

Your faith is strengthened by spending time reading and meditating upon the Bible, praying, and worshiping God. Our spirit is strengthened, encouraged, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. As we earnestly and diligently seek God and to strengthen our relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, our faith is actively used and it grows. That is an important way to align our heart with God.

DAY 10

Aligning Your Priorities

(part 1)

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”

Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

(Matthew 6:25–34 ESV)



DAY 10

Aligning Your Priorities

(part 1 cont.)

The first and most important lesson to understand and abide by is to seek God and His righteousness first above all else in our life. Then, God will see that all your needs are met. Needs are not the same as wants though. God said in Philippians 4:19, "my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

It is normal to have personal "wants". We must seek God regarding those "wants" because sometimes they may or may not be what we truly need. What we want may not be in our best interest or inline with God's will for our life. He knows what is best for us. We must trust Him.

We need to keep our priorities in-check to make sure they are aligned with God. Are our priorities in life focused on attaining material or pleasurable things more than God as our ultimate Provider? Do those other priorities take our focus away from our Heavenly Father?

As we seek God and His righteousness above all else and as the most important thing, we will align our priorities with God and His Word. You'll also find that you will be less anxious about things in your life because your priority focus is upon God. God is our ultimate Provider of all that we need.



DAY 11

Aligning Your Priorities

(part 2)

Now while they were on their way, it occurred that Jesus entered a certain village, and a woman named Martha received and welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at the Lord's feet and was listening to His teaching. But Martha [overly occupied and too busy] was distracted with much serving; and she came up to Him and said, Lord, is it nothing to You that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me [to lend a hand and do her part along with me]! But the Lord replied to her by saying, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; There is need of only one or but a few things. Mary has chosen the good portion that which is to her advantage], which shall not be taken away from her.

(Luke 10:38-42 AMPC)

**Discussion:**

There are many things in our lives that can draw our attention away from spending time in the presence of Jesus Christ. We all have various tasks, jobs, and responsibilities that we must attend to daily. The problem arises when we do not prioritize a portion of our day to spend sitting at the feet of Jesus in His presence.

It is also important to prioritize the inclusion of Jesus in our tasks, jobs, and responsibilities, as we meditate upon His Word and goodness, we whisper things to Him or pray from our mind and spirit, sing a worship song to ourselves or even allow, whistle a worship song, etc. The little saying and song from Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs comes to mind, "Whistle while you

DAY 11

Aligning Your Priorities

(part 2 cont.)

work....” Now I have you singing that song in your head, LOL! Instead I would say, “Worship while you work!” Well, that may include whistling a worship song or tune to the Lord too.

We tend to think God is only included in our day when we pray at a specific time, or during church on Sundays. He wants to be a part of every area of our lives. He wants to be the “priority” and focus in our lives, even amid our daily tasks and busy schedules. Worship is a key to victory in our lives as God is at the center. Breakthrough and worship go hand in hand.

It’s all about prioritizing what is TRULY important in our lives. Let’s align with God our priorities of prayer, worship, study of His Word, meditation upon His Word and goodness, and communication with Him throughout our day every single day!



DAY 12

Aligning Your Priorities

(part 3)

I do not consider, brethren, that I have captured and made it my own [yet]; but one thing I do [it is my one aspiration]: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the [supreme and heavenly] prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward.

(Philippians 3:13-14 AMPC)

And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth.

(Colossians 3:2 AMPC)

**Discussion:**

Our ultimate goal and priority in life should be serving and loving God with all our heart, mind, and strength as we make Heaven our eternal home someday. Our lives and all that we have here on earth is but a fleeting moment in comparison to eternity. Eternity will either be in heaven or in hell. We must live wisely here on earth as we make a living and take care of not only ourselves, but also our loved ones, yet our ultimate priority is our relationship with Jesus Christ and leading others to Him and being an extension of His love to those around us.

Our enemy is going to try to cause us to look behind us to what was in our past or that we had done. We all have regrets or things we wish we could go back in time and change. We must stay focused on what is ahead as we proceed hand in hand with our Savior Jesus.

DAY 13

Aligning Your Relationships

(part 1)

Above all things have intense and unending love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins [forgives and disregards the offenses of others].

(1 Peter 4:8 AMPC)

I therefore, the prisoner for the Lord, appeal to and beg you to walk (lead a life) worthy of the [divine] calling to which you have been called [with behavior that is a credit to the summons to God's service, living as becomes you] with complete lowliness of mind (humility) and meekness (unselfishness, gentleness, mildness), with patience, bearing with one another and making allowances because you love one another. Be eager and strive earnestly to guard and keep the harmony and oneness of [and produced by] the Spirit in the binding power of peace.

(Ephesians 4:1-3 AMPC)

Discussion:

In Matthew 22:37-39 God said in His Word that the first commandment above all is that we love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind. He goes on to say that the second commandment is that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. The scripture does not say to love only neighbors who are nice and kind to us. That includes people who get on our last nerve or have "done us dirty".

We are to be unselfish toward others and those we have some type of relationship with. We are to be patient with them, and understand that they are human and will make mistakes too. So, we strive for harmony in our relationships with the binding power of peace in the midst of it.



DAY 14

Aligning Your Relationships

(part 2)

Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word nor unwholesome or worthless talk [ever] come out of your mouth, but only such [speech] as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need and the occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace (God's favor) to those who hear it.

(Ephesians 4:29 AMPC)

Understand [this], my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear [a ready listener], slow to speak, slow to take offense and to get angry. For man's anger does not promote the righteousness God [wishes and requires].

(James 1:19-20 AMPC)

Therefore encourage (admonish, exhort) one another and edify (strengthen and build up) one another, just as you are doing.

(1 Thessalonians 5:11 AMPC)



Discussion:

An important part of our relationships is regarding our speech. Our words can harm a relationship or they can strengthen a relationship. These portions of scripture do not say that we can be "loose-lipped" when we feel that we have legitimate right to do so. We are too quick to lash out at someone or respond in a way that is not Christian-like. Oftentimes we have to keep silent or walk away to prevent saying something we should not. We are to choose our words wisely according to God's Word, such speech that is good and beneficial and not tearing down the relationship further.

Letting our anger take over is not Christ-like. Satan loves us to lose control and let anger rage within us.

DAY 14

Aligning Your Relationships

(part 2 cont.)

Keep the lid on the anger and take it to the Lord in prayer. Counting to ten (or longer), breathing relaxed breaths, going somewhere quiet to calm down, or going for a walk... and praying during any of those techniques is important.

How would we respond or talk to others if we could actually see with our eyes Jesus Christ standing there beside us? We would definitely use caution and choose our words more carefully. Well, my friend, Jesus IS standing there beside you even though you may not be able to see Him (unless He allows you to see Him). The Bible says Jesus sticks closer than a brother and He never leaves us nor forsakes us (Prov. 18:24; Heb. 13:5). He is with us and His Holy Spirit is with us.

So, the next time we start to “spout off” our mouths about something, remember, Jesus is with us and hears us, sees our actions, and knows the state of our heart. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit. If we do have times that we fail to refrain from saying hurtful things, we must remember to quickly ask God to forgive us, as well as ask the person we hurt to forgive us.

It is important to align our relationships with God and His Word as we encourage, strengthen, and build up one another.



DAY 15

Aligning Your Resources

(part 1)

As for the rich in this world, charge them not to be proud and arrogant and contemptuous of others, nor to set their hopes on uncertain riches, but on God, Who richly and ceaselessly provides us with everything for [our] enjoyment. [Charge them] to do good, to be rich in good works, to be liberal and generous of heart, ready to share [with others], In this way laying up for themselves [the riches that endure forever as] a good foundation for the future, so that they may grasp that which is life indeed.

(1 Timothy 6:17-19 AMPC)

Discussion:

Where are our hopes or trust of riches placed upon? On our job or career? Although we do need to work, our full hope and trust should be in God because He is the One who provides all things for us, even the job and the ability to perform on the job.

God desires to provide for us so we can in return share some of that provision with others in some way. He blesses us so we can be a blessing to others. We are to align our resources according to God's Word and be obedient to God in how we are to give back to Him and to bless others.



DAY 16

Aligning Your Resources

(part 2)

He who is faithful in a very little [thing] is faithful also in much, and he who is dishonest and unjust in a very little [thing] is dishonest and unjust also in much.

Therefore if you have not been faithful in the [case of] unrighteous mammon (deceitful riches, money, possessions), who will entrust to you the true riches?

And if you have not proved faithful in that which belongs to another [whether God or man], who will give you that which is your own [that is, the true riches]?

No servant is able to serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stand by and be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (riches, or anything in which you trust and on which you rely).

(Luke 16:10-13 AMPC)



Discussion:

If God cannot trust in little things He gives us, how can we expect God to give us more? If God blessed you with a financial blessing and you did not seek Him on how to use it, share it, or invest it, but you spent it on what you wanted or thought you needed, how do you expect Him to trust you with more or future blessings?

We cannot serve our selfish desires regarding what we have in our possession. There is only One we serve and that is our Heavenly Father. It is important to truly analyze the true intent and desires of our heart regarding our resources so that they become fully aligned with the heart of God.

DAY 16

Aligning Your Resources (part 2 cont.)

We should have the understanding that all that we receive, whether it is financial or other means, is a blessing from God. We must seek Him on how to best use it, as we align our resources with God and His Word. As we do so, God will bless us and provide for us in ways we did not know was possible.

Let's seek to align all our resources with God, not just the ones we want to align. Truly pray about any decisions we may face regarding any resources we have, our finances, as well as regarding our tithe and offering given to Him.



DAY 17

Aligning Your Gifts & Talents with God

(part 1)

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

(Romans 12:3–8 ESV)

**Discussion:**

Everyone has gifts and talents. I'm not only talking about spiritual gifts as this portion of Scripture mentions, but also various gifts and talents. They are all given by God to each of us. Some are excellent cooks, mechanical, artistic, musical, athletic, mathematical, business-minded, skilled in nursing, etc.

Whatever that talent and gift may be, we are to align them with God and His Word. We need to ask ourselves if they are laying dormant. Are they being used for ungodly uses or ways? Or are they being used actively and to benefit the Kingdom of God in our daily lives, in church, on our job (for good and not evil), etc.? God gave each of us gifts and talents and we must align them with God, His Word, and His heart.

DAY 18

Aligning Your Gifts & Talents with God (part 2)

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

(Ephesians 2:10 AMPC)

As each of you has received a gift (a particular spiritual talent, a gracious divine endowment), employ it for one another as [befits] good trustees of God's many-sided grace [faithful stewards of the extremely diverse powers and gifts granted to Christians by unmerited favor].

(1 Peter 4:10 AMPC)



Discussion:

Some people feel as though they do not have gifts or talents. Oh, but you do. The Word of God shows us that each of us does. You just read some of those scriptures. God predestined and placed those gifts and talents inside you before you breathed your first breath as a baby. He had it all planned for you to use those gifts and talents to touch the lives of those around you and to impact the Kingdom of God.

Do not belittle your gifts and talents nor compare them to others. You are destined to do what no one else is called to do because it is your unique life-plan that was laid out by your Heavenly Father. Your giftings and talents are important according to His purpose.

DAY 18

Aligning Your Gifts & Talents with God

(part 2 cont.)

Seek God as to what those gifts and talents are. Ask Him how to use them to benefit the Kingdom of God and in your daily life. Dedicate those gifts and talents to Him as He helps you to use them for His glory and to keep them aligned with Him and His heart.



DAY 19

Aligning with His Purpose

(part 1)

Then the word of the Lord came to me [Jeremiah], saying, Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.

(Jeremiah 1:4-5 AMPC)

Discussion:

You may or may not be called to be a prophet, but before God formed you in your mother's womb, He knew the perfect plan He had for you to be a chosen instrument to fulfill only that which He foreordained for you to do. God set you apart for a special purpose and anointed you to do just that. You are appointed and anointed by God to fulfill the purpose He placed upon your life, and only you are destined to walk that plan out.

Yes, sometimes we may get off track in our life's journey with that



purpose. Sometimes we begin to choose a plan that is not the right plan for our life. Our human nature may tend to take the selfish-road, a path that we would prefer, or a road that may seem in our eyes easier (but often makes things harder, in the long run).

God knows how to get us back on the right path though. He knows all the back roads, exits, on-ramps, and side roads that lead back to the main path and purpose for your life. Jesus Christ is our best pilot for our journey in life as we fulfill that passion and purpose He placed within us. I don't see Him as a "co-pilot" because we should let HIM lead the way.

Seek God regarding aligning with His purpose and plan for your life. Yes, you have a purpose that will bless others in some way. Just as your God-created fingerprint is unique, your purpose and calling is unique and special. You have been set apart for such a time as this to fulfill a special purpose.

DAY 20

Aligning with His Purpose (part 2)



(29) For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the image of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren. (30) And those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into right standing with Himself). And those whom He justified, He also glorified [raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being].

(35) Who shall ever separate us from Christ's love? Shall suffering and affliction and tribulation? Or calamity and distress? Or persecution or hunger or destitution or peril or sword?

(37) Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us.

(38) For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending and threatening nor things to come, nor powers, (39) Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8:29-30, 35, 37-39 AMPC)

DAY 20

Aligning with His Purpose

(part 2 cont.)



Discussion:

Even throughout our life's purpose we may endure trials and tribulations. No matter what we go through or what attack Satan may throw our way, such cannot separate us from the love of our Heavenly Father and Saviour Jesus Christ. Also, through all our struggles in life, we are yet more than conquerors through Christ Jesus. He is the victorious One in whom we trust.

So, we keep our focus on God and not the storms of life around us. We bring negative thoughts under the subjection of the Holy Spirit. We allow our Spirit within us to control our thoughts, not our flesh. Thoughts will come. Maybe they are doubtful thoughts regarding God's purpose in your life. It's what we do with those thoughts... dwell on them and let them remain in our mind and heart?... Or we let our Spirit arise and refuse it and turn our minds to the Word of God which is Truth. We choose to align with God's purpose.

He fights for us as we lean on Him and utilize the Sword of the Spirit, His Word. Satan will try to counter God's purpose in our life but Satan is a defeated foe. God's unconditional love surrounds us like a protective shield as we align with His purpose and walk in it obediently. God placed a purpose within each of us and we are meant to and will fulfill His purpose as we seek to stay aligned with the heart of our Heavenly Father.

DAY 21

Staying Aligned



So everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts upon them [obeying them] will be like a sensible (prudent, practical, wise) man who built his house upon the rock. And the rain fell and the floods came and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

(Matthew 7:24-25 AMPC)

I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser. Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit.

You are cleansed and pruned already, because of the word which I have given you [the teachings I have discussed with you].

Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. [Live in Me, and I will live in you.] Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.

I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing. If a person does not dwell in Me, he is thrown out like a [broken-off] branch, and withers; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, and they are burned.

(John 15:1-6 AMPC)

DAY 21

Staying Aligned

(cont.)



Discussion:

In order to stay aligned we must remain upon the Rock. The Lord is our rock, fortress, deliverer, strength, shield and horn of our salvation, stronghold, and in Whom we trust (Psalm 18:2). If we live our life based on worldly things, selfish desires, our own agenda, things will crumble in life. If we live our life based on a Sunday-only religion in which that is the only or main time (or significant amount of time) that we spend in His presence, worshiping, praying, or hearing God's Word, then, our spiritual life will be weak and will not be able to stand against the storms of life and attacks of the enemy. We must daily build ourselves upon the Rock to remain aligned with God and strengthened.

Also to stay aligned with God, we must remain in the Vine, for Jesus is the True Vine. For us to remain alive in Him and fruitful, we must allow God to prune and remove what is needed. When "dead" or unfruitful things in our life appear, the Holy Spirit will convict us regarding that. We must obediently cut loose from those things, as well as allow Him to remove those things.

As we read and hear the Word of God, we are pruned as we receive His Word and obediently let it renew our mind, heart, and spirit. It is more than just reading the Bible. It can become a religious daily action and not apply it to our life. We can read the Bible and not really meditate upon it and what God is saying to us regarding it. If we want to abide in the Vine and be fruitful in our life, we must take time daily to fully receive God's Word and apply it to our life, and that includes pruning areas that are needed. Doing so will allow us to remain aligned with God.

DAY 21

Staying Aligned

(cont.)

Notice that the Scripture said, “Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you.” Jesus did not say, first I will dwell in you and then you will dwell in Me. We often want the blessings first and then we are motivated to spend time with Him. We are to seek Him first and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). When He knocks and draws us to Him, we open the door, enter into His presence, and sup with Him (Revelation 3:20). As we do that daily, we will remain aligned with Him.



Conclusion

In conclusion of this 21-day journey you have been on regarding the daily teachings, I would love to invite you to browse the content of my website that will help you to be strengthened spiritually, equipped to counter attacks of Satan, and experience breakthrough and healing in your life!

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